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By Email

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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk,
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
P.O. Box 1379
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Re: Time for filing written submissions concerning the written public hearing on caribou sport hunts, and in future Nunavut Wildlife Management Board proceedings

Thank you for the Board's December 22, 2017 written notice of public hearing to consider the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment's *Proposal for NWMB Decision on the limitation of sport hunting on the Qamanirjuag, Beverly, Ahlak, Lorillard, and Wager Bay caribou herds*.

The Board's notice gives interested parties until February 2, 2018, to file written submissions in response to the proposal.

The offices of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) were closed for the Christmas holiday when the Board's notice was given. Our staff resumed work on Tuesday, January 2.

NTI's wildlife staff and advisers plan to review the proposal in question and the consultation summary and other relevant documents filed, consider the issues raised, and discuss those matters with affected Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs) before deciding whether NTI will file a written submission. NTI assumes that a written submission is appropriate and that its representatives therefore also will need time to prepare the document. For these reasons, please extend the deadline for filing written submissions until March 2, 2018.

NTI recognizes that in the past, the Board often has limited the time for filing of initial written submissions in its proceedings to thirty days. Because the NTI needs described above are typical, and because Regional Wildlife Organizations (RWOs) and HTOs tend to be pressed to review

the relevant documents and prepare and file written comments within thirty days, NTI also requests that the Board revise its typical time for filing initial written submissions from thirty to sixty days.

Thank you for considering these requests. NTI looks forward to the Board's reply at its earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'James Eetoolook', written over a horizontal line.

James Eetoolook,
Vice-President

CC Chairpersons, Kivalliq Wildlife Board and Kivalliq HTOs

Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife, Department of Environment, Government of
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