



other information that could be useful to future assessment and management of shorebirds in Nunavut.

Reasons for NWMB Decision

In reaching its decision, the Board considered information from your department that indicated that Hudsonian Godwit's abundance has decreased by 44% over the last three generations (23 years). The Board also considered the threats to this population identified and described in the *2019 COSEWIC Assessment and Status Report*, including ongoing threats from climate change, habitat loss on their wintering grounds, and pollution from agricultural, shipping, and industrial activities. The Board determined that the listing of the Hudsonian Godwit as Threatened under the federal *Species at Risk Act* will have no impact on Inuit harvesting rights given that the species is not known to be commonly harvested by Inuit but could lead to improvement in its conservation status in other parts of its range where current threats persist.

Conclusion

The NWMB looks forward to your reply and prompt completion of the *Nunavut Agreement Article 5* decision-making process. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

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