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Mr. Manasie Audlakiak
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
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Dear Mr. Audlakiak,

We are in receipt of your letter setting out the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's initial decision concerning the establishment of basic needs levels for beluga, narwhal and walrus.

I would like to request a 60 day extension during which time I invite the Board to discuss and develop a protocol with DFO on how to implement the Board's decision (with a focus on condition #2 of the decision). This protocol would then form part of the advice prepared for the Minister's consideration and decision on the matter concerning the establishment of basic needs levels for beluga, narwhal and walrus.

Please confirm at your earliest convenience if the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board is willing to grant the extension and whether the Board would be interested in meeting with DFO. I thank you in advance for your continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

David Burden
A/Regional Director General
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