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December 22nd, 2017

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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Written public hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider the Government of Nunavut Proposal to limit Caribou sport hunting in Nunavut.

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On December 7th 2017, during a Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) In-Camera meeting (IC004-2017) in Iqaluit, the Board considered a *Proposal for Decision* (Proposal) from the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment (Department of Environment) concerning the limitation of sport hunting on the Qamanirjuag, Beverly, Ahiak, Lorillard, and Wager Bay caribou herds. The Board's decision was to hold a written public hearing at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

The NWMB has scheduled a written public hearing to consider the Department of Environment's Proposal.

A written public hearing is one in which all submissions and supporting documentation are filed in writing, and the hearing does not have an oral component. Attached to this letter is a copy of the Department of Environment's *Proposal for NWMB Decision* to limit sport hunting on the Qamanirjuag, Beverly, Ahiak, Lorillard, and Wager Bay caribou herds, and the *Rules for the NWMB's Written Hearing*. These—along with a number of additional documents comprising the best available information to date—are also available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or by contacting the Board at the following coordinates:

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD P.O. Box 1379, Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0 Phone: (867) 975-7300 Fax: (888) 421-9832

Email: receptionist@nwmb.com

Through this letter, the NWMB is extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to Department of Environment's Proposal, or otherwise regarding the proposed limitation of sport hunting on the Qamanirjuag, Beverly, Ahiak, Lorillard, and Wager Bay caribou herds. All written materials must be filed with the NWMB—in Inuktitut and English—by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on February 2nd, 2018. The requirement for translation at the time of filing is mandatory.

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 take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.

Submissions and their supporting documentation may be filed with the Board in person, by



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courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB Written Hearing to consider the limitation of sport hunting on the Qamanirjuag, Beverly, Ahiak, Lorillard, and Wager Bay caribou herds.* 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 keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive submissions and supporting documentation are, the more weight they will be given by the NWMB in the *Nunavut Agreement* decision-making process. After the deadline for delivery of the written submissions, the NWMB will consider all of the relevant evidence and arguments filed, and will make a decision concerning *the limitation of sport hunting on the Qamanirjuag, Beverly, Ahiak, Lorillard, and Wager Bay caribou herds,* which will be forwarded to the Government of Nunavut Minister of Environment.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB website or to contact the Board directly.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk

Acting Chairperson of the

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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Attachments (2)

c.c. Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Department of Environment; Paul Irngaut, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.; Qovik Netser, Regional Coordinator, Kivalliq Wildlife Board; Ema Qaggutaq, Regional Coordinator, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board; Jason Mikki, Acting Executive Director, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat Lisa Jones, Secretary Manager of the Issatik HTO; Mary Issumatardjuaq, Secretary Manager of the Arviat HTO; Hugh Nateela, Secretary Manager of the Baker Lake HTO;

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