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Re: Request to use polar bear credits for Davis Straight, Foxe Basin and Gulf of Boothia populations for additional polar bear tags for the 2010-11 harvest season

Dear Mr. Akavak;

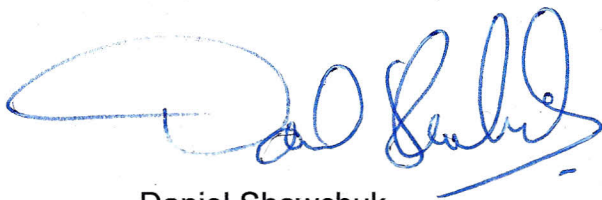
Thank you for your letter of January 27, 2011, regarding the NWMB's recent resolution concerning the use credits for additional polar bear tags for the Davis Straight, Gulf of Boothia and Foxe Basin populations for the 2010-2011 harvest season.

To reiterate, your decision is to approve the use of polar bear credits from Davis Straight, Foxe Basin and Gulf of Boothia polar bear populations for additional tags for the 2010-11 harvest season, as per the polar bear flexible quota system, for the community requests approved by the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB). This decision takes into account the flexible and effective management approaches, and would permit the Amaruq HTO to use 10 credits from the Davis Straight population; the Hall Beach HTO to use 3 credits from the Gulf of Boothia population, and the Igloolik HTO to use 2 male credits from the Foxe Basin population.

Please be advised that pursuant to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (section 5.3.9) I hereby accept the NWMB decision. I will proceed to implement the decision for the 2010-11 harvest season.

I would like to thank you for your considered response. I appreciate the effort of the NWMB in reaching its decision, and I look forward to the continued cooperation of the NWMB in reaching effective solutions for managing wildlife in Nunavut.

Sincere

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Shewchuk', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel Shewchuk
Minister of Environment