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3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing;
4. That samples be collected and provided to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for inspection of any animal that is in suspicion of contamination or disease; and
5. That Enoki Iqittuq obtain written support from the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization for the requested sport hunts.

### Reasons for the NWMB’s Decisions

#### Hudson Bay-Davis Strait Stock (AW-05)

The NWMB received seven applications to conduct walrus sport hunts from the Hudson Bay-Davis Strait Atlantic walrus stock. These applications, requesting a total of 41 walrus sport hunts, were submitted by outfitters from the communities of Coral Harbour, Naujaat and Iqaluit. Coral Harbour has a community quota of 60 walrus (*Marine Mammal Regulations*, Section 26), while the individual quota of 4 walrus per Inuk per year (*Marine Mammal Regulations*, Section 6(1)(c)) applies in Naujaat and Iqaluit. Over the past five years<sup>3</sup>, the average annual harvest of walrus in these three communities through sport hunts and subsistence hunts has been as follows:

Community	Sport Hunt Average	Subsistence Hunt Average
Coral Harbour	7	21
Naujaat	0	6
Iqaluit	0	9

The requested number of walrus sport hunts is within the community or individual quotas<sup>4</sup> and should not interfere with subsistence harvests. As well, the hunt plans submitted addressed the Interim Policy’s conditions regarding humane harvesting and hunter and public safety.

#### North and Central Foxe Basin Stocks (AW-04)

<sup>3</sup> Five-year averages for the Hudson Bay-Davis Strait stock are based on 5 years of data from 2012/13 to 2016/17.

<sup>4</sup> As an individual Inuk in Iqaluit, Alex Flaherty is restricted to 4 walrus per year by the current harvesting limitation in the *Marine Mammal Regulations*. However, Mr. Flaherty has indicated that the additional 2 walrus requested will be assigned to sport hunters by another Inuk.





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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

I want to acknowledge and thank you for the Board's letter dated January 3, 2018 and received February 8, 2018, conveying the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) decisions regarding the walrus sport hunts for 2018. Pursuant to section 5.3.18 of the Nunavut Agreement (NA), I provide the following written reply.

This letter is to confirm that I accept the NWMB's decision to approve seven (7) walrus sport hunts for Alex Flaherty of Iqaluit, fifteen (15) walrus sport hunts for Enoki Irqittuq of Hall Beach, six (6) walrus sport hunts for Luke Eetuk of Coral Harbour, six (6) walrus sport hunts for Aaron Emiktowt of Coral Harbour, four (4) walrus sport hunts for Darcy Nakoolak of Coral Harbour, eight (8) walrus sport hunts for Clifford Natakok Sr. of Coral Harbour, five (5) walrus sport hunts for Danny Pee of Coral Harbour, and five (5) walrus sport hunts for Solomon Malliki of Naujaat for the 2018 season, subject to the conditions set out in the NWMB's letter of January 3, 2018.

It is important to note that timely and accurate harvest reporting is required under the *Fisheries Act*, the *Marine Mammal Regulations*, the NA, and as condition of the license for the sport hunt. I strongly encourage co-management organizations to emphasize the importance of harvest reporting and monitoring and providing the information to the Department.

Department officials in Iqaluit will notify the successful applicants. Once the Department's Iqaluit office has received all of the required information to complete a licence for the sport hunt, departmental officials will issue the licence.

I look forward to continued collaboration with the NWMB and its technical staff on walrus co-management issues.

Yours sincerely,

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