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Tammaqtailinahuarniriit anngutighat atuqhugit Inuit qaujimajatuqangillu ilihimaniillu ilitquhiannin Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

October 9th 2014

Honourable Gail Shea Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

Government of Canada

Honourable Johnny Mike Minister of Environment

Government of Nunavut

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Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

James Qillaq Chairperson Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

Manasie Naullag Chairperson Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Organization

David Ingaut Chairperson Igloolik Hunters and Trappers Organization

Dear colleagues,

Re: Notification of a Nunavut Wildlife Management Board pre-hearing teleconference concerning the establishment of a management unit and total allowable harvest for Foxe Basin walrus

On September 15th 2014, during the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM 003-2014), Fisheries and Oceans Canada presented a proposal for NWMB decision (Proposal) to establish a management unit for the Foxe Basin walrus stock and to establish a total allowable harvest for this management unit. The Proposal is attached for your consideration.

The NWMB has decided to hold an in-person public hearing to consider the Proposal and is organizing a pre-hearing teleconference with hearing parties in order to inform hearing preparations. The pre-hearing teleconference will focus on the following points:

 timing/scheduling considerations of the NWMB and parties (e.g. submission) deadlines, location of the hearing).

The pre-hearing teleconference has been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 14th 2014 at 3:00 p.m. (Igaluit time). For those representatives in Igaluit the NWMB will be hosting the teleconference in its Boardroom. The dial-in information is the following:

Teleconference number: 1-866-969-8429

The NWMB requests that you provide <u>confirmation of attendance</u> at the pre-hearing teleconference <u>by no later than Friday, October 10th 2014 at 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit time).</u> Please also inform the NWMB at that time if you require translation services for the call. For logistical reasons, the Board recommends participation in the call by no more than two representatives of each agency.

The NWMB is hopeful that the outcome of the pre-hearing teleconference will be a consensus position on how to move forward.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB

Sincerely,

Ben Kovic Chairperson

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c. Larry Dow, Director of Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Bert Dean, A/Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Janelle Kennedy, A/Director of Fisheries and Sealing, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut; Allison McPhee, Regional Senior Officer, Fisheries Management, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Co-Chair of the Foxe Basin Walrus Working Group; Chris Lewis, Fisheries Management Biologist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Joshua Kango, Co-Chair of the Foxe Basin Walrus Working Group; Paul Irngaut, Wildlife Communications Advisor, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; Jason Mikki, Qikiqtaaluk Regional Coordinator, Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board; and Maha Ghazal, Marine Mammal Advisor, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut

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