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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

January 28th 2013

The Honourable Keith Ashfield
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
15th Floor, Centennial Towers
200 Kent Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: NWMB decisions on walrus sport hunt applications for 2013

Dear Minister Ashfield,

On September 19th 2012, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) put out a call for applications for 2013 walrus sport hunts with a deadline of October 19th 2012 for submission of applications. At its December 2012 meeting in Iqaluit, the NWMB reviewed walrus sport hunt applications for the 2013 harvesting season.

In accordance with S. 5.2.34(d)(i) and S. 5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA), the Board:

"RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the following 2013 walrus sport hunt plans: Hall Beach HTO (15 walrus), Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour (6 walrus), and Luke Eetuk of Coral Harbour (6 walrus), subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit;*
- 2. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO;*
- 3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;*
- 4. That samples be collected and provided to DFO for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease; and*
- 5. That Aaron Emiktowt and Luke Eetuk of Coral Harbour obtain written support from the Coral Harbour HTO for their requested sport hunts. The Coral Harbour HTO must approve sport hunt allocations."*

Letters of support have been obtained from the Coral Harbour HTO for both Mr. Emiktowt and Mr. Eetuk's applications and forwarded to DFO staff in Iqaluit.

The Board also received and reviewed an application from Salluit, Quebec (Nunavik). As per NLCA S. 5.2.34(d)(i) and S. 5.6.48, as well as NLCA S. 40.2.14 and S. 40.2.15 and the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA) S. 27.6.2 pertaining to management in areas of equal use and occupancy, the Board:

"RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the following 2013 walrus sport hunt application and hunt plan for Adamie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec (8 walrus) subject to the following conditions:

1. That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit;
2. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO;
3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
4. That samples be collected and provided to DFO for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease; and
5. That Adamie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec obtains written support from the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board for the requested sport hunts."

A letter of support has been obtained from the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board for Mr. Keatainak's application and forwarded to DFO staff in Iqaluit.

Furthermore, the Board reviewed a late application from Dino Bruce of Tassiuq Outfitters in Coral Harbour requesting 10 sport hunts for 2013. The NWMB considered the late application at its January 2013 meeting in Iqaluit, and:

"RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the following 2013 walrus sport hunt plan submitted by Dino Bruce of Coral Harbour for 10 walrus, subject to the following conditions:

1. That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit;
2. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO;
3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
4. That samples be collected and provided to DFO for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease; and
5. That Dino Bruce of Coral Harbour obtains written support from the Coral Harbour HTO for the requested sport hunts. The Coral Harbour HTO must approve sport hunt allocations."

A letter of support has been obtained from the Coral Harbour HTO for Mr. Bruce's application and forwarded to DFO staff in Iqaluit.

Should you accept the decisions of the NWMB with regards to the 2013 walrus sport hunts, the NWMB anticipates that implementation of the decisions by your department will include appropriate notification of walrus sport hunt allocation approvals to the applicants. The NWMB will communicate this to the applicants and applicants will be informed that the decisions are currently under your consideration as per the NLCA. Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to any of these decisions, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,



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A/Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Cc. Larry Dow, A/Area Director Eastern Arctic, DFO Iqaluit