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April 15th 2016

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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board written public hearing to consider the 2016/2017 Total Allowable Catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) and the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) are contacting you to obtain your input – if you wish to provide it – into the Boards' joint written public hearing on the 2016/2017 total allowable catch

levels for Northern (*Pandalus borealis*) and Striped (*P. montagui*) shrimp in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones. A written public hearing is one in which all submissions are filed in writing, and the hearing does not have an oral component.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has submitted a *Proposal for Decision* (Proposal) to the Boards seeking recommendations and decisions on the 2016/2017 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones. In March 2015, the NWMB and the NMRWB provided decisions and recommendations to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans concerning shrimp total allowable catch levels for the 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 fishing seasons; however, in making these decisions and recommendations, the Boards also indicated that they would provide further decisions and recommendations should any of the shrimp stocks experience a precipitous change in biomass greater than 25%. The Proposal – along with a number of additional documents comprising the best available information to date – are available for download and review from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com) or by contacting the NWMB at the contact information set out at the end of this letter.

In light of precipitous changes to the biomass of Northern and Striped shrimp in both the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones, the NWMB and NMRWB are holding a joint written public hearing to consider the 2016/2017 total allowable catch levels for these shrimp stocks. Attached to this letter is a copy of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Proposal and the *Rules for the NWMB and NMRWB's joint written public hearing to consider the 2016/2017 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp*.

Through this letter, the NWMB and NMRWB are extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Proposal, or otherwise regarding total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp. **All written materials must be filed with the NWMB and the NMRWB – in Inuktitut and English – by not later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit/Inukjuak time) on May 20th 2016.** The requirement for translation at the time of filing is mandatory.

All submissions and supporting documentation should be submitted to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (for administrative purposes; contact information below) in person, by courier or by mail. Submissions should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB-NMRWB joint written public hearing to consider the 2016/2017 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp*. Delivery of materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms with the NWMB – prior to the filing deadline – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. Materials are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB. **Please take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons**

are provided to the Boards for late filing, the NWMB and NMRWB will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all submissions and supporting documentation will be placed on the NWMB's website and will be available for download. Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive submissions and supporting documentation are, the more weight they will be given by the two Boards in their respective *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and *Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement* decision-making processes.

After the deadline for delivery of written submissions, the NWMB and NMRWB will consider all of the relevant evidence and arguments filed, and will make their respective decisions and recommendations concerning the 2016/2017 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones, which will be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard pursuant to Section 5.3.17 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and Section 5.5.7 of the *Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement*.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or to contact the Boards directly:

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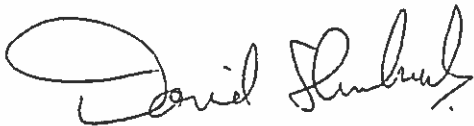
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Sincerely,



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Attachments (2)



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