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Hon. Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
Government of Canada

Re: NWMB Decision on Environment and Climate Change Canada's request for approval of the *Recovery Strategy for the Peary caribou (Rangifer tarandus pearyi) in Canada*

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM001-2022) on March 9, 2022, Environment and Climate Change Canada presented a proposal requesting that the Board approve the *Recovery Strategy for the Peary caribou (Rangifer tarandus pearyi) in Canada*.

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(d)(i) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approves Environment and Climate Change Canada's proposed Recovery Strategy for the Peary caribou (Rangifer tarandus pearyi) in Canada.

In reaching its decision, the Board considered your department's submission and the oral submissions provided by co-management partners at the NWMB's Regular Meeting.

Peary caribou have been listed as Endangered under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) since 2011. The federal *Species at Risk Act* (2002) requires that a recovery strategy be developed for all threatened species. Although Peary caribou were reassessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada as threatened in 2016, the



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Conclusion

The NWMB looks forward to your reply and completion of the *Nunavut Agreement* Article 5 decision-making process. If you have any questions regarding this letter, do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

cc: Michael Svoboda, Environment and Climate Change Canada
Isabelle Duclos, Environment and Climate Change Canada



Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Thank you for your March 21, 2022 letter, regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision on Environment and Climate Change Canada's request for approval of the proposed final recovery strategy for the Peary Caribou in Canada under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

I am pleased that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approved the *Recovery Strategy for the Peary Caribou (Rangifer tarandus pearyi) in Canada* pursuant to paragraph 5.2.34(d)(i) of the Nunavut Agreement. Thank you for your comments in the letter. As provided in section 5.3.20 of the Nunavut Agreement, ECCC accepts the Board's decision.

In addition, I note that you also encourage ongoing Inuit engagement and the use of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit during subsequent phases of the plan's implementation. Inuit involvement and the use of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit was very important to the development of the recovery strategy and will continue to play a significant role as we move forward in our shared efforts to conserve Peary Caribou.

I appreciate the NWMB's interest in this important matter.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

Julie Spallin
Director General
Canadian Wildlife Service
Environment and Climate Change Canada

cc. Bruce MacDonald, Regional Director, Northern Region

