

## **Alternative Resolution to Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated's Request for Judicial Review of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Decisions in 2010 Respecting Narwhal**

This is to confirm that Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated have worked together and agree on the necessity of meaningful, timely consultations by Government with Inuit on issues that may have an impact on Inuit rights pursuant to the Land Claim Agreement. Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated have agreed that improved communication and cooperation will avoid unexpected decisions that affect Inuit. Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated acknowledge the importance of sustainable international trade of wildlife parts to the cultural, social and economic well-being of Inuit. Fisheries and Oceans and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated will work cooperatively to ensure the continued international trade of wildlife parts is done in a way that reflects the principles of conservation.

Narwhal issues for consideration by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

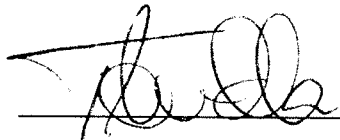
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada will engage with Environment Canada, Inuit Taparitiit Kanatami, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated in preparations, as soon as possible, for Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Committee of Parties on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada will continue to include Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and Inuit in the peer review process of scientific research.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik participate in a governance strategy workshop on narwhals with co-management partners in July 2011 that considers; roles and responsibilities of co-management partners in narwhal management and an effective role for Inuit in all aspects of fisheries management, including research.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, in collaboration with co-management partners, will address the establishment of Basic Needs Level for narwhal, walrus and beluga as per Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Article 5.6.25, prior to the establishment of Total Allowable Harvest by Nunavut Wildlife Management Board.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated will participate in a management workshop for narwhal with co-management partners in August 2011 that may, among other things, include; management regime options, proposed harvest levels, allocation models, potential non quota limitations, Integrated Fisheries Management Plan options and consultation plans.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, in collaboration with co-management partners, will review current scientific

knowledge gaps in Jones Sound with narwhal and identify ways forward to address these gaps in a timely way.

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, in collaboration with co-management partners, will work together to develop an Integrated Fisheries Management Plan template for marine mammal management in Nunavut.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, in collaboration with co-management partners, will engage in discussions around unsold Narwhal tusks, impacts on hunters and possible approaches to mitigating these impacts.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada will consider retrospective analysis and update the 2010 Non-Detriment Findings report taking into account the 2010 Admiralty Inlet aerial survey.
- In considering whether to maintain current Non-Detrimental Findings in 2011, Fisheries and Oceans Canada will give full consideration to the results of the 2010 Admiralty Inlet aerial survey and the concerns that have been expressed by Inuit regarding the 2010 Non-Detriment Findings. If justified by the resulting analysis, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is prepared to provide non-detrimental findings respecting the narwhal harvested in Arctic Bay, Clyde River, Qikiqtarjuaq, Pangnirtung and Iqaluit.

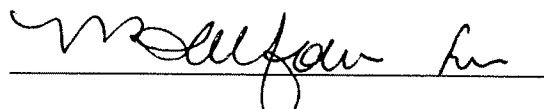
On the basis of the above, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated agrees to withdraw the application for Judicial Review of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's 2010 decisions respecting narwhal and will file a notice of discontinuance in Federal Court File Number T-13-11.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011 on behalf of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

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Terry Audla, Chief Executive Officer

Signed this 17 day of June 2011 on behalf of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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Claire Dansereau, Deputy Minister