



June 13th, 2017

The Honourable Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Government of Canada

Dear Minister McKenna:

RE: Request for an NWMB decision on the proposed final Management Plan for Peregrine Falcon in Canada under the Federal Species at Risk Act

1. NWMB DECISION

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) In-Camera Meeting (IC002-2017) on June 6th, 2017, the Board considered Environment and Climate Change Canada's *Proposal for Decision* on the approval of the revised final "Management Plan for the Peregrine Falcon *anatum/tundrius* in Canada" (Management Plan) under the federal *Species at Risk Act*, and made the following decision:

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Sections 5.2.26 and 5.2.34(d)(i) of the *Nunavut Agreement*, the NWMB approve *Environment and Climate Change Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service's "Management Plan for the Peregrine Falcon *anatum/tundrius* in Canada" under the federal Species at Risk Act.*

2. RATIONALE FOR THE NWMB DECISION

Following a written public hearing, the NWMB approved an earlier version of this management plan during its In-Camera Meeting (IC003-2016) on March 16th, 2016. The Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) accepted the Board's decision on May 9th, 2016.

After the Board's approval of the Management Plan, ECCC posted it on the Species at Risk Registry for a 60-day public comment period and revised the plan after comments were reviewed. The Board received the revised plan for approval on May 17th, 2017.

During the NWMB's June 2017 quarterly meeting the Board reviewed the changes to the revised Management Plan and determined that the changes are minor and do not affect the scope or intent of the document. Therefore, the Board made the decision to approve the plan.

Prior to the NWMB's quarterly meeting the Board raised concerns with ECCC staff regarding the oversight of 5.3.20¹ of the *Nunavut Agreement*. The NWMB was pleased that ECCC staff, during their presentation at the Board's Regular Meeting (RM 002-2017) on June 5th, 2017, addressed their concerns and reassured the NWMB that the decision-making process under Article 5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* would be followed in the future.

3. CONCLUSION

As per Section 5.3.17 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, the NWMB is hereby forwarding its decision on the approval of the proposed final Management Plan for Peregrine Falcon *anatum/tundrius* in Canada to you for your consideration.

If you or your officials have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,



Daniel Shewchuk
A/Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

¹ Where the Minister is deemed to have accepted a decision by the NWMB as provided in Section 5.3.19, the Minister shall proceed forthwith to do all things necessary to implement that decision

