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July 28, 2020

Hon. Joe Savikataaq Minister of Environment, Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq:

Re: NWMB Decision on the Government of Nunavut's Proposal to Establish an Interim Total Allowable Harvest for the Dolphin Union Caribou Herd

NWMB Decision

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Internal In-Camera Meeting (INT005-2020), on July 13, 2020, the Board considered your department's request that the NWMB establish a Total Allowable Harvest of 42 caribou for the Dolphin and Union Caribou herd as an "interim decision for urgent and unusual circumstances, as outlined in section 5.3.24 of the *Nunavut Agreement*." Furthermore, your request is to have a Board decision made in time "for implementation prior to the start of harvesting in the Fall of 2020."

The Board made the following decision:

RESOLVED, that the Board inform the Government of Nunavut that the Board will review the matter should the Government of Nunavut use its Nunavut Agreement section 5.3.24 authority to establish an interim Total Allowable Harvest for the Dolphin and Union caribou herd.

Reasons for the NWMB's Decision

The NWMB takes seriously the results of the 2018 population survey and traditional knowledge survey by researchers from the University of Calgary, and previous studies, that show that the Dolphin and Union caribou population continues to drastically decline. Indeed, science data suggests that the population has declined severely over the last twenty years and there is no sign of a rapid recovery. Your department's consideration to establish a Total Allowable Harvest of 42 caribou is intended to reduce the risk of further decline "while consultations are being completed, and until new information becomes available." As per the *Nunavut Agreement* section 5.3.24, the power to make and implement interim management decisions lies with the Government of Nunavut. Should the Minister decide to make and implement a Nunavut Agreement pursuant to section 5.3.24, the NWMB is mandated to, and will, review the Minister's (or the Minister's delegate)

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decision as soon as practicable thereafter.

Other Considerations

The Board understands that on June 18, 2020, the Government of Nunavut held a teleconference with co-management partners to discuss the proposed management recommendation and to receive feedback and plans to conduct in-person consultation as soon as possible. The Board also understands that the Government of Nunavut intended to conduct in-person consultation in the spring of 2020 but was unable to conduct consultations because of travel restrictions in place due to COVID-19. On this matter, the NWMB considered that before the Board can make a decision on the management of Dolphin Union caribou it will require a reasonable detailed summary of relevant consultations with affected Inuit, including the results of the consultation and what, if any, accommodations were made. On this case, the Board was not able to make a decision without consultation with affected Inuit.

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

Sincerely,

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