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Re: Special Meeting No. 12

Dear Glenn:

With respect to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) staff/advisor document entitled, *Proposed Total Allowable Harvests and Non-quota Limitations in the Draft 2005 Wildlife Regulations and Orders* (April 13, 2006), your July 24th 2006 letter asks how to treat any justification rationales that are contained therein but not found in the submissions of the Government of Nunavut (GN). In addition, you ask whether the NWMB intends to consider such rationales at Special Meeting No. 12; if so, whether they will be treated as NWMB advisors' submissions; and, if they are so treated, what procedures will be followed to ensure the rationales are considered impartially.


I can assure you that the NWMB will act independently and impartially in carrying out its adjudicative role at Special Meeting No. 12. As a function of the Board's independence, the tribunal as a whole and the Board members individually may question or consider any justification in an oral statement or submission made, or written document filed, pursuant to the *Ad Hoc* Procedures for the meeting – including any potential justification mentioned in the April 13th document. To that extent, it is possible that justifications not found in the GN's submissions may be raised, questioned and/or considered at Special Meeting No. 12. The rules of procedural fairness and the requirements of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* would naturally continue to apply in such a circumstance.

The intention of the NWMB staff and legal advisor has always been for the participants to treat the justifications contained in the April 13th document only as potential justifications for the proposed limitations in the draft Wildlife Regulations and Orders. No NWMB staff person or advisor intends to initiate any questioning or consideration of a particular justification not otherwise raised by one or more of the participants, the public or the NWMB. However, they will respond to any

question put to them by the NWMB or an NWMB member, and may – with permission from the Board Chairperson – ask questions or comment on any issue that is raised at the meeting or contained in a participant's submissions.

Glenn, it is best that we include this correspondence in the material filed in the Special Meeting No. 12 Registry. Accordingly, could you please forward me an Inuktitut translation of your July 24th letter? Thanks very much.

Yours sincerely,

For 
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Chief Operating Officer

c.c. Phillip Kadlun, Chairperson, Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Association;
David Aksawnee, Chairperson, Kivalliq Wildlife Board;
Jayco Aooloo, Vice-chairperson, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board;
Chairpersons, Nunavut's Hunters and Trappers Organizations;
Steve Pinksen, Government of Nunavut