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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Written hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board concerning the proposed total allowable harvest of 1600 caribou and the associated non-quota limitation which prohibits the harvesting of cow/calf pairs for the Southampton Island caribou herd

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) will be conducting a written public hearing to consider the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment's *Proposal for NWMB Decision* (Proposal) requesting the approval of a total allowable harvest of 1600 caribou and the associated non-quota limitation which prohibits the harvesting of cow/calf pairs for the Southampton Island caribou herd. A copy of the Proposal is attached to this letter.

A written public hearing is one in which all submissions are filed in writing, and the hearing does not have an oral component.

Background

On August 20th, 2015 the NWMB received a request from the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment to approve the proposed total allowable harvest of 1600 caribou and the associated non-quota limitation which prohibits the harvesting of cow/calf pairs for the Southampton Island caribou herd.

The Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment worked cooperatively with the Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Organization on this Proposal.

The NWMB reviewed the Proposal during its Internal In-camera meeting (INT 014-2015) on September 23rd, 2015, and decided to hold a pre-hearing teleconference with co-management partners in order to discuss the next steps in the decision-making process. Following the teleconference the Board made a decision during an In-Camera meeting (IC 006-2015) on October 9th, 2015 to hold a written public hearing on this matter. An in-person public hearing on the basic needs level for this caribou herd is expected to take place in spring 2016.

The filing of submissions:

The NWMB is inviting interested organizations or persons, including any member of the public, to file written response submissions and supporting documentation concerning the Proposal requesting the approval of a total allowable harvest of 1600 caribou and the associated non-quota limitation which prohibits the harvesting of cow/calf pairs for the Southampton Island caribou herd by no later than **5:00 p.m. Iqaluit time on November 13th 2015.** **Unless persuasive written reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.**

The hearing rules and a number of documents comprising the best available information to date are available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com) or by contacting the NWMB at the following coordinates:

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Submissions and their supporting documentation may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the ***NWMB Written Hearing concerning the total allowable harvest and associated non quota limitation for the Southampton Island caribou herd.*** All submissions must be submitted in both English and Inuktitut. Delivery of the materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB - prior to the filing deadline - that a complete and legible copy of the transmission

has been received by the Board. Materials are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB.

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all submissions and supporting documentation will be placed on the NWMB's website and will be publicly available for download. Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive submissions and supporting documentation are, the more weight they will be given by the NWMB in the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* decision-making process.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB website or to contact the Board directly.

Sincerely,

Ben Kovic,
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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