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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

- Letters of support from Arctic Bay Hamlet and Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), Clyde River Hamlet and HTO, Grise Fiord Hamlet and HTO, Pond Inlet Hamlet and HTO, Resolute Bay Hamlet and HTO, Qikiqtani Inuit Association, and the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment.
- Written and oral submissions from other co-management partners.
- Bill C-55, the Act to amend the *Oceans Act* received Royal Assent on May 27, 2019.
- If no permanent protection is secured after five years, the ministerial protection will expire.
- The current boundaries of Tuvaijuittuq include areas that lie inside the Nunavut Settlement Area and outside in Zone 1.
- Tuvaijuittuq lies in an area that has been identified as an ecologically and biologically significant area and could be the last refuge for ice-dependent species as sea-ice extent and duration continue to decline.

## Conclusion

The NWMB is hereby forwarding its decision to you, for your consideration pursuant to the terms of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

If you or your officials have any questions with respect to the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk  
Chairperson  
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 4, 2019, regarding the approval of the proposal to establish the Tuvaijuittuq Marine Protected Area by ministerial order.

This letter confirms that I accept the June 20, 2019 Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision that says:

*"RESOLVED that the NWMB approves, pursuant to Sections 5.2.34(a), 9.3.2, 15.2.1, and 15.3.4 of the Nunavut Agreement and considering the undertaking provided by Fisheries and Oceans Canada to bring any change following Canada Gazette 1 publication back to the NWMB for consideration, the plan to establish the Tuvaijuittuq Marine Protected Area through designation by Ministerial Order, under the Oceans Act."*

I would like to express my appreciation to you and the members of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board for supporting the advancement of important marine protection measures within the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard