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December 19th, 2017

Honourable Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada

**Re: Environment and Climate Change Canada's request for an NWMB decision on the proposed listing of the Transverse Lady Beetle as a species of Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*, and its potential occurrence in Nunavut**

Dear Minister McKenna

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) December Regular Meeting (RM-004-2017), Environment and Climate Change Canada presented a *Proposal for NWMB Decision* regarding the Board's involvement in the listing of the Transverse Lady beetle as a species of Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*. The Board considered this request at its In-Camera Meeting (IC-004-2017) on December 7th, 2017 and passed the following resolution:

> RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(f) of the *Nunavut Agreement*, the NWMB exercise its discretion to not perform its decision-making function regarding the proposed listing of the Transverse Lady Beetle under the federal *Species at Risk Act.*

In making its decision, the Board considered that there are currently no known occurrences of the Transverse Lady Beetle in Nunavut. If future surveys confirm the presence of the Transverse Lady Beetle in the Nunavut Settlement Area, consultation with affected Nunavut communities and NWMB approval will be necessary as part of Environment and Climate Change Canada's development of recovery documents. Recently the Board made a similar decision regarding the listing of Flooded Jellyskin under the federal *Species at Risk Act.*

In addition, at its December 2nd, 2015 In-Camera Meeting (IC-007-2015), the NWMB initiated a process to draft a policy regarding (i) what procedurally fair processes it will follow for its listing and recovery document decision-making functions for a species/population that currently appears to have a limited or unknown range in Nunavut, and (ii) under what conditions it will decide to exercise its *Nunavut Agreement* Section 5.2.34 discretion to not perform its listing and management plan/recover strategy/action plan/critical habitat decision-making functions. This NWMB policy is still under development.

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If you have any questions regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

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Acting Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c. Craig Machtans, Manager, Northern Region (Whitehorse), Canadian Wildlife Service