







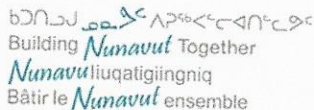
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February 08, 2022

Mr. Daniel Shewchuk  
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**Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's Decision regarding the Total Allowable Harvest for Dolphin and Union Caribou**

Dear Mr. Shewchuk,

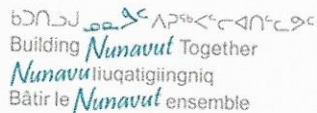
Thank you for your decision sent on January 17, 2022 concerning the Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) of the Dolphin and Union caribou herd.

To reiterate the decision of the NWMB:

- *Based on the evidence before it, the Board agreed that the TAH for Dolphin and Union caribou should be maintained at 105 caribou, as recommended by [the Department of Environment].*
- *Pursuant to section 5.6.16 of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB can “establish, modify, or remove” but not “maintain” TAHs. Therefore, the Board determined that a Nunavut Agreement decision is not warranted.*

As the decision has been made to maintain the existing TAH for Dolphin and Union caribou herd, no changes will be made to the existing TAH. This decision will remain in place until I receive a new NWMB decision following the submission of updated population information.

Thank you for your recommendation regarding wolf removal programs. The wolf harvest incentive program is very effective and resulted in 699 wolves harvested in the last harvest season. My department is committed to reviewing our wolf harvesting incentive program and identify what options are available to enhance the program.



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I trust that we will work collaboratively in the continued implementation of this management decision and the close monitoring of this caribou herd to ensure that the management objective is maintained. I appreciate the efforts that have been put forth in its consideration.

Sincerely,

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Hon. David Akeeagok,  
Minister of Environment

Cc. Jimmy Noble Jr., Deputy Minister of Environment  
Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife Research