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April 26, 2006

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Dear Jim:

RE: Your April 19 letter and attachment re NWMB Special Meeting No. 12

Thank you for your letter dated April 19, received by NTI on April 21. You invited NTI to respond to the attachment to your letter – *Proposed Total Allowable Harvests and Non-Quota limitations in the Draft 2005 Wildlife Regulations and Orders* - in writing by April 26. This will not be possible.

NTI staff and advisors worked to their utmost to file NTI's submission yesterday. The submission, entitled *Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Response to Proposed Limitations on Inuit Harvesting*, is based on materials that NTI was aware of by April 5, as modified by correspondence up to April 19 notifying NTI that certain limitations are not going ahead. (A 'note to reader' inside the cover details the basis of the submission more fully.)

Our staff and advisors were taking part in their final conference call to review NTI's submission on April 21 when NTI received your letter and 25-page attachment. Since then their available time has been taken up completely by final editing and production of NTI's document.

NTI does not anticipate that its representatives will be able to prepare any further written response analysis prior to the May 8-10 Special Meeting. They need the remaining time to review and discuss your attached document – which they will give close attention - and consider how to respond to it, and to coordinate NTI's presentation and questions at the Meeting with those of HTO/RWO representatives. Unfortunately, some remaining uncertainties about process will also demand their time.

I hope that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board appreciates the time constraints that NTI has been working under, considering the limited response

time provided in the Procedures, and the late dates when most of the materials that NTI has responded to were filed.

On behalf of NTI, I would also like to make two submissions to the Board concerning the limitations that are identified in your letter (point #4, second last bullet) for the first time in this process:

1. In NTI's submission, it is not sufficient for the Board or participating parties to learn that limitations previously not identified in the process were "included in the initial materials filed with the Board" in the form of draft regulations and orders. In NTI's view, in order to establish limitations, the Board has to identify them, and participating parties are entitled to reasonable advance notice and an opportunity to respond to identified limitations. NTI's March 27 and April 6 letters stated this concern. For the Board's information, NTI did not receive a copy of the GN's NQL list referred to in this bullet from the GN, and so NTI did not receive notice identifying these items as NQLs that the GN is proposing be established at this meeting, until April 21.
2. Your letter asks for NTI's submission as to whether Inuit would be prejudiced by the Board's proceeding to deal with the limitations referred to in #1 above at the May 8-10 Meeting. Certainly, NTI would be prejudiced by any proposed limitations going forward at Special Meeting #12 which were in contention but which the GN had stated early in the response period provided would be withdrawn. These include harvesting seasons for wolverine and Arctic wolf, which NTI therefore requests not be considered by the Board at this Meeting. As indicated in its written submission, NTI had also understood as of April 19 that seasons for gyrfalcon and muskox were withdrawn. NTI will respond more fully to this question as soon as possible, but I do not anticipate that NTI will be able to do so before next week.

It is unfortunate that process uncertainties continue to divert Meeting participants from the substantial work they have to accomplish between now and the opening of the Special Meeting. I assure you that NTI will continue to give all such work its highest priority and that NTI will do everything it can to contribute constructively to the decision process.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

CC: Simon Awa, Deputy Minister, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut
HTO and RWO Presidents