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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Re: ***NWMB decision on Department of Environment proposal for a sport hunt limit for grizzly bears in Nunavut***

Thank you very much for your decision concerning a sport hunting limit for grizzly bears in Nunavut.

To reiterate the decision of the NWMB:

> ***Resolved that pursuant to Section 5.6.16 of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB establishes an annual level of harvesting in each of the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions of 10 grizzly bears for non-Inuit sport hunters.***
>
> ***Further recommends that the Department of Environment, working with Co-Management Partners consider amending its wildlife legislation (Nunavut Wildlife Act and/or Nunavut Wildlife Regulations) to include provisions for administering grizzly bear sport hunting.***

I hereby accept your decision under *Section 5.6.16* of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* to enact an annual harvesting restriction of twenty (20) grizzly bears; this quota will be shared equally between the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions at ten (10) bears per region. This harvest restriction will apply to residents, non-residents, and non-resident foreigners as they are defined in the *Wildlife Act*. I will proceed to implement this decision immediately.

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With regards to your recommendation on amending the Nunavut Wildlife Act and/or the Nunavut Wildlife Regulations, I will be taking this issue under advisement. If either the Act or Regulations are amended, the Government of Nunavut will work with you and the other co-management partners in this endeavour.

I look forward to continued cooperation with the NWMB on the issue of wildlife management.

Sincerely,

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik,
Minister of Environment

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