



March 31st 2016

Harry Alookie
Chairperson
Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization

Dear Mr. Alookie:

Re: Qammartalik Cove Emerging Char Fishery Plan

On December 18th 2015, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) initiated a written public hearing to consider the Qammartalik Cove Emerging Char Fishery Plan (Plan), collaboratively developed by your organization and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as well as a jurisdictional challenge to the NWMB's authority to make a decision on the Plan, which was raised by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

Final submissions to this written hearing were received on February 19th 2016 and the Board intended to consider all hearing submissions during a decision-making session at its March 2016 quarterly meeting. However, upon receipt of your March 8th 2016 letter to the NWMB (attached) indicating that the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization no longer considers NWMB approval of the Plan to be necessary, the Board decided to postpone any decision-making concerning approval of the Plan in order to clarify the intention of this letter.

The NWMB wishes to confirm with your organization that your March 8th 2016 letter was intended to withdraw the Qammartalik Cove Emerging Char Fishery Plan from NWMB consideration. The Board requests that you confirm in writing that the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization is no longer seeking NWMB approval of the Plan by **5:00 p.m. Iqaluit time on May 13th 2016.** If the NWMB does not receive confirmation by this date, the Board will, based on your March 8th 2016 correspondence, understand the Plan to be withdrawn from NWMB consideration.

The NWMB has copied all parties to the written hearing on this letter and, in doing so, is also inviting written comments from parties on the potential withdrawal of the Plan by the abovementioned deadline. If you have any questions or concerns with regards to the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk

A/Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Enclosures (1)

- c.c. Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Government of Canada;
Honourable Johnny Mike, Minister of Environment, Government of Nunavut;
Cathy Towntongie, President, Nunavut Tunngacik Incorporated;
James Qillaq, Chairperson, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board;
David Burden, Regional Director General, Central and Arctic Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
Larry Dow, Director of Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
Chris Lewis, Fishery Management Biologist, Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
James T. Arreak, Chief Executive Officer, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated;
Paul Irngaut, Director of Wildlife and Environment, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated;
Alison Kopalie, Manager, Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization;
Jackie Price, Research and Planning Coordinator, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board;
Jason Mikki, Qikiqtaaluk Regional Coordinator, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board;
Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Deputy Minister, Government of Nunavut Department of Environment; and
Janelle Kennedy, A/Director of Fisheries and Sealing, Government of Nunavut Department of Environment.