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April 7, 2020

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
Government of Canada

Dear Minister Wilkinson:

RE: NWMB decision on the proposed final draft Management Plans for the Ikkattuaq and Qaqsauqtuuq Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

NWMB Decision

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM 001-2020) on March 11, 2020, the Irniurviit Area Co-management Committee asked the NWMB to approve the final draft of the *Ikkattuaq and Qaqsauqtuuq Migratory Bird Sanctuaries Management Plans* (Management Plans). The Irniurviit Area Co-management Committee submitted the Management Plans on behalf of Environment and Climate Change Canada. The goals of the Management Plans are to (1) protect the land and water for all wildlife, Inuit rights and heritage, (2) ensure local awareness, participation, and (3) ensure Inuit benefit from any economic opportunities that arise from the establishment and management of the migratory bird sanctuaries, and (4) minimize the impacts of human activities within the Sanctuaries.

The Ikkattuaq and Qaqsauqtuuq Migratory Bird Sanctuary's protect important habitat for more than 90 migratory bird species. This includes 22 species that have either been listed as species at risk under the federal *Species at Risk Act* or assessed as at risk by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, and other species that are essential for Inuit harvesting.The Management Plans will allow the Irniurviit Area Co-Management Committee to share their vision of the protected area, guide decision-making for the protected area, describe important cultural and environmental aspects, and decide which activities are permitted within the sanctuaries.

The NWMB considered the request for approval at its In-Camera Meeting (IC 001-2020) on March 12, 2020 and made the following decisions:

> *RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(c) of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB approve the Ikkattuaq Migratory Bird Sanctuary Management Plan.*
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> *RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(c) of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB approve the Qaqsauqtuuq Migratory Bird Sanctuary Management Plan.*

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Reasons for the NWMB's Decision

After carefully reviewing the best available science and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, the Board decided to approve both Management Plans because they will help to facilitate local involvement in the management of the migratory bird sanctuaries while helping to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Additionally, the Board took into consideration that:

- The Management Plans do not impose any restrictions on Inuit harvesting or traditional activities within the Migratory Bird Sanctuaries.
- The Management Plans were developed jointly by Inuit from Coral Harbour—represented by the Irniurviit Area Co-management Committee—and the Canadian Wildlife Service. The developers prioritize Inuit involvement in research and the inclusion of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. In addition, there are plans to continue to engage Sallirmiut--the residents of Coral Harbour, to share information and knowledge, discuss concerns and research priorities, and support local capacity building.
- The Irniurviit Area Co-management Committee held in-person consultations in Coral Harbour. The committee also sought comments on the Management Plans from several Nunavut and federal organizations, including the Kivalliq Wildlife Board, Kivalliq Inuit Association, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and received written comments from the Kivalliq Inuit Association, Nunavut Impact Review Board, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Reasons for the NWMB's Decision

The NWMB is forwarding its decision 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 concerning the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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cc. Jean-Francois Dufour, Vice-chair, Irniurviit Area Co-Management Committee.