



July 19, 2013

Mr. Manasie Audlakiak
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
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Dear Mr. Audlakiak;

The Northwest Atlantic Fisheries organization (NAFO) Scientific Council has provided the Department with its Total Allowable Catch (TAC) recommendations for Greenland halibut in Division 0A +1AB and Division 0B+1C-F respectively for the 2014 season.

The NAFO Scientific Council recommended that the TAC level for 2014 for Division 0A and Division 1A offshore + Division 1B could be increased to 16,000t from the current 13,000t. The Council considered increasing trends in biomass and Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) indices together with high CPUE and promising incoming year classes for Greenland halibut in Division 0A and Division 1AB.

This stock is shared between Canada and Greenland. Consistent with past practice whereby Canada has claimed a 50% share, a potential increase in the 0A Canadian quota of 1,500t could be anticipated.

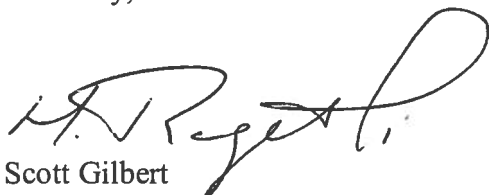
For Division 0B+1C-F, the NAFO Scientific Council recommended that the 2014 TAC remain unchanged from 2013 levels (14,000t).

The Department is seeking the advice of the NWMB on the recommended NAFO TAC for the respective Divisions. Relevant sections of the NAFO Scientific Council report are at page 52-55 and can be found online at the following link:

<http://www.nafo.int/publications/frames/sc-reports-2013.html>

I look forward to hearing from the Board on this matter by September 2, 2013. Your earliest response is appreciated to assist in allowing time for any required follow up discussions and timely opening of the fishery. I can be reached at scott.gilbert@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Gilbert", written in a cursive style.

per Scott Gilbert
A/Regional Director
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