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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

March 3, 2015

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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Government of Nunavut – Department of the Environment and Nunavut Tungavik Incorporated Proposed REVISED TIMELINES to Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Directions for Pre-Hearing Disclosure

On February 10th, 2015 the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) wrote to you on directions for pre-hearing disclosure with suggested timelines on the ongoing Southampton Island public hearing. In the letter, the NWMB set a deadline of February 16th, 2015 for the hearing parties to voice any concerns about the proposed NWMB Directions. The Government of Nunavut – Department of the Environment (GN-DOE) formally responded to the NWMB with concerns about the timelines and the GN-DOE provided the NWMB with proposed revised timelines on the disclosure of documents. The NWMB forwarded the letter to Nunavut Tungavik Incorporated (NTI) to see if NTI had any concerns or issues with the proposed revised timelines from the GN-DOE. The NWMB also suggested that both parties work together to reach a consensus recommendation that would accommodate both organizations.

On February 20th, 2015 the NWMB was informed that the GN-DOE and NTI had come to a mutual recommendation on a timeline on the disclosure of documents for the Southampton Island public hearing. The NWMB is pleased that both parties have come to a proposed agreed way forward on this important matter. Subject to careful consideration of any substantial

concerns that may be raised by one or more other hearing parties, the Board is prepared to accept the GN-DOE/NTI recommended changes.

The NWMB Directions with the revised timelines agreed to and proposed by the GN-DOE and NTI have been incorporated into the February 26th 2015 *Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Directions For Pre-Hearing Disclosure in the Southampton Island Caribou Public Hearing* Document for your review (Appendix I).

The NWMB will consider any substantial objection to the GN-DOE/NTI recommended changes - with supporting reasons and a proposed solution - from one or more affected hearing parties. Such objection(s) must be delivered in writing to the NWMB and all other parties by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit time) on March 13th 2015.

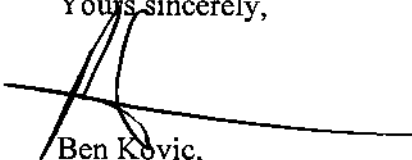
Written objections may be filed - in Inuktitut and English - with the Board in person, by courier or by mail.¹ They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB Public Hearing for SHI Caribou*. Delivery may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit time) on March 13th – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. All materials are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB.

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all documents filed with the Board will be placed on the NWMB's *Public Hearings Registry*, and will be available for download shortly after the filing deadline.

Please note that unless and until the Board makes a formal change to the February 26th 2015 NWMB Directions (containing the revised timelines proposed by the GN-DOE and NTI), all parties are to adhere to the filing timelines set out in those Directions.

Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to promptly contact the Board.

Yours sincerely,



Ben Kovic,
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

¹ Hearing parties may contact the NWMB at the following coordinates:
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Janet Dionne, Finance Director, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat;
Leah Muckpah, Kivalliq Regional Liaison, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat; and
Jackie Price, South Baffin Regional Liaison, Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat

APPENDIX I
NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
DIRECTIONS FOR PRE-HEARING DISCLOSURE IN THE
SOUTHAMPTON ISLAND CARIBOU PUBLIC HEARING

March 3, 2015

1. These Directions form a part of the *Rules for the NWMB's Public Hearing to consider the Government of Nunavut's Proposal to lower the total allowable harvest of Southampton Island caribou from 1,000 to 800 and to maintain the current non-quota limitations*, dated October 9th 2013 (Rules). All relevant directions in the Rules apply to these Directions, including with respect to the mandatory translation of filed documents.
2. The Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) (hereinafter, the parties) shall make best efforts to identify all facts that are not in dispute between the parties - and on which either party will ask the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) to rely in determining the Basic Needs Level (BNL) for Southampton Island caribou - for filing with the NWMB in a joint statement.
3. In particular, if the GN or NTI provides to the other party a list of facts to be considered not in dispute, the other party shall respond in writing promptly and fully, and - if either party so requests - the parties shall confer by telephone if this could reasonably assist in reaching agreement.
4. If agreement is reached, the joint GN-NTI Statement of Undisputed Facts is to be filed in writing with the NWMB, by no later than 5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on May 25th, 2015 (*previously April 27th 2015*).
5. Acknowledging that the GN has provided NTI and filed in writing with the NWMB a list and copies of all documents on which the GN intends to rely in this proceeding - additional to those documents provided by the GN in its written submissions filed prior to January 2015 - the GN shall:
 - a) provide NTI and file in writing with the NWMB, by no later than 5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on April 6, 2015 (*previously March 9th 2015*), a brief written explanation of how, in the context of written argument already filed or added at this time, each additional GN document supports the GN's position regarding the BNL; and
 - b) confirm in writing with the NWMB, by no later than 5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on April 6, 2015 (*previously March 9th 2015*), that the GN has complied with Direction number 5a), and when it did so.
6. By no later than 5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on May 4, 2015 (*previously April 6th, 2015*), NTI shall provide the GN and file in writing with the NWMB:

- a) a list and copies of all documents not already filed with the NWMB by the GN or NTI, on which NTI intends to rely in this proceeding;
 - b) a brief explanation of how, in the context of written argument already filed or added at this time, each such additional document supports NTI's position regarding the BNL; and
 - c) confirmation that NTI has complied with this Direction, and when NTI did so.
7. The NWMB's permission will be needed in order for the GN or NTI to introduce any document at or before the resumed public hearing that has not been identified in its document list, filed by way of copy, and explained in writing. See also Direction number 16.
 8. Acknowledging that the GN, in January 23rd 2015 correspondence, provided NTI, and filed with the NWMB, a list of all witnesses the GN intends to call, the NWMB directs the GN to provide for each witness – by no later than 5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on April 6, 2015 (previously March 9th 2015) - a list of the key facts that the GN relies on that witness to report to the NWMB (witness statement). If the witness is not reporting personal knowledge, the source of the witness' information is to be identified in the statement. "Key facts" include all the facts to be reported by the witness that the NWMB would need to rely on in order to accept the party's position respecting BNL calculation.
 9. By no later than 5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on May 4, 2015 (previously April 6th 2015), NTI is to provide the GN and file with the NWMB a list of all witnesses that NTI intends to call, and a witness statement for each NTI witness. The content of these witness statements is subject to the same requirements as in Direction number 8.
 10. The NWMB's permission will be needed in order for the GN or NTI to call any witness or report orally any fact at the public hearing that has not been identified in that party's witness list or witness statements. The NWMB recognizes that specific circumstances may arise in which it would be appropriate to permit an exception for reasons of fairness. See also Direction number 16.
 11. The GN and NTI are to provide full disclosure promptly to each other and to all other parties to the hearing¹ of any fact that either party intends to report to the NWMB, any document that it intends to introduce, and any witness that it intends to call, at all times throughout this proceeding.
 12. If the GN or NTI asks a relevant question in writing of the other party pertaining to a document or witness statement filed by the party, the other party is to answer the question fully in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of the question, and the answer is admissible up to fourteen (14) days prior to the resumption of the public hearing in this proceeding.

¹ As of February 9th 2015, "all other parties to the hearing" are the following: the Kivalliq Wildlife Board, the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board, the Coral Harbour Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), the Aiviq HTO, the Arviq HTO, the Aqigiq HTO and the Kangiqliniq HTO.

notwithstanding the deadlines in Direction numbers 5 and 6. Any such answer is to also be provided to all other parties to the hearing, and to include reasonable particulars of information given in the document or witness statement, if requested, and if the information is known or readily available to the party answering the question. If any disagreement arises regarding compliance with this Direction, the NWMB is prepared to provide specific additional Directions in order to settle the matter.

13. NTI and all other parties to the hearing may file their written replies (*previously: NTI may file its written reply*) to the GN's August 29th 2014 submission and the GN's additional filed documents, explanations and witness statements by no later than 5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on July 13th, 2015 (*previously June 15th 2015*).
14. The GN, as the proponent in this proceeding, may then file a final written response by no later than 5:00 pm (Iqaluit time) on August 17th 2015 to any replies filed pursuant to Direction number 14.
15. The NWMB retains at all times the discretion to make an exception or a modification to any of these Directions, if the NWMB deems such an exception or modification to be fair in the circumstances.
16. Recognizing the unusual nature of this proceeding, the NWMB is prepared to consider issuing further Directions regarding disclosure by the parties on reasonable notice.

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