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To: Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

RE: **Potential Elimination of Summer-Stock Management of Narwhal for Communities on Baffin Island**

This letter proves to support the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB)to:

a) Eliminate summer-stock management of narwhal for the communities of Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet, Clyde River, Qikiqtarjuaq, Pangnirtung and Iqaluit,

b) Amalgamate the current seasonal TAH allocations of the six communities into a single annual TAH to include both summering and migratory Baffin Bay narwhal that utilize these waters,

c) Enable the QWB to allocate the amalgamated TAH, and any future changes in the TAH, among the six communities, based on IQ and other information, as per clauses 5.1.2(e) and (h), and 5.7.6. of the Nunavut Agreement.

d) Establish a biennial forum for DFO to offer information and advice to the QWB for tag allocations and NQLs,

e) Continue to carry-forward unused allocated tags from one year to the next for each community.

f) Enable each HTO to temporarily transfer carry-forward or annual tags with any of the other six communities, with prior QWB approval.

g) Allow individual hunters, using tags from their home community, to harvest narwhal in the areas of the other six communities, with prior written consent from the nearest HTO Board.

The Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization (MHTO) fully supports QWB as the affected communities have over the years submitted Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit that the Narwhals have no boundaries and move freely anywhere.

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(This letter is signed digitally as Pond Inlet is on lockdown due to covid-19)