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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Thank you for your letter of January 17, 2022, sharing with me the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision on Environment and Climate Change Canada's proposal to list Hudsonian Godwit as threatened under the *Species at Risk Act*.

I am pleased to learn that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board supports the Department's recommendation to list this migratory bird as threatened under the *Species at Risk Act*. As provided in section 5.3.20 of the Nunavut Agreement, I accept the Board's decision for this species.

In addition, I note that you also shared your organization's recommendation to Environment and Climate Change Canada to sponsor an Inuit Qaujimaqatungit study of shorebirds in Nunavut. Departmental regional officials are interested in discussing this matter with you in more detail, and they will follow up accordingly.

In closing, I will ensure that Environment and Climate Change Canada officials continue to keep you informed of the next steps on the development of a recovery strategy for Hudsonian Godwit, and I appreciate your continued interest in this important matter.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Guilbeault".

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/he/him)

