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Dear Mr. Shewchuck:

I am writing in response to your correspondence of March 9, 2026, addressed to the Honourable Joanne Thompson, Minister of Fisheries, regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) decisions and recommendations on carry-forward provisions for *Pandalus borealis* (Northern shrimp) in the Eastern Assessment Zone for the 2026-27 fishing season. Consistent with the incorporation of the *Interpretation Act* into the *Nunavut Agreement*, and given the operational nature of carry-forward provisions, I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf.

I agree with the NWMB's decision to allow a carry-forward allowance of up to 154 tonnes of Northern shrimp in the Nunavut-East management unit and recommendation to allow a carry-forward allowance of up to 780 tonnes of Northern shrimp in Davis Strait West — or until the 2025-2026 total allowable catch is otherwise fully taken — into the 2026-2027 season.

I also agree with the NWMB's decision to remove the August 31 carry-forward deadline.

I appreciate the NWMB's collaboration and cooperation in the sustainable co-management of this important shrimp resource in the North.

Sincerely,

Adam Burns