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June 28th 2013

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All Baffin Region Hunters and Trappers Organizations

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board written hearing to consider the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization's proposal to fish the 100 tonne Qikiqtaaluk regional exploratory allocation of turbot (Greenland halibut) outside the Nunavut Settlement Area

Purpose of the written hearing

In response to a *Proposal for NWMB Decision* received from Nattivak (Qikiqtarjuaq) Hunters and Trappers Organization (Nattivak HTO Proposal), the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) is holding a written hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to consider whether Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) will be permitted to transfer all or part of the 100 tonne Qikiqtaaluk regional exploratory allocation of turbot (Greenland halibut) from inside to outside the Nunavut Settlement Area in Division 0A for the purposes of fishing in the summer/fall of 2013.

A Qikiqtaaluk regional exploratory allocation is sub-allocated by the NWMB to the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board, which in turn allocates it to interested Baffin communities on an annual basis. For 2013/2014 it was allocated to Nattivak HTO. As per the NWMB's *Allocation Policy on Commercial Marine Fisheries*, the 100 tonne Qikiqtaaluk regional exploratory allocation is currently designated for fishing inside the Nunavut Settlement Area

boundary and it is not transferable to areas outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Best available information and NWMB hearing rules

Copies of the Nattivak HTO Proposal are attached to this letter, as are the hearing rules. These - and a number of additional documents comprising the best available information to date - are also available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or by contacting the Board at the following coordinates:

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD Inuksugait Complex P.O. Box 1379, Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0

> Phone: 867-975-7300 Fax: 1-888-421-9832 E-Mail: receptionist@nwmb.com

Invitation and instructions to provide written submissions

Through this letter, the NWMB is extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to the Nattivak HTO Proposal. All written materials must be filed with the NWMB – in English and Inuktitut – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on July 28th 2013.

The NWMB will make publicly available all of the written materials that are submitted, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.

Please take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the NWMB for late filing, the Board will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.

Materials 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 on Nattivak HTO Proposal*. 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 – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on July 28th 2013 – 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.

Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive supporting evidence and justifications 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.

Yours sincerely,

Manasie Audlakiak

A/ Chairperson of the

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Cc. Larry Dow, Director of Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Wayne Lynch, Director, Fisheries and Sealing Division, Department of Environment,

Government of Nunavut;

Jeff Maurice, Fisheries Policy Advisor, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.;

Harry Earle, General Manager, Arctic Fisheries Alliance;

Jerry Ward, Chief Executive Officer, Baffin Fisheries Coalition;

Michael Neuman, General Manager, Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd.:

Peter Keenainak, Vice-President for Industry, Qikiqtaaluk Corporation;

Jackie Price, Southern Qikiqtaaluk Regional Coordinator, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat;

Jason Mikki, Northern Qikiqtaaluk Regional Coordinator, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat.