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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 19, 2017, concerning the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's determination that it does not have decision-making authority in relation to two of the species (the Torngat Mountains population of caribou and the transverse lady beetle) that are now eligible to be added to Schedule 1 (the List of Wildlife Species at Risk) to the *Species at Risk Act*. I regret the delay in responding.

The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) assessed the Torngat Mountains population of caribou as endangered and the transverse lady beetle as special concern. I received these assessments, along with those of 54 other species, from COSEWIC on October 24, 2017.

I recognize that the Board's determination is consistent with the absence of known occurrences in Nunavut for these two species. Should these species be added to the List, and if at some future date they are found to occur within Nunavut, the Board will be consulted in the development of the recovery documents as you requested.

In addition, I understand that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board recently shared its Policy Concerning the Crown's Duty to Consult and, Where Appropriate, Accommodate Indigenous Groups, which expands upon the circumstances of species for which the Board may choose to exercise its discretion to exclude itself from decision-making functions, consistent with the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Environment and Climate Change Canada is currently reviewing this information and will provide you with feedback shortly.

I appreciate your sharing the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's determinations with respect to the Torngat Mountains population of caribou and the transverse lady beetle.

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Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C McKenna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.
