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 $^{^2}$ ላ Δ ልና በበናናርኦLቲና ΔĹʰ "ÞLቲ<ኦኑፕታላሁ Δ ና" ላĊታ ላጋላሁ<code>†</code> 5-1 Þ�ታ *ውኔዎፕ ላጭየኦበሶህስ*ና ላෑ_> CΔL ላጋ구ርኦቦላ፦ Lლየርኦቦላლታ ኦ�ታ *ውኔዎፕ ላህፊጕታህ ላኦሬሃህስና* ላĊታ *ውኔዎፕ ኦኒቲლሴታህ Lლየቲላჼ*.



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December 16, 2019

Honourable Bernadette Jordan Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard 200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision on 2020 walrus sport hunt applications

Dear Minister Jordan:

On August 26, 2019, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) issued a call for walrus sport hunt applications for the 2020 season with a deadline for applications of November 08, 2019. The NWMB annually requests applications for walrus sport hunts in the *Nunavut Settlement Area* for approval by the Board, according to its *Interim Policy for Walrus Sport Hunts* (Interim Policy; attached) and forwards its decision to Fisheries and Oceans Canada before licences are issued.

The NWMB reviewed walrus sport hunt applications for the 2020 season at its December 2019 quarterly meeting in Kugluktuk, Nunavut. Eight applications were received from four communities. Five of the applications were to conduct walrus sport hunts in the Hudson Bay-Davis Strait management unit (AW-05), two applications were to conduct sport hunts in the North and Central Foxe Basin management unit (AW-04), and one application was for walrus sport hunting in the Penny Strait-Lancaster Sound management unit (AW-03). The following table summarizes the sport hunts requested for the 2020 season:

Applicant	Walrus Stock	# Sport Hunts Requested
Aaron Emiktowt	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	6
Lucassie Eetuk	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	6
John Saimaut	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	4
Darcy Nakoolak	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	10
Leonard Netser	Hudson Bay-Davis Strait (AW-05)	6
Hall Beach HTA	Foxe Basin (AW-04)	15
Igloolik HTA	Foxe Basin (AW-04)	25
Niko Inuarak	Penny Strait-Lancaster Sound (AW-03)	4

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The Board carefully considered each application, and in accordance with Sections 5.2.34(d)(i) and 5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Agreement* made the following decisions:

MOVED that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the following walrus sport hunt applications: Aaron Emiktowt of Siku Tours in Coral Harbour (6 walrus), Darcy Nakoolak of Southampton Island Adventures in Coral Harbour (10 walrus), Lucassie Eetuk of E & E Outfitting in Coral Harbour (6 walrus), John Saimaut of Saimaut Quvianaq Tours in Coral Harbour (4 walrus), and Leonard Netser of Ancient Arctic Hunts in Coral Harbour (6 walrus) subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That all struck, lost, and landed information is reported to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Igaluit office;
- 2. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada:
- 3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
- 4. That samples be collected and provided to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.

FURTHER MOVED that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the following walrus sport hunt applications: Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization (15 walrus), subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That all struck, lost, and landed information is reported to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Iqaluit office;
- That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
- That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
- That samples be collected and provided to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.
- 5. That all hunts be conducted with a licenced outfitter for non-residents and non-resident foreigners.

FURTHER MOVED that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the following walrus sport hunt applications: Igloolik Hunters and Trappers Association (25 walrus), subject to the following conditions:

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- 1. That all struck, lost, and landed information is reported to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Igaluit office;
- 2. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
- That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
- 4. That samples be collected and provided to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.
- 5. That all hunts be conducted with a licenced outfitter for non-residents and non-resident foreigners.

FURTHER MOVED that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve the following walrus sport hunt applications: Niko Inuarak of Nunavut Outfitters Inc. in Pond Inlet (4 walrus), subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That all struck, lost, and landed information is reported to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Igaluit office;
- 2. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
- That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
- 4. That samples be collected and provided to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease.

Reasons for the NWMB's Decision

Hudson Bay-Davis Strait Stock (AW-05)

The NWMB received five applications (for a total of 32 walrus sport hunts) to conduct walrus sport hunts from the Hudson Bay-Davis Strait Atlantic walrus stock outfitters from the community of Coral Harbour. Coral Harbour has a community quota of 60 walrus (*Marine Mammal Regulations*, Section 26).

Over the past five years¹, Coral Harbour harvesters harvested an average of 29 walrus annually—eight walrus on average for sport hunts and 21 walrus on average for subsistence hunts. Taken together, the number of sport hunts requested for 2020 (32)

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¹ Based on five years of available data from 2014/15 to 2018/19 for both sport and subsistence harvests.



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and the annual rate of subsistence removal (21) is less than the community harvest limit of 60 walrus. Additionally, the hunting plans submitted satisfied the Interim Policv's conditions regarding humane harvesting, and hunter and public safety.

Foxe Basin (AW-04)

The NWMB received one application from the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association and one application from the Igloolik Hunters and Trappers Association to conduct walrus sport hunts within the Foxe Basin Atlantic walrus stock. The hunt plans for the Hall Beach and Igloolik Hunters and Trappers Associations adequately addressed the Interim Policy's conditions regarding humane harvesting. To ensure hunter and public safety, the NWMB's decision included that all hunts be conducted with a licensed outfitter for non-residents and non-resident foreigners as per the *Nunavut* Hunting Regulations² under the Nunavut Wildlife Act.

Hall Beach and Igloolik do not have a community harvest limit, but the individual quota of four walrus per Inuk per year (Marine Mammal Regulations, Section 6(1)(c)) applies. All additional sport hunts requested above an individual lnuk's quota must be assigned to a sport hunter or sport hunters by another Inuk and verified by the Hall Beach or Igloolik Hunters and Trappers Associations as per Section 5.7.3(c) of the *Nunavut* Agreement. Over the past five years³, the average annual removal from the stock was six walrus for sport hunts and 75 walrus for subsistence hunts for a total of 81 walrus per year. If a stuck and lost rate of 30% is applied, the average annual removal will be 105 walrus per year. Fisheries and Oceans Canada's most recent analysis of aerial survey data indicated that a potential biological removal of between 211 and 422 walrus is sustainable (DFO 2016). The study by DFO also concluded that the population seems to have remained stable over the last 60 years. The NWMB is confident that the number of walrus sport hunts requested by the Hall Beach and Igloolik Hunters and Trappers Associations is consistent with current quantitative limits on walrus harvesting and does not pose a conservation concern for the stock.

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² Walrus are listed as "big game" under Schedule 5-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and are thus subject to the conditions of the Nunavut Hunting Regulation under the Nunavut Wildlife Act.

³ The communities of Hall Beach and Igloolik both harvest walrus from the Foxe Basin walrus stock. Igloolik did not report walrus sport hunts between 2015-16 and 2018-19. Hall Beach did not report subsistence hunts between 2017-18 and 2018-19. Igloolik did not report subsistence hunts between 2017-18 and 2018-19 and for the 2015-16 season.



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Penny Strait-Lancaster Sound (AW-03)

The NWMB received one application from Niko Inuarak of Pond Inlet to conduct sport hunts from the Penny Strait-Lancaster Sound walrus stock. The hunt plan for Niko Inuarak adequately addressed the Interim Policy's conditions regarding humane harvesting.

Pond Inlet does not have a community harvest limit, but the individual quota of four walrus per Inuk per year (*Marine Mammal Regulations*, Section 6(1)(c)) applies. Over the past five years⁴, an average annual harvest of zero walrus were harvested in sport hunts and one walrus in subsistence hunts for a total average of one walrus harvested annually, or an estimated average annual removal of two walrus if a struck and lost rate of 30% is applied. The most recent analysis of aerial survey data by Fisheries and Oceans Canada estimates a stock abundance of between 623 and 831 walrus for the Penny Strait-Lancaster Sound stock. The potential biological removal is estimated between 12-24 walrus per year for the stock (DFO 2013). The NWMB is confident that the number of walrus sport hunts requested by Niko Inuarak is consistent with current quantitative limits on walrus harvesting and does not pose a conservation concern for the stock.

Conclusion

The NWMB, hereby forwards its decisions to you for your consideration pursuant to the relevant terms of the *Nunavut Agreement*. Should you accept the decisions of the NWMB with regards to the 2020 walrus sport hunts, the Board anticipates that implementation of the decisions by your department will include appropriate notification to the applicants.

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⁴ The communities of Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, and Resolute Bay harvest walrus from the Penny Strait-Lancaster Sound walrus stock. There have been no sport hunts carried out by these communities over the past five years. Arctic Bay did not report subsistence hunts for the 2018-19 season. Resolute Bay did not report subsistence hunts for the 2017-18 season.



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

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk

Chairperson

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Attachments (1): Walrus Sport Hunt Interim Policy



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Walrus Sport Hunt Interim Policy

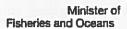
In deciding the number of sport hunts to approve for a particular community, it is recommended that the NWMB's policy be to ensure, to the extent reasonably possible, that sport hunting in the community develops in such a manner that the following four conditions are met:

- (i) no conservation concern arises;
- (ii) hunter and public safety are maintained;
- (iii) humane harvesting takes place, and the whole animal is used; and
- (iv) the developing industry is healthy and will continue to deliver a quality product, thus serving and promoting the long-term economic, social, and cultural interests of Inuit harvesters (See *Nunavut Agreement* Sub-section 5.1.3(b)(iii))

Accordingly, until the Walrus Working Group offers a more detailed analysis and recommendations, it is recommended that the NWMB apply the following three criteria in deciding upon the number of sport hunts for a community:

- 1. In a community that is not subject to a quota (beyond the individual limit of four), attempt to ensure that the combination of community and sport hunts does not exceed the average total harvest for the previous five years (condition i);
- 2. Ensure that a hunt plan is in place that meets the safety, humane, and other requirements necessary under the *Nunavut Agreement*, the *Fisheries Act* and the Regulations (conditions ii and iii); and
- 3. Ensure that the community or enterprise starts with a relatively small and closely monitored number of hunts (the "pilot" stage), before permitting an expanded sport hunting effort (condition iv).

In addition, the NWMB may wish to consider what percentage of the overall quota or average harvest for the last five years should be allocated to sport hunts.





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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

I want to acknowledge and thank you for the Board's letter received on December 16, 2019 conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decisions regarding the walrus sport hunts for 2020. Pursuant to section 5.3.18 of the Nunavut Agreement, I provide the following written reply.

This letter is to confirm that I accept the NWMB's decision to approve six (6) walrus sport hunts for Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour, six (6) walrus sport hunts for Lucassie Eetuk of Coral Harbour, four (4) walrus sport hunts for John Saimaut of Coral Harbour, ten (10) walrus sport hunts for Darcy Nakoolak of Coral Harbour, six (6) walrus sport hunts for Leonard Netser of Coral Harbour, fifteen (15) walrus sport hunts for the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association, twenty-five (25) walrus sport hunts for the Igloolik Hunters and Trappers Association, and four (4) walrus sport hunts for Niko Inuarak of Pond Inlet for the 2020 season, subject to the conditions set out in the NWMB's letter of December 16, 2020.

It is important to note that timely and accurate harvest reporting is required under the *Fisheries Act*, the *Marine Mammal Regulations*, the Nunavut Agreement, and as condition of the license for the sport hunt. I strongly encourage co-management organizations to emphasize the importance of harvest reporting and monitoring and providing the information to the Department.

Department officials in Iqaluit will notify the successful applicants. Once the Department's Iqaluit office has received all of the required information to complete a licence for the sport hunt, departmental officials will issue the licence.

I look forward to continued collaboration with the NWMB and its technical staff on walrus co-management issues.

Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Jordan,

Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

