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June 29, 2018

The Honourable Jeannie Ehaloak Minister of Environment Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Ehaloak:

RE: NWMB decision on the Proposal for Clyde River to carry forward one (01) polar bear credit from the Baffin Bay subpopulation for use in the 2017/2018 polar bear harvest season.

On June 22, 2018, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received a letter from the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) regarding a request from the Nangmautaq (Clyde River) Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) to carry forward one (01) polar bear credit from the Baffin Bay subpopulation, for use in the 2017/2018 polar bear harvest season. The letter and supporting documents indicated that the QWB and Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment (Department of Environment) supports the HTO request.

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Internal In-Camera (INT 006-2018) meeting on June 29, 2018, the NWMB considered the request and passed the following resolution:

Resolved that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board pursuant to section 5.2.33 (d) of the Nunavut Agreement, grant Nangmautaq (Clyde River) Hunters and Trappers Organization one (1) male polar bear credit from the Baffin Bay subpopulation for use during the 2017/2018 harvest season, which is compliant with the 'Polar Bear Management Memorandum of Understanding between Qikiqtarjuaq (Nattivak) Hunters and Trappers Organization, Clyde River (Nangmautaq) Hunters and Trappers Organization, Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik) Hunters and Trappers Organization, Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik) Hunters and Trappers Organization, and the Department of Environment, for the Management of the "Baffin Bay" Polar Bear Population' and its associated Flexible quota system.

In making this decision, the NWMB considered the credit record for Clyde River from the Baffin Bay subpopulation; the Department of Environment has confirmed that there are forty-four (44) male and zero (0) female polar bear credit available. By granting the use of one additional polar bear credit, the community quota will increase from 22 (15 males: 7 females) to 23 (16 males: 7 females) for the 2017-2018 harvest season.

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If you or your officials have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

David Shuhul

Daniel Shewchuk Chairperson of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

cc: Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife Management, Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment.

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The Honourable Jeannie Ehaloak

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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk Chairperson Nunavut Wildlife Management Board PO Box 1379 IQALUIT, NU X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Shewchuk;

I am writing in response to your letter dated June 29, 2018 concerning the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) decision pertaining to Clyde River's request to use one additional male credit for the 2017/2018 harvest season for the Baffin Bay polar bear subpopulation.

To reiterate, the NWMB decision:

"Resolved that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board pursuant to section 5.2.33(d) of the Nunavut Agreement, grant Nangmautaq (Clyde River) Hunters and Trappers Organization one (1) male polar bear credit from the Baffin Bay subpopulation for use during the 2017/2018 harvest season, which is compliant with the 'Polar Bear Management Memorandum of Understanding between Qikiqtarjuaq (Nattivak) Hunters and Trappers Organization, Clyde River (Nangmautaq) Hunters and Trappers Organization, Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik) Hunters and Trappers Organization, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board and the Department of Environment, for the Management of the "Baffin Bay" Polar Bear Population' and its associated Flexible quota system."

I am in support of NWMB's decision, and have informed departmental staff to send one additional tag to the Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Organization.

If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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cc: Mr. Pauloosie Suvega, Deputy Minister, Department of Environment

Mr. Drikus Gissing, Director - Wildlife Management Division, Department of Environment