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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

August 30, 2006

FAXED  
01/09/06

Joe Adla Kunuk  
Chief Executive Officer  
Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

Dear Mr. Kunuk:

**Re: Special Meeting No. 12 – August 11, 2006 Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Response Number Two to Proposed Limitations on Inuit Harvesting**

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) thanks you for the helpful submission – *Response Number Two to Proposed Limitations on Inuit Harvesting* (August 11, 2006) - recently filed by Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) for Special Meeting No. 12. The purpose of this letter is to comment on a specific conclusion made early in that submission.

On page 3 of the submission, NTI quotes an August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 letter from the Board stating that, “*no NWMB staff person or advisor intends to initiate any questioning or consideration of a particular justification [contained in an April 13<sup>th</sup> 2006 NWMB document (Proposed Total Allowable Harvests and Non-Quota Limitations in the Draft 2005 Wildlife Regulations and Orders) produced by the Board as a Special Meeting No. 12 response] not otherwise raised by one or more of the participants*”.

NTI goes on to state that, “*Based on this guidance, NTI is treating the NWMB’s April 13 documents as not intended to propose for the Board’s consideration any justifications other than those that have been submitted, or will be submitted by August 11, by the GN or another party to the Special Meeting.*”

It is important to set out a more complete version of the quotation from the NWMB’s August 2<sup>nd</sup> letter:

*“...As a function of the Board’s independence, the tribunal as a whole and the Board members individually may question or consider any justification in an oral statement or submission made, or written document filed, pursuant to the Ad Hoc Procedures for the meeting – including any potential justification mentioned in the April 13<sup>th</sup> document. To that extent, it is possible that justifications not found in the GN’s submissions may be raised, questioned and/or considered at Special Meeting No. 12....No NWMB staff person or advisor intends to initiate any questioning or consideration of a particular justification not otherwise raised by*

*one or more of the participants, the public or the NWMB. However, they will respond to any question put to them by the NWMB or an NWMB member, and may – with permission from the Board Chairperson – ask questions or comment on any issue that is raised at the meeting or contained in a participant’s submissions.”*

Accordingly, at Special Meeting No. 12, any or all of the NWMB, the public or the participants at the meeting may raise, question and/or consider the potential justifications found in the April 13<sup>th</sup> document. There still remains a week before the deadline for filing final responses (5:00 PM. September 8<sup>th</sup>). Should NTI wish to file a written submission concerning the potential justifications in the April 13<sup>th</sup> document, the NWMB would be prepared to receive it.

Yours sincerely,



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the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c.    Simon Awa, Deputy Minister of the Department of Environment  
Phillip Kadlun, Chairperson of the Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Association  
David Aksawnee, Chairperson of the Kivalliq Wildlife Board  
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The Chairpersons of Nunavut's Hunters and Trappers Organizations



