



Accordingly, the NWMB requests that DFO deliver a Proposal with respect to shrimp fishery management in SFAs 2, 3 and 4 by no later than the end of March 2012, comprised of the following four elements:

1. Clear statements of what decisions and/or recommendations DFO is seeking from the NWMB;
2. The best available western scientific, *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit* and/or community information related to the Proposal, including the evidence and arguments in support of each of the proposed decisions and/or recommendations in the Proposal;<sup>1</sup>
3. A reasonably-detailed summary of what relevant consultations have been undertaken, and with whom – containing a report of the matters consulted on, the views raised by those consulted and the outcome of the consultations, including accommodations, if any, made as a result of the consultation process; and
4. All of the above translated into English or Inuktitut, as the case may be – except that supporting documentation over ten pages in length need not be translated if accompanied by a reasonably-detailed, translated summary.

By copying Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Makivik Corp. with this letter, the NWMB is hoping to provide them with sufficient opportunity to be able, as hearing parties, to deliver timely and helpful submissions concerning an equitable share percentage for each land claim settlement area of the overall available shrimp harvest in Hudson Strait.

Finally, Mr. Minister, the NWMB would like to address a potential misunderstanding that came to light upon receipt of your September 6<sup>th</sup> letter. Therein, you indicated that you did not accept the NWMB's July decision, that you were referring the matter back to the Board for reconsideration, and that you looked forward to receiving the NWMB's final decision. In fact, the Board resolution delivered to you on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 was to postpone making any NLCA decisions or recommendations. As indicated above, the NWMB was persuaded by your September reply to take prompt steps – outlined in this correspondence – to endeavour to make all of its relevant NLCA decisions and recommendations in sufficient time for implementation by you prior to the start of the 2013/14 shrimp fishing season.

The Board trusts that we are in agreement that its decisions following the necessary public hearing will constitute NLCA Section 5.3.17 decisions. In the event that you reject one or more of them pursuant to NLCA Subsection 5.3.18(b), the NLCA requires that we

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<sup>1</sup> In your September 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 letter, you "...recognize that the Board will require sufficient time to consider the information requested prior to making a decision on shrimp harvesting... and [I] am referring this matter back to the Board for reconsideration once it receives the 2011 survey data..." Accordingly, it is the NWMB's understanding that the 2011 scientific shrimp research survey data for the SFAs in question will necessarily be provided as part of the Proposal.

follow the rest of the Article 5 decision-making process in Sections 5.3.19 to 5.3.23. Hence the need for delivery of the DFO Proposal by March, the holding of the public hearing by June, and the forwarding by the NWMB of its NLCA Section 5.3.17 decisions and NLCA Article 15 recommendations to you by September of this year. That schedule should allow for further NLCA decision-making and implementation steps to be completed in time for the 2013/14 fishing season, as set out in your September 6<sup>th</sup> correspondence.

If you or your officials have any questions with respect to the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Cathy Towtongie, President, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated;  
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Ray Andrews, Chairperson, Nunavut Fisheries Advisory Committee.