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October 8, 2009

The Honourable Gail Shea Minister of Fisheries and Oceans 15th Floor, Centennial Towers 200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6

Re: NWMB decision on walrus sport hunt applications for 2010

Dear Minister Shea.

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting No. 61 held in Iqaluit during September 26th-October 1st 2009, the Board reviewed applications received for walrus sport hunts for the 2010 season.

In accordance with sub-sections 5.2.34(d)(i) and 5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA), the Board approved sport hunt plans for two applicants, which are subject to specific conditions. The specific details on each of the approvals and the conditions are set out below.

The Board approved a sport hunt allocation of 15 walrus for the 2010 harvest season to the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO). The 2010 hunt plan that was submitted was approved, subject to the following conditions:

- That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Igaluit.
- That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO.
- 3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing.
- 4. That there be no more than two strikes per walrus landed.

In addition, Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour requested twelve sport hunts for the 2010 harvest season. The community of Coral Harbour has an annual quota of 60 walrus. The NWMB approved the 2010 hunt plan as submitted by Aaron Emiktowt, subject to the following conditions:

- That the applicant obtain the written endorsement of the Coral Harbour HTO for the 12 requested sport hunts.
- That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Igaluit.
- 3. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO.
- 4. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing.
- 5. That there be no more than two strikes per walrus landed.

The Board also received a sport hunt application from Adamie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec, requesting an allocation of 8 walrus sport hunts for the 2010 harvest season. These hunts would take place in the "Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy", as described in Article 40 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). The NWMB is consulting with Makivik, on behalf of Nunavik Inuit, regarding this application. The NWMB will therefore forward to you its decision on the Salluit sport hunts at a later date.

Please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB if you or your officials have any questions with respect to the decisions and explanations set out in this letter, or if the Board can be of any other assistance.

Harry Flaherty

Yours sincerely

A/Chairperson of the

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0E6

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Mr. Harry Flaherty Acting Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O. Box 1379 Iqaluit, Nunavut X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Flaherty:

Thank you for your letter dated October 8, 2009, conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision regarding the Walrus Sport Hunts for 2010 and advising of the pending walrus sport hunt decision for Adamie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec which will be done in consultation with Makivik.

This letter confirms that I accept the NWMB's decision to approve fifteen Walrus sport hunts for the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization and twelve Walrus sport hunts for Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour subject to the corresponding conditions set out in the Board's October 8th letter for the 2010 season.

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

Sincerely,

Gail Shea, P.C., M.P.



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February 23, 2010

The Honourable Gail Shea Minister of Fisheries and Oceans 15th Floor, Centennial Towers 200 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A OEB

Re: NWMB decision on walrus sport hunt applications for 2010

Dear Minister Shea,

Since the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) letter to you on October 8, 2009 regarding the Board's review of walrus sport hunt applications for the 2010 season, the Board received two additional applications, which it has reviewed. I am also writing with an update on the application from Adamie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec, who had requested to conduct hunts in the "Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy", as described in Article 40 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA).

In accordance with sub-sections 5.2.34(d)(i) and 5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA), the Board approved sport hunt plans for two additional applicants, which are subject to specific conditions. The specific details on each of the approvals and the conditions are set out below.

The Board approved a sport hunt allocation of 6 walrus for the 2010 harvest season to Henik Lake Adventures of Arviat, NU. The applicant proposed to conduct the hunts in Roes Welcome Sound, and around Coats Island and Walrus Island. These locations are in the vicinity of the Coral Harbour and Repulse Bay communities. NWMB staff was advised by a DFO official that DFO would not have any concerns with Arviat hunters using their tags in the vicinity of the Coral Harbour and Repulse Bay communities, as the walrus around Arviat and the other two communities are from the same Davis Strait-Hudson Bay stock. The Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) of Coral Harbour has met to discuss this issue, and provided the NWMB with its position; please find the documentation attached to this letter. NWMB members noted that as this matter pertains to the management of harvesting among the members of HTOs in the Kivalliq region, it would fall under the jurisdiction of the Regional Wildlife

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Organization, as per NLCA S. 5.7.6. The NWMB approved the 2010 hunt plan as submitted by Henik Lake Adventures, subject to the following conditions:

- That the applicant obtain the written endorsement of the Aiviit HTO of Coral Harbour HTO, the Arviq HTO of Repulse Bay, and the Kivalliq Wildlife Board, for the 6 requested sport hunts.
- That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Igaluit.
- That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO.
- 4. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing.
- 5. That there be no more than two strikes per walrus landed.

Luke Eetuk of Coral Harbour requested 12 sport hunts for the 2010 season. The community of Coral Harbour has an annual quota of 60 walrus. The NWMB approved the 2010 hunt plan as submitted by Luke Eetuk, subject to the following conditions:

- That the applicant obtain the written endorsement of the Coral Harbour HTO for the 12 requested sport hunts.
- That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit.
- That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO.
- 4. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing.
- 5. That there be no more than two strikes per walrus landed.

You will remember that the Board had also received a sport hunt application from Adamie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec, requesting an allocation of 8 walrus sport hunts for the 2010 harvest season. These hunts would take place in the "Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy", as described in Article 40 of the NLCA. The NWMB had advised you that it was consulting with Nunavik authorities regarding this application, and that the NWMB would therefore forward to you its decision on the Salluit sport hunts at a later date. The NWMB has since received correspondence from the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (please find this correspondence attached to this letter), and accordingly, I am now conveying this decision on the Salluit walrus sport hunts to you. The Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board indicated its support for the NWMB's decision made at its Regular Meeting No. 61, which was approval of a sport hunt allocation of 8 walrus for the 2010 harvest season to Adamie Keatainak, and approval the 2010 hunt plan as submitted by Mr. Keatainak, subject to the following conditions:

- That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Igaluit.
- That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO.
- 3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing.
- 4. That there be no more than two strikes per walrus landed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB if you or your officials have any questions with respect to the decisions and explanations set out in this letter, or if the Board can be of any other assistance.

Yours Sincerely

Willie Nakoolak

A/Chairperson of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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November 24, 2009

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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
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RE: Approval of Walrus Hunts for Arviat Sports Hunts In the areas: Roes Welcome Sound, Walrus Island and Coats Island

Dear Charlotte.

The Aiviit Hunters' & Trappers' Organization support to have Arviat Outfitters to do walrus sports in the vicinity of Coral Harbour. In the areas of Roes Welcome Sound, Walrus Island and Coats Island. There are conditions that the Board of Directors insist that to be used. The Aiviit Hunters' & Trappers' Organization would like to be taking part in the actual hunts for advisory purposes, such as where to do the hunts and how the meat will be butchered, how walrus behaviour is known and not to butcher where the kills are taken.

Respectfully,

Noah Kadlak President,

Aiviit Hunters' & Trappers' Organization

Coral Harbour



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November 6, 2009

Harry Flaherty Interim Chair, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O. Box 116 Igaluit NU XOA 0H0

Dear Mr. Flaherty,

The Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board would like to express its support for the decision rendered by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board with regard to the walrus sport hunt application submitted by the community of Salluit. We believe that the sport hunt will prove to be economically beneficial to the region and provide an important income source for the people of Salluit.

We look forward to aiding you with future decisions that the NWMB might make regarding the walrus sport hunt applications from Nunavik communities.

Sincerely,

Johnny Oovaut Chairperson Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board P.O. Box 433 Inukjuak, QC JOM 1M0

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Cc: Stas Olpinski, Makivik Corp.

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Mr. Harry Flaherty Acting Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board P.O. Box 1379 Iqaluit, Nunavut X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Flaherty:

Thank you for your letter dated February 23, 2010, conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decision regarding the additional walrus sport hunts for 2010.

This letter confirms that I accept the NWMB's decision to approve six walrus sport hunts for Henik Lake Adventures of Arviat, twelve sport hunts for Luke Eutuk of Coral Harbour and eight sport hunts for Adamie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec in the "Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy" as defined in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, subject to the corresponding conditions for the 2010 harvest season set out in the Board's February 23rd letter for the respective

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

Sincerely,

Shea, P.C., M.P.

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