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Re: Postponement of the May 16, 2006 consultation meetings with your HTO and community regarding establishment of a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) and a Basic Needs Level (BNL) for Arctic char in Kagitugulu Lake within the Kingnait Fiord fishery

Dear Peteroosie,

Staff from the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB), Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) (the comanagement partners) met this morning to discuss the proposed May 16, 2006 consultation meeting with the HTO and community of Pangnirtung regarding establishment of TAH and BNL for Arctic char in Kagitugulu Lake within the Kingnait Fjord fishery at the upcoming June 2006 NWMB regular meeting. The co-management partners discussed two concerns this morning:

- The first concern was that the timeline of June 2006 for making a NWMB TAH/BNL decision was too short to allow adequate public notice and procedural fairness requirements to be met.
- The second concern was whether or not postponing this TAH/BNL decision from June 2006 would hinder the residents of Pangnirtung from fishing char in Kingnait Fjord this season.

The co-management partners determined that such a postponement would not hinder Inuit from conducting their char fishery in Kingnait Fjord for the 2006 season. The decision the NWMB made to re-open the commercial char fishery Kagitugulu Lake at a harvest limit of 2000 kg in 2005 is still in effect until it is modified or removed by a new Board decision.

Therefore, the co-management partners unanimously decided that it was in the best interests of Nunavummiut to postpone making the NWMB TAH/BNL decision on this char fishery to facilitate procedural fairness and public notice requirements.

This decision will not hinder your community from continuing its 2000 kg char harvest in Kingnait Fjord this year. The harvest will be conducted exactly the same way and under the same restrictions and rules as it was last year. Accordingly, the co-management partners determined that there is no need at this time to hold the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with the HTO and the community.

The co-management partners are continuing the process of establishing a TAH/BNL for the char fishery in Kingnait Fjord and anticipate that the NWMB will make a formal decision later this year. We will be contacting your HTO and community at a later date on this issue. The co-management partners look forward to working with you in this process.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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