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Peter Kusugak  
Acting Chairperson  
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Dear Mr. Kusugak,

I am writing to you concerning the upcoming decision that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) will be making for the establishment of the Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) for the Northern Hudson Bay narwhal population. As you are no doubt aware, the Northern Hudson Bay narwhal population is a resource that is shared between Nunavut, Nunavik, and Nunatsiavut. Although Nunavut harvests the majority of narwhal from this population, there are also smaller levels of harvest that have occurred in the other two jurisdictions. In Nunavik, the harvest of narwhal has historically occurred opportunistically when the narwhal are travelling through Hudson Strait. Makivik Corporation would like to ensure that the NWMB take into consideration the possibility of a harvest occurring in Nunavik when establishing the TAH for Northern Hudson Bay narwhal.

Recently, Nunavimmiut have observed an increase in the number of narwhal occurring in the Nunavik Marine Region (NMR). Hunters from Nunavik have also expressed a desire to harvest narwhal. As has historically occurred, this harvest would also be opportunistic, and Makivik feels that a harvest of 10 narwhal by Nunavimmiut from the Northern Hudson Bay narwhal population within the NMR would be representative of the potential level of harvest. Thus, Makivik would suggest that the NWMB, when establishing the TAH for the Nunavut Settlement Region (NSR) for Northern Hudson Bay narwhal, consider that Nunavik Inuit harvesting rights be respected with regard to this shared wildlife resource, and that 10 narwhal from the Northern Hudson Bay narwhal population be reserved for Nunavimmiut.

Makivik would also like to recommend to the NWMB that future determinations of the TAH for the Northern Hudson Bay narwhal population be determined in conjunction with the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) so as to ensure that the TAH accurately reflects harvests that occur both within the NMR and the NSR. Makivik will also commit to consultations with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. to establish future allocation mechanisms for the Northern Hudson Bay narwhal population to ensure that harvesting rights of both Nunavik and Nunavut Inuit are respected. Furthermore, Makivik would also like to propose that a transfer system be established such that any or all of the unharvested narwhal from the TAH in a given year could be assigned as an addition to the TAH in the subsequent harvest year and allocated to either or both Nunavut and Nunavik.

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We would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments when it comes to the decisions that the NWMB will make regarding this important shared wildlife resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Peters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Johnny" being more prominent than the last name "Peters".

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