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June 28, 2019

Honourable Joe Savikataaq Minister of Environment Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq:

Re: Government of Nunavut's Proposal to Increase the Total Allowable Harvest for Muskoxen in Management Unit MX-08 from 66 to 275

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) June 2019 meeting, the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment (Department of Environment) requested an increase in the total allowable harvest (TAH) for muskoxen in management unit MX-08 from 66 to 275.

The NWMB considered this proposal during its in-camera meeting (IC002-2019) on June 20, 2019 and made the following resolution:

Resolved that the NWMB approves, pursuant to Sections 5.2.33(d) and 5.6.17(a) of the Nunavut Agreement, an increase to the community total allowable harvest for muskoxen in management unit MX-08, from 66 to 275 muskoxen.

In reaching this decision, the NWMB considered the following:

- Management unit MX-08 (MX-08) covers the Boothia peninsula and adjacent areas of the mainland, north of Simpson Lake.
- The 2017 Department of Environment survey results suggest that the population size for muskoxen in MX-08 has increased in the past decade—from 1,058 in 2007 to 3,649 in 2017.
- Taloyoak HTO is concerned that caribou population might be affected by the increased muskox population because of competition for the same food resources, even though there is no scientific evidence to suggest that any such competition exist.
- Taloyoak is the only Nunavut community that harvests from MX-08.
- Taloyoak HTO supports the Department of Environment's TAH recommendation.

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 The current MX-08 harvest limitation of 66 tags was established in 2014 through a Department of Environment ministerial order.

The NWMB looks forward to your prompt reply and completion of the Nunavut Agreement Article 5 decision-making process.

Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns about the content of this letter, please contact the NWMB

Yours sincerely,

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