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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

March 21, 2014

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Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
Government of Canada

Honourable Johnny Mike
Minister of the Environment
Government of Nunavut

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Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

Attima Hadlari – Chairperson
Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife
Board

Wendy Avalak – Chairperson
Ekaluktutiak Hunters and
Trappers Organization

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Written public hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider the proposed Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char commercial fishery.

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has scheduled a written public hearing to consider the proposed Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char commercial fishery. A written public hearing is one in which all submissions are filed in writing, and the hearing does not have an oral component.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the joint Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization-Fisheries and Oceans Canada proposal (Proposal) for NWMB Decision, as well as copies of the Integrated Fisheries Management Plan and the *Rules for the NWMB's Written Public Hearing to consider the proposed Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char Commercial Fishery*. These - along with other documents comprising the best available information to date - are available for review or download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or by contacting the NWMB at the following coordinates:

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
P.O. Box 1379, Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0
Phone: (867) 975-7300
Fax: (888) 421-9832
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Through this letter, the NWMB is extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization-Fisheries and Oceans Canada Proposal, or otherwise regarding concerns with the proposed Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char commercial fishery. All written materials must be filed with the NWMB – in English and Inuktitut by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit time) on April 23, 2014. The requirement for translation at the time of filing is mandatory.

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all submissions and supporting documentation will be placed on the NWMB's website, and will be available for download.

Please take careful note that, 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 the Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Cambridge Bay Arctic Char. 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 April 23, 2014 – 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.

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. 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 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char commercial fishery.

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

Yours sincerely,



Ben Kovic
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Attachments (3)

c.c. Ema Qaggutaq, Regional Coordinator, Kitkmeot Regional Wildlife Board;
Devin Imrie, Acting Director of Fisheries and Sealing, Nunavut Department of Environment;
Larry Dow, Director of Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; and
Jeff Maurice, Fisheries Policy Advisor, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.