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April 12th 2013

Sam Stephenson
Species at Risk Biologist
Central and Arctic Region
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

Re: Proposed *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) abridged listing processes for the Roundnose Grenadier, Roughhead Grenadier, Atlantic Redfish, Deepwater Redfish, and Northern Bottlenose Whale

On January 31st 2013, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) submitted a request for decision to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) regarding proposed abridged listing processes for Roundnose Grenadier, Roughhead Grenadier, Acadian Redfish – Atlantic population, Deepwater Redfish – Northern population, and Northern Bottlenose Whale - Baffin Bay – Davis Strait – Labrador Sea population. The process is described in the *Memorandum of Understanding to Harmonize the Designation of Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species Under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and the Listing of Wildlife Species at Risk Under the Species at Risk Act*. DFO requested an NWMB decision by September 20th 2013.

At its March 2013 meeting in Iqaluit, NU, the NWMB considered the request and decided to ask for further information from Fisheries and Oceans Canada with respect to: *(i) further consultations planned with industry on the two redfish and two grenadier species, and (ii) consultation plans under DFO's proposed abridged listing process.* A timely reply from DFO would permit the Board to make a decision with respect to the abridged listing processes in time for the requested September 20th 2013 deadline.

The Board also noted that although the listing of Roundnose Grenadier (Endangered), Acadian Redfish – Atlantic population (Threatened), and Deepwater Redfish – Northern Population (Threatened) would normally carry automatic prohibitions on harvest, Section 83(3) of the *Species at Risk Act* provides an exception to the prohibition associated with harvesting threatened and endangered species in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

Manasie Audlakiak
A/Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Cc. Larry Dow, Director of Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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