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Dear Mr. Akavak:

Thank you for your letter dated January 28, 2011, providing the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision with respect to non-quota limitations for vessel monitoring system transponders in use on vessels fishing within the Nunavut Settlement Area.

This is to confirm that I accept the modifications to your previous decision on non-quota limitations for vessel monitoring system transponders in use on vessels fishing within the Nunavut Settlement Area as follows:

- a) Vessels operating within the Nunavut Settlement Area shall be outfitted with vessel monitoring system transponders that operate on the iridium satellite system, providing the greatest satellite coverage in the north.
- b) Vessels operating within the Nunavut Settlement Area shall carry two vessel monitoring system transponders operating on the iridium satellite system in the event that one should fail to transmit.

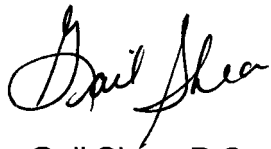
It is my understanding that officials from the Eastern Arctic Area office will be conducting their Cumberland Sound turbot fishery post season review meeting with stakeholders, in March 2011. An invitation will also be extended to the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board to thoroughly consult on the non-quota limitations respecting vessel monitoring system transponders for vessels fishing within the Nunavut Settlement Area.

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I appreciate the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's collaboration in the management of important Arctic resources and look forward to continued dialogue with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board on fisheries matters in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail Shea". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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