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By E-mail and Mail

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Dear Joe,

Re: Special Meeting Number Twelve

I understand that this Meeting has been rescheduled for September and October. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) looks forward to an open proceeding that enables the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) and parties to examine all relevant information in a timely way.

I would like to seek confirmation from the NWMB on a few procedural matters.

Agenda (draft dated June 25)

Please confirm that the parties can treat the agenda as closed with respect to harvest limitations that will be considered at the Meeting, notwithstanding that some harvest limitations contained in the draft regulations and orders filed are not on the agenda. Specifically, further to my May 4 letter, please confirm that a closed season for Arctic wolf, proposed in the filed draft Open Seasons Order, will not be considered.

Removal of current harvest limitations

Please confirm that the NWMB will include in its decisions following the Meeting the decision to remove any limitations currently in force that are not recommended as a result of the Meeting. Since the NWMB has sole authority to remove quota and non-quota limitations, this decision will be necessary to carry out the plan of the Working Group on the draft regulations and orders to replace the entire package of current limitations with the new or continued limitations recommended as a result of the Meeting.

NTI had always assumed that this approach would be taken by the NWMB. Further to my May 4 letter, I am seeking clarification in response to the May 3 e-mails received from Steve Pinksen on behalf of the Government of Nunavut, entertaining the idea of continuing the closed wolverine season, the prohibition on Inuit harvesting in the Thelon Game Sanctuary, or both, without addressing these limitations at the Meeting.

Also, please confirm that neither a closed wolverine season nor a prohibition on Inuit harvesting in the Thelon Game Sanctuary will be considered at the Meeting.

Identification of limitations

Further to my May 4 letter, NTI continues to recommend that the limitations to be considered at the Meeting should be identified specifically in the form of harvest limitations, as done in the 2005 NWMB public consultation, rather than by section number in draft regulations and orders. In NTI's submission, this is the best way to avoid confusion as to what is being decided. Please confirm whether the NWMB intends to accept this recommendation.

Record of Meeting

NTI appreciates the NWMB's commitment to have this Meeting recorded. However, NTI recommends that the NWMB engage a court reporting service for this purpose. In NTI's view, for a wildlife management Meeting of this importance, it is appropriate for the Board to follow the same high standard used by the other Institutions of Public Government (IPG) in Nunavut in equivalent proceedings. The other Nunavut IPGs engage court reporting services that offer certified transcripts. NTI understands that one Nunavut IPG adopted this practice after having relied on a less specialized contractor to record a hearing and being left without a complete record, due to a technological error. It would be regrettable if a NWMB Meeting of this importance encountered a similar problem. Please confirm as soon as possible whether the NWMB intends to accept this recommendation.

In closing, I would like to assure you that NTI appreciates the hard work that the NWMB and its staff are doing on behalf of Inuit and all Nunavummiut and that NTI looks forward to a very productive Meeting.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer,

CC: Simon Awa, Deputy Minister, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut



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