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December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

The Honourable Keith Ashfield  
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans  
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**Re: NWMB approval of the Coral Harbour exploratory char fishery plan**

Dear Minister Ashfield,

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received a request for decision from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) on the Coral Harbour Emerging Char Fishery plan. At the NWMB's December 2011 Regular Meeting (2011-004), the Board considered a DFO staff presentation on the issue and the Coral Harbour (Aiviit) ) Hunters' and Trappers' Organization's (HTO) fishing plan (see enclosure), and made the following decision:

*"RESOLVED that the Board approve as per S. 5.2.34 (d) (i) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement that the fishing plan submitted by Fisheries and Oceans Canada on behalf of the Coral Harbour Hunters' and Trappers' Organization for the water bodies of Canyon Lakes and the Cape Donovan Area (Coral Harbour) subject to the following:*

- (1) *The fishing plan directly and clearly addresses (a) the level of subsistence harvesting, if any, in all lakes, (b) seasonal restrictions, if any, in all lakes, and (c) the harvest amount for the Cape Donovan Area; and*
- (2) *The Board's decision is subject to written approval from the Coral Harbour HTO and NTI for the fishing plan."*

## Background to the Resolution

The Coral Harbour HTO requested exploratory licenses for the Canyon River and Cape Donovan watersheds in the Coral Harbour area, and has consulted with DFO, Kivalliq Arctic Foods, the Nunavut Development Corporation, and the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment. DFO proposed that moderate risk was associated with the harvesting under the fishing plan, provided that the subsistence harvests in these areas occur elsewhere. Thus, the Board requested additional information about subsistence harvests and any seasonal restrictions on the harvest be included in the fishing plan. At the December 2001 NWMB

Regular Meeting, there was also an indication that Coral Harbour HTO may increase the requested exploratory harvest level for the Cape Donovan Area (from 1000 kg to 2000-3000 kg); this request must be clarified and any changes must be reflected in the fishing plan. The NWMB has not received written correspondence from Coral Harbour HTO and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) confirming approval of the fishing plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to this decision or the rationale provided by the NWMB, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mikidjuk Akavak', written in a cursive style.

Mikidjuk Akavak

Chairperson

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Cc: Eric Kan, Area Director-Eastern Arctic, Department of Fisheries and Oceans  
Noah Kadlak, Chairperson, Coral Harbour Hunters' & Trappers' Organization  
Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Director of Wildlife and Environment, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

Enclosures (1)

**ATTACHMENT:**

**CORAL HARBOUR EMERGING CHAR FISHERY**

**LICENCE APPLICANT:**

Aiviit Hunters' and Trappers' Organization (HTO), Coral Harbour, NU

**PURPOSE:**

To develop a sustainable commercial char fishery and promote economic opportunities for Inuit in Coral Harbour.

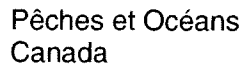
**LOCATION & HARVEST LEVEL:**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Coordinates</b>	<b>Exploratory Harvest Level (kg)</b>
Canyon Lakes (3)	(1): 65°09'41.38"N 84°11'5.30"W; (2): 65°09'17.58"N 84°12'20.75"W; (3): 65°09'3.37"N 84°12'46.39"W	2500 (total)
Cape Donovan Area	64°45'9.26"N 82°34'45.35"W	1000

**METHODS:**

Most fishing will take place during the winter months, ideally between January and May. Arrangements may be made to fish these lakes for approximately one month in the fall, when the fish are running back to the lakes from the ocean. The HTO will be the licence holder and as such will coordinate community members to fish the exploratory harvest level. The exploratory char fisheries five-year approach for collecting biological and catch-effort data will be followed. A minimum gillnet mesh-size of 5.5 inches will be employed. Any harvested Arctic Char that is exported across Nunavut's territorial borders will follow the prescribed direction by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) as directed by the "Fish Inspection Act" and "Fish Inspection Regulations."

Note: Arrangements are already in place to sell fish to Kivalliq Arctic Foods in Rankin Inlet for value-added processing.



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