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July 15, 2019

Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
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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.

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July 4, 2019

Honourable Joe Savikataaq
Minister of Environment
Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq:

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

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) June 2019 meeting, the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) asked the Board to increase the total allowable harvest and change the non-quota limitation for Baffin Island caribou from a male-only harvest of 250, to a total allowable harvest of 278 that would allow the harvest of up to 45 females.

The NWMB considered this proposal during its In-Camera meeting (IC002-2019) on June 20, 2019, and made the following resolutions:

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In reaching these decisions, the NWMB considered the following:

- While the results provided by the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment (Department of Environment) show good calf production and survival rates—a sign that the Baffin Island caribou population may be stable or increasing—composition surveys cannot be reliably used to infer population trends.
 - According to data provided by the Department of Environment, the harvest during the past three seasons has been lower than the total allowable harvest of 250 caribou (186 in 2015/2016, 233 in 2016/2017, and 233 in 2017/2018)



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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.

The NWMB looks forward to your reply and prompt completion of the *Nunavut Agreement Article 5* decision-making process.

Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns about the content of this letter, please contact the NWMB

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson of the
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cc - Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife Management, Nunavut Department of Environment

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