

the Atlantic Cod (Arctic Lakes population) as a species of "special concern". The NWMB requests specific information on additional lakes containing, or believed to contain, members of this species. All written materials must be filed with the NWMB –in English and Inuktitut –by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on **May 7th 2012**. Unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.

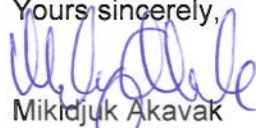
Materials may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the NWMB Hearing for Atlantic Cod (Arctic Lakes population). Delivery of materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB –by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on May 7th 2012 –that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. Materials are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB.

Shortly after the deadline for delivery of the written submissions, the NWMB will consider all of the relevant evidence and arguments filed, and will make a decision whether or not to approve the listing of Atlantic Cod (Arctic Lakes population) as a species of "special concern."

Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive supporting evidence and justifications put forward in your submissions, the more weight they will be given by the NWMB in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement decision-making process.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB website or contact the Board directly.

Yours sincerely,



Mikidjuk Akavak
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c. Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.;
Virginia Poter, Director General, Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service;
Eric Kan, Area-Director-Eastern Arctic Region, Department of Fisheries and Oceans;



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Dear Mr. Akavak:

I am writing to advise you what the Minister is considering with respect to his recommendation to the Governor in Council regarding a listing decision for the Atlantic Cod, Arctic Lakes population on Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*, and to request the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's approval decision. This request is being made in accordance with subsection 3.9 of the Memorandum of Understanding to Harmonize the Designation of Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species Under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and the Listing of Wildlife Species at Risk Under the *Species at Risk Act* (MOU).

In April 2010, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada assessed the Atlantic Cod, Arctic Lakes population as special concern. In accordance with this assessment, the Minister is considering recommending to the Governor in Council that the Atlantic Cod, Arctic Lakes population be added to Schedule 1 of the Act as a species of special concern.

Your response will correspond with subsection 3.14 of the MOU. To help inform your decision, please find attached the following best available information.

1. Excerpt of COSEWIC status report, English and Inuktitut;
2. Response Statement, English and Inuktitut;
3. Consultation Summary, English and Inuktitut;
4. Socio-Economic Analysis, English and Inuktitut; and
5. NWMB information briefing notes presented to the Board last year.

I hope the Board will be able to provide public notice at its March 2012 meeting, with public consideration as per clause 3.13 at its subsequent meeting. The Board would then begin its decision making process immediately thereafter. Please let me know if these timelines are acceptable.



I appreciate the Board's ongoing participation in the species at risk listing process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. Poter', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Virginia Poter
Director General
Canadian Wildlife Service

Enclosures

cc: Sharon Ashley – Director General, Ecosystems Management, Fisheries and
Oceans Canada
Eric Kan, Area Director, Eastern Arctic Area, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Dale Nicholson, Regional Director, Ecosystems Management, Fisheries and
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Ray Ratynski, Regional Manager, Species at Risk, Fisheries and Oceans Canada



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