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Honourable Bernadette Jordan
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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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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bernadette Jordan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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