

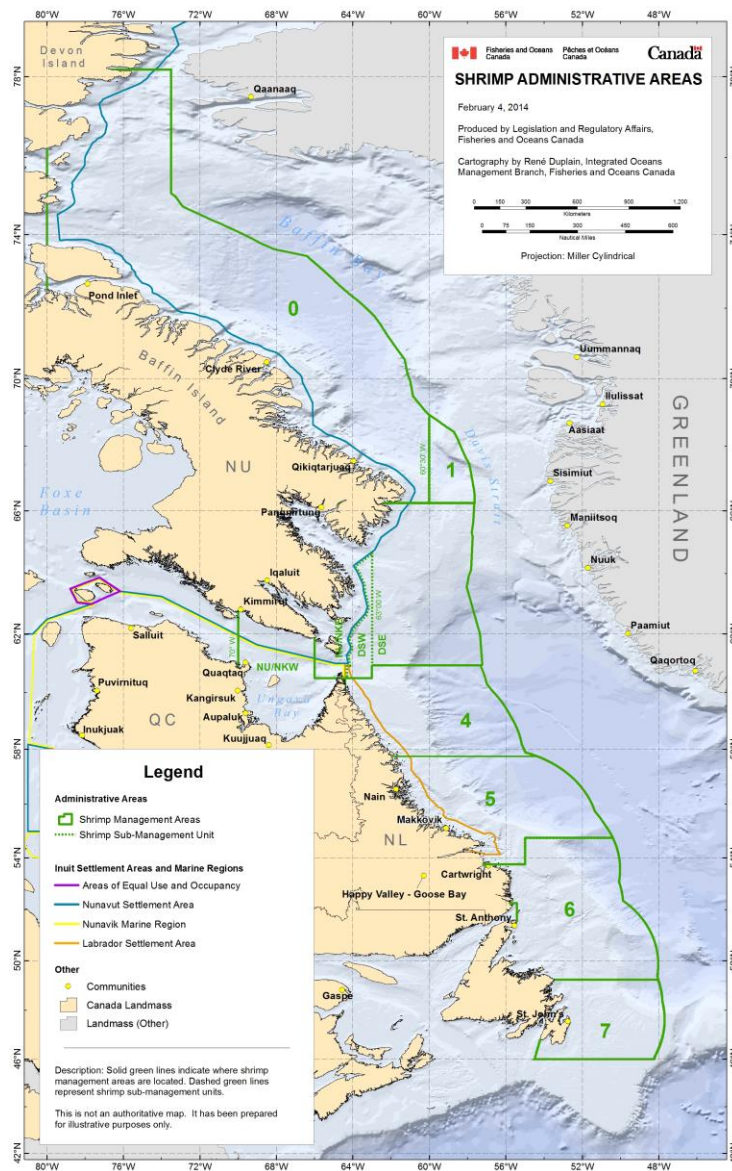
**SUBMISSION TO THE**  
**NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR:**

**Information:**

**Approval: X**

**Issue: Approval of the 2017 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Northern and Striped Shrimp (effective as of the 2018 fishery)**

**Map**



**Background**

The 2017 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) for Northern and Striped Shrimp in Shrimp Fishing Areas (SFAs) 0, 1, 4-7, the Eastern and Western Assessment

Zones and North Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Division 3M (i.e. “the IFMP”) has undergone significant revisions under a new template from the previous version in 2007. The IFMP is a document that provides a clear and concise summary of the shrimp fishery’s characteristics, including the history, location, gear, participants, management issues, decision making processes and biology of the two species harvested (*Pandalus montagui* and *Pandalus borealis*). Further, the IFMP describes the existing previously approved management measures, current functioning, rules and realities of the entire Northern shrimp fishery covering Shrimp Fishing Areas (SFA) 0, 1, 4 – 7, and the management units of the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones (EAZ and WAZ respectively).

Information specifically pertaining to the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) and adjacent waters has already been approved through decision making processes between the Board and the Minister. It is important to note that the IFMP contains no new information, nor does it contain any proposed changes to the management regime that would affect any allocation holder, harvester or stakeholder in the fishery in any area, including for allocations in or adjacent to the NSA.

Related, a new addition to the 2017 IFMP is a description of the boundary changes in the north that were implemented in 2013 after consultations, with subsequent agreement from the Board. Information on the boundary changes from the Board’s Public Hearing Registry can be found at: <https://www.nwmb.com/en/public-hearings-a-meetings/public-hearings-1/2012-1/shrimp-hearing-on-proposed-sfa-2-3-a-4-changes-18/proposal-for-nwmb-decision-and-supporting-evidence>

The 2007 IFMP is currently on the Department’s website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/peches-fisheries/ifmp-gmp/shrimp-crevette/shrimp-crevette-2007-eng.htm>). Once approved, the 2017 IFMP will replace the 2007 version. As an evergreen document, it will remain in place until such time that further updates are necessary. Information requiring regular updates is largely contained in the appendices, and the main body of the IFMP is to be revised only if there are major changes to the fishery or a significant number of changes accumulate over time. Exceptions to this are the economics and stock scenarios information (section 3 and 2.5 respectively), which will require more frequent updates to reflect the most recent economic analysis and science assessments.

#### Request:

Given that the updated 2017 IFMP:

- summarizes the current management regime of this fishery and reflects decisions already made, including those resulting from processes between the Board and the Minister;
- does not have any implication to any existing previously approved process / measure in any area of the fishery from SFA 0, 1, 4 – 6 or the EAZ or WAZ, including those used by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board within or adjacent to the NSA;
- does not propose or imply any new management measures; and
- has undergone a full consultative process with all affected stakeholders, with several opportunities and avenues to submit feedback,

It is therefore recommended that the NWMB approve the revised 2017 IFMP as an evergreen document to replace the 2007 IFMP at the start of the 2018/19 fishery.

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**Date:** November, 2017

Attachments (3):

- Summary Document (Translated)
- Consultation Summary (Translated)
- Draft 2017 IFMP for SHRIMP FISHING AREAS (SFAs) 0, 1, 4-7, the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones and North Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Division 3M