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Minister of Environment

Ministère de l'Environnement

April 30, 2012

Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
P.O. Box 1379
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Re: Request for Decision on the Total Allowable Harvest for the Southampton Island Caribou Population

Dear Mr. Chairperson;

The following request for decision is submitted to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board as a Ministerial Management Initiative as per Article 5.3.25 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement.

Considering the current status of the Southampton Island caribou population, I request that the NWMB review the available information and consider taking management actions. Based on the request from the Coral Harbour Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), and on our assessment of the population status, I suggest that the NWMB consider establishing the following limitations:

- 1) A Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) of 1,000 caribou per year for the 2012/2013 harvest year, effective July 01, 2012; and
 - 2) Non-Quota Limitations (NQL) to restrict the harvest of mature bulls and cow/calf pairs.

At the request of the Coral Harbour HTO, the Department of Environment is planning to conduct an additional population study in June 2012. The results are expected to be available in the fall of 2012, and will provide up to date information on the status of the population. My officials will discuss the results of this study with the Coral Harbour HTO, as well as share the information with the NWMB and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. At that time we will again review the management of this population, and the effectiveness of any management actions that are taken in the meantime. Depending on the study results, and

the effectiveness of management actions, revised recommendations may be brought forward for 2013/2014 and subsequent years.

I respectfully request that the NWMB provide a decision on this urgent matter in time for management action to be taken before the commencement of the next harvest year, which begins July 01, 2012.

Sincerely,



Hon. James Arreak
Minister

Cc Noah Kadlak, Chair, Coral Harbour HTO
James Eetoolook, Vice-President, NTI



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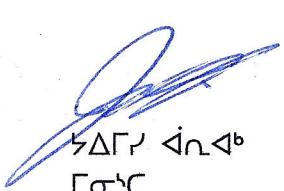
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