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Mr. Willie Nakoolak  
Acting Chairperson  
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board  
P.O. Box 1379  
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Dear Mr. Nakoolak,

I am writing to advise you of what the Minister is considering with respect to his recommendation to the Governor in Council regarding a listing decision for the Horned Grebe (Western population) on Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*, and to request the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's approval decision. This request is being made in accordance with subsection 3.9 of the Memorandum of Understanding to Harmonize the Designation of Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and the Listing of Wildlife Species at Risk under the *Species at Risk Act* (MOU).

In April 2009, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada assessed the Horned Grebe (Western population) as Special Concern. In accordance with this assessment, the Minister is considering recommending to the Governor in Council that Horned Grebe (Western population) be added to Schedule 1 of the Act as a species of Special Concern.

In December 2009, my staff briefed the Board on the COSEWIC assessment of the Horned Grebe (Western population) and on results of community consultations in Nunavut. No more responses have been received from communities since then; however, please let me know if you would like my staff to re-brief the Board.

I am requesting that you provide the Minister with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision regarding this proposed listing recommendation by **October 15, 2010** in accordance with the timeline in the MOU, with a copy to me. This response would correspond with subsection 3.14 of the MOU.

Please notify me by **May 31, 2010** regarding whether you are able to agree to the deadline above.

In accordance with the MOU, my staff has also provided the NWMB in writing with the best available information in English and Inuktitut.

I appreciate the Board's ongoing participation in the species at risk listing process.

Sincerely,

Virginia Poter  
Director General  
Canadian Wildlife Service



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