



October 9th, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Re: *Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment request for approval of the Nunavut Grizzly Bear Co-Management Plan*

Thank you very much for your decision concerning approval of the draft Nunavut Grizzly Bear Co-Management Plan.

To reiterate the decision of the NWMB:

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 5.2.34(d)(i) of the Nunavut Agreement, NWMB approve draft Nunavut Grizzly Bear Co-Management plan until a time when new Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit or science information becomes available.

I hereby accept your decision to approve the draft Nunavut Grizzly Bear Co-Management Plan. I will implement this decision immediately and this management plan will remain in place until it has been superseded.

On-going communication, meetings, and the recent NWMB public hearing have shown that we all share concerns that management actions are required to ensure long-term sustainability of the Nunavut grizzly bear populations and reduce human-bear conflicts.



I hope that our collaborative work will continue in the implementation of this management plan and I appreciate the efforts that have been put forth in its creation.

Sincerely,

Joe Savikataaq,
Minister

Cc. Simon Awa - Deputy Minister, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut (GN)