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Dear Mr. Nakoolak:


Thank you for your correspondence of April 9, providing me with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's resolution on the types of harvest to be included in the basic needs level under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

As indicated in my September 16, 2009 correspondence to your predecessor, Mr. Harry Flaherty, Nunavut Inuit are subject to the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* and its regulations regarding the sale of migratory birds (section 5.7.33 of the Agreement). The commercial harvest of migratory birds is not permitted in Nunavut or anywhere else in Canada under the current laws of general application, which date back to over 90 years.

Regarding the commercial harvest of species at risk, Environment Canada will continue to work closely with the Board as it refines the wildlife management regime in Nunavut within the principles of conservation specified in article 5 of the Agreement.

I trust that the foregoing is helpful, and I look forward to continuing to work with the Board.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Jim Prentice, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

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