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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
A/Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
P.O. Box 1379
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Re: Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board letter concerning the Walrus Integrated Fisheries Management Plan

On February 19, 2016, the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) wrote to Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) to express concerns with certain aspects of the *Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) for Atlantic Walrus in the Nunavut Settlement Area*, and with the consultation process that has taken place. As recommended by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) in its February 23, 2016 letter to DFO and the QWB, DFO and QWB have been working together to achieve resolution on these issues prior to the NWMB March 15, 2016 meeting.

We are pleased to inform the NWMB that DFO and QWB have achieved resolution on the outstanding issues. DFO is committed to conducting in-person consultations with the remaining Hunters and Trappers Organizations that harvest walrus in the Nunavut Settlement Area over the course of the next fiscal year (as per below). In addition, revisions will be made to the IFMP to include wording suggested by the QWB in its February 12, 2016 letter to DFO. Based on this understanding, the QWB is fully supportive of the Atlantic Walrus IFMP as submitted by DFO to the NWMB.



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HTOs that will be consulted with on the *Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Atlantic Walrus in the Nunavut Settlement Area* over the course of the next fiscal year (2016/17):

Aiviit HTO (Coral Harbour)
Aiviq HTO (Cape Dorset)
Aqiggiag HTO (Rankin Inlet)
Aqigiq HTO (Chesterfield Inlet)
Arviat HTO

Arviq HTO (Naujaat)

Amaruq HTO (Iqaluit)
Issatik HTO (Whale Cove)
Mayukalik HTO (Kimmirut)
Nangmoutaq HTO (Clyde River)
Nattivak HTO (Qikiqtarjuaq)
Pangnirtung HTO
Sanikiluaq HTO
Kivalliq Wildlife Board Meeting

If you require further information or clarification on the information contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

David Burden
Regional Director General
Central & Arctic Region
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

James Qillaq
Chairperson
Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

CC:

Jason Akearok, Chief Executive Officer, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
Stanley Adjuk, Chairperson, Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB)
Simon Qingnaqtuq, Chairperson, Kitkmeot Regional Wildlife Board (KRWB)
Paul Irngaut, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
Manasie Naullaq, Co-Chair- Walrus Working Group
Jason Mikki and Jackie Price, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board coordinators
Leah Muckpah, and May-Lain, Kivalliq Wildlife Board coordinators
Scott Gilbert, Regional Director, DFO Fisheries Management
Larry Dow, Director Northern Operations, DFO

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