



8 May 2015

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
Box 1379
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Attention: Ben Kovic, Chairperson

Dear Mr. Kovic:

Re: Final Decisions, Kingnait Char Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) and Basic Needs Level (BNL)

In the Board's September 2, 2011 letter to the Minister of Fisheries concerning this proceeding, the Board set aside further time for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) to try to resolve the issue of BNL calculation, on which DFO and NTI had disagreed despite the Board having commissioned an independent legal opinion on the question.

In the period since, the Board has continued to delay its final decisions provided that "significant progress" is shown in the parties' efforts. As you are aware, NTI devoted considerable time and resources to resolving this issue in the context of broader management initiatives, foremost among these the long-standing project to develop Nunavut Fisheries Regulations.

In the light of the Minister of Fisheries' letter to NTI dated March 2, 2015 regarding Nunavut Fisheries Regulations, NTI requests that, at the first opportunity, the Board complete reconsidering its BNL and TAH decisions and forward final decisions to the Minister for acceptance, disallowance or variation under s. 5.3.13 of the Nunavut Agreement. In NTI's view, this step will encourage significant progress to resume on the NFR file, or enable other means of resolving the issues at stake to be pursued. Either result will be a step forward.

NTI wishes to thank the Board for its constructive efforts to promote resolution of this issue.

Sincerely,



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