



June 28, 2019

The Honourable Catherine McKenna
Environment and Climate Change Canada
Government of Canada

Dear Minister McKenna:

Re: Environment and Climate Change Canada's Request for Approval of the Action Plan for the Porsild's Bryum in Canada, Pursuant to the Species at Risk Act

NWMB Decision

On June 19, 2019, at the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM002-2019), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) provided an oral presentation and a briefing note requesting the NWMB's approval of the *Action Plan for the Porsild's Bryum in Canada*, pursuant to the *Species at Risk Act*.

At the NWMB's In-Camera Meeting (IC002-2019) on June 20, 2019, the Board passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED that, Pursuant to Section 5.2.34(d)(i) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approve Environment and Climate change Canada's proposed Action Plan for Porsild's Bryum.

Rationale for the NWMB decision

The Board took into consideration ECCC's presentation, briefing note, and the implementation schedule outlined in the action plan. In reaching its decision, the Board considered that the action plan will not affect Inuit harvesting rights and that written responses to the consultation from the Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Organizations were supportive of the plan and further research.



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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

Conclusion

The NWMB is hereby forwarding its advice to you, for your consideration pursuant to the terms of the *Nunavut Agreement*. Please contact the NWMB if you or your officials have any questions with respect to the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c. Michael Svoboda, Head, Conservation Planning and Stewardship, Canadian Wildlife Service