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Mr. Harry Flaherty
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Date: Oct 28/09

Dear Mr. Flaherty:

RE: Correspondence from the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board on listing of the Rusty Blackbird, Ivory Gull, Wolverine-Western Population and Grizzly Bear-Northwest Population on Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*.

Ivory Gull and Rusty Blackbird

Thank you for the Board's endorsement of the addition of Rusty Blackbird (Special Concern) to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*, corresponding to step 3.14 of the Memorandum of Understanding to harmonize the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and the *Species at Risk Act* (MOU). I am pleased to indicate that this species has been listed. Thank you also for the Board's endorsement of the up-listing of Ivory Gull from Special Concern to Endangered. Both of these decisions can be found in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II published on March 18, 2009.

As required under the Act, a recovery strategy will be developed for the Ivory Gull and a management plan will be developed for the Rusty Blackbird. The recovery strategy and management plan will be prepared in cooperation with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board.

Wolverine-Western Population and Grizzly Bear-Northwestern Population

In correspondence dated May 21, 2008, the Board provided its decision, including its rationale, to not approve the listing of the Wolverine-Western Population as a species of special concern (step 3.14 of the MOU). In its March 2, 2009 letter, the Board provided its decision, including its rationale, to not approve the listing of the Grizzly Bear-Northwestern Population (step 3.14 of the MOU).

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As these two populations were not listed in the January 12, 2005 Governor in Council Order, no further action is required at this time.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Virginia Potter, Director General of the Canadian Wildlife Service, at virginia.poter@ec.gc.ca or 819-994-1360.

I appreciate the input of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, and its ongoing participation in the species at risk listing process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jim Prentice', with a stylized, overlapping loop and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Honourable Jim Prentice, P.C., Q.C., M.P.