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Dear Mr. Noble,

Thank you for your letter of August 30<sup>th</sup> relating to the Government of Nunavut submissions for the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board Special Meeting No. 12. Each of the issues you raised is addressed below:

- 1) We have revised the "NQLs in the Proposed Regulations" document as per your direction, to include the specific authorities used to limit Inuit harvesting. The updated document is attached.
- 2) You are correct in noting that the "justification document" was not consistent with the proposed *Conservation Areas Management Order* (draft 11). Draft 12 (attached) has been revised to be consistent with the NLCA, the Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan, and the role of the NWMB. The revision only applies to the Thelon and does not apply to any other wildlife sanctuary.

Inuit are currently prohibited from harvesting in the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary. This prohibition is a restriction that falls under section 5.6.4 of the NLCA; and as such remains in place until removed or otherwise modified by the NWMB.

The Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan, which has now been approved by all territorial and federal parties including NWMB, requires that the NWMB and the agency having jurisdiction over that part of the Thelon outside the Nunavut Settlement Area conduct a joint public review. In a letter dated July 16, 2004, the NWMB accepted this responsibility for examining what harvesting restrictions are warranted and within its authority to impose under the terms of the NLCA.

Because the obligation to conduct a broad public review of the issue is within the NWMB's jurisdiction, it would not be appropriate for the GN to embark on a parallel process. There were no new consultations on this issue at this time; the revision reflects the current situation until such time as appropriate steps are taken to review or revise the existing restrictions.

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- 3) **As requested we are supplying the additional Peary caribou documents you requested. Please note that the High Arctic Peary Caribou Management Plans were previously submitted to your organization in February of 2005. However, for your convenience we are re-attaching them here.**
- **High Arctic Peary Caribou Management Plan (Grise Fiord), 6<sup>th</sup> Draft, February 2005**
  - **High Arctic Peary Caribou Management Plan (Resolute Bay), 6<sup>th</sup> Draft, February 2005**
  - **Campbell, Mitch W. Estimating Peary Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus pearyi*) and Muskox (*Ovibos moschatus*) Numbers, Composition and Distributions on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut (Summary Report to Nunavut Co-Managers, June 15, 2006)**
- 4) **Based on our consultations and discussions with interested parties, the proposed Muskox Management Areas Regulations have been withdrawn from consideration and do not need to be addressed at this time.**

**I trust this addresses the additional concerns expressed in your most recent correspondence. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.**

Sincerely,



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Deputy Minister**