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July 17, 2014

Mr. Ben Kovic Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O. Box 1379 Iqaluit, Nunavut X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Kovic;

The Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Scientific Council has provided the Department with its Total Allowable Catch (TAC) recommendations for Greenland Halibut in Division 0A+1AB and Division 0B+1C-F for the 2015 season. For both Divisions, the NAFO Scientific Council recommended the TACs remain unchanged from 2014 levels (i.e. for Division 0A+1AB the TAC remains at 16,000t and for Division 0B+1C-F the TAC remains at 14,000 t).

The Department is seeking the advice of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board on the recommended NAFO Scientific Council TACs. The NAFO Scientific Council report can be accessed online at <a href="http://archive.nafo.int/open/sc/2014/scs14-17.pdf">http://archive.nafo.int/open/sc/2014/scs14-17.pdf</a> with the relevant section found on pages 68-70.

I look forward to hearing from the Board on this matter by the end of September. Your earliest response is appreciated to assist in allowing time for any required follow up discussions and timely opening of the fishery. I can be reached at <a href="mailto:scott.gilbert@dfo-mpo.gc.ca">scott.gilbert@dfo-mpo.gc.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

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