



- The NWMB has not yet completed its investigations and consultations into allegations by some members of the fishing industry that the recent hiring of a former member of the Fisheries Advisory Committee by the Baffin Fisheries Coalition is prejudicial to them in the commercial marine fisheries allocation process.

The NWMB is holding its next quarterly in-person meeting during the week of September 12<sup>th</sup> 2011, and is planning to make its decision regarding the proposed roll-over at that time. **Accordingly, you are invited to provide submissions concerning the proposed roll-over, in writing and accompanied by reasons, by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

Written submissions may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the NWMB consideration of a roll-over of 2011 commercial marine fisheries allocations to 2012. Delivery of the submissions may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if you or your organization confirms by phone with the NWMB – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board.

## **2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETING CONSULTATIONS ON, AND REVISIONS TO, THE ALLOCATION POLICY**

In addition, the NWMB would like to receive your views regarding the following proposed schedule to complete the Allocation Policy consultation and revision process:

- (a) The week of September 19<sup>th</sup> 2011, the NWMB provides formal notice to the fishing industry and relevant co-management partners that it is planning a November 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 workshop to consider further revisions to the Allocation Policy, and requests written submissions on specific revisions<sup>1</sup> by October 21<sup>st</sup> 2011;
- (b) Taking into careful account the results of the November workshop, the NWMB prepares draft revisions to the Allocation Policy by no later than the week of January 16<sup>th</sup> 2012, for distribution to, and comment by, all interested parties;
- (c) The NWMB holds a follow-up workshop with the fishing industry and relevant co-management partners on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2012;
- (d) The NWMB considers proposed final revisions to the Allocation Policy at its March 2012 in-person meeting, and approves the revised Allocation Policy at that time; and
- (e) Shortly thereafter, the NWMB publicly issues the Allocation Policy, and proceeds with the commercial marine fisheries allocation process for 2013.

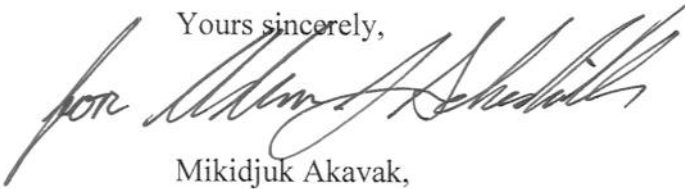
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<sup>1</sup> At the same time as it sends out the notice, the NWMB will provide a list of policy areas where revisions are being contemplated, and that require further consultation and consideration.

**The NWMB requests that you provide your views in writing concerning the above proposed schedule by no later than September 8<sup>th</sup> 2011** - that is, at the same time as all written submissions regarding the 2012 commercial marine fisheries allocations are due.

Should you or your officials have any follow-up questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "for Mikidjuk Akavak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "A".

Mikidjuk Akavak,  
Chairperson of the Nunavut  
Wildlife Management Board

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Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., and  
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