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December 19th, 2017

Honourable Catherine McKenna Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada

Dear Minister McKenna:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board decisions regarding the proposed Ukkusiksalik National Park of Canada Management Plan and associated non-quota limitation

At its Regular Meeting (RM 004-2017) on December 5th, 2017, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received a request from Parks Canada to provide a decision on the proposed Ukkusiksalik National Park of Canada Management Plan (Management Plan). Section 6.4 of the Management Plan and section 10.8 of the Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement for Ukkusiksalik National Park proposes sport-fishing prohibitions by non-beneficiary park visitors, in areas with commercial char fishing quotas, which is also subject to a NWMB decision as per section 5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

At the Board's In-Camera Meeting (IC 004-2017) held on December 7th, 2017 the Board made the following decisions:

RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the Management Plan for Ukkusiksalik National Park as per Section 5.2.34 (c) of the Nunavut Agreement.

Further Resolved that the NWMB approve the prohibition of sport fishing by non-beneficiary park visitors in areas with current commercial char fishing quotas as per section 5.6.48 of the Nunavut Agreement and section 10.8 of the Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement for Ukkusiksalik National Park.

The NWMB's decision to approve the proposed Ukkusiksalik National Park of Canada Management Plan and associated non-quota limitation for non-beneficiary park visitors was influenced by the following points:

- I. The Management Plan was developed by Parks Canada and a joint Inuit-Government Park Planning Team;
- II. Following the written and in-person consultations, the Park Planning Team made revisions to the Management Plan to address the concerns of those consulted;



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- III. The Management Plan does not propose any restrictions on Inuit harvesting in the park; and
- IV. The Joint Park Management Committee, consisting of three Kivalliq Inuit Association appointees and three Government appointees, reviewed and approved the draft Management Plan.

As per section 5.3.17 of the *Agreement*, the NWMB is hereby forwarding its Ukkusiksalik National Park of Canada Management Plan decisions to you for your review and consideration. If you or your officials have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

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