

January 19, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Shewchuk;

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision concerning Devon Island Muskoxen Management Unit (MX-04) Total Allowable Harvest

Thank you for your letter of December 14, 2016 outlining the decision of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) concerning Devon Island Muskoxen Management Unit (MX-04).

To reiterate, the decision of the NWMB is to:

Approve an increase of the regional total allowable harvest for Devon Island muskox (Muskox Management Unit MX-04) from 15 to 100.

In addition the NWMB made a recommendation that:

... the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board consider allocating a portion of the total allowable harvest for Devon Island muskox to the community of Pond Inlet, pursuant to Subsection 5.7.6(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

I am in agreement with your decision to establish a TAH of 100 for Muskoxen Management Unit MX-04 (Devon Island). As 30 days have elapsed since the decision was made it is deemed to have been accepted, and the Department will be instructed to implement the change promptly. In addition, the Department will inform the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board of your recommendation regarding the distribution of the TAH, and await their decision.



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As always, I wish to thank the Board for their careful consideration of this important wildlife management issue.

Singerely,

Joe Savikataaq

Minister

Cc: David Akeeagok, Deputy Minister, Dept. Environment, GN

Steve Pinksen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Dept. Environment, GN

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