



July 15, 2019

Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
P.O Box 1379
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Re: Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board's Proposal to Increase the Total Allowable Harvest for Baffin Island Caribou from 250 Male-only to 278, Including 45 Females

Thank you for your decision concerning a change to the Non-Quota Limitations (NQLs) for Baffin Island Caribou to include a female harvest of 25 caribou.

To reiterate the decision of the NWMB:

- *"RESOLVED that, pursuant to sections 5.2.33(d), 5.6.16, and 5.6.17(b) of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB maintains the total allowable harvest of 250 for Baffin Island Caribou.*
- *FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWMB approves, pursuant to section 5.2.33(k) of the Nunavut Agreement, changes to the non-quota limitation for Baffin Island caribou to allow for up to 25 females (cows) without calves to be harvested within the total allowable harvest.*

I hereby accept your decision to change the NQL for Baffin Island Caribou to allow up to twenty-five (25) female caribou, without calves, to be harvested within the total allowable harvest of two hundred and fifty (250) caribou.

I will implement this TAH decision effective immediately and the NQL will be put into regulation and be implemented as a final decision.

The implementation of this decision and the subsequent allocation decision from the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) will be monitored by my department very closely to ensure that the harvest of females does not exceed the limit of 25. If the implementation of this decision leads to a conservation concern, such as negatively affecting the recovery of Baffin Island Caribou, I will consider recommending or taking management action.

I trust that the NWMB and QWB will continue to work collaboratively with the DOE to ensure the most effective and equitable implementation of this management decision. I would like to thank the Board for their hard work and careful consideration of this important conservation and management issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Savikataaq". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Savikataaq".

Joe Savikataaq,
Minister

Cc. Jimmy Noble Jr. - Deputy Minister,
Drikus Gissing



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- The NWMB decision is in line with one of the options approved by the QWB during its 2017 AGM (Resolution #QWB Nov-17-005): to change the sex-selective harvest limitation by decreasing the male harvest from 250 to 225 and increasing the female harvest from 0 to 25.
- Despite the prohibition of female harvesting, data from the Department of Environment suggests that between 10 and 19 females have been illegally harvested each year (19 in 2015/2016, 10 in 2016/2017, and 14 in 2017/2018).
- Given that possible conservation effects of the proposed changes have not been explored, any increase in the total allowable harvest might slow the recovery of the herd.
- The QWB asserts that male caribou are important to population recovery and a male-only harvest undermines Inuit cultural values.

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