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 Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

October 21, 2013

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 Minister of the Environment  
 Government of Canada

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 and Kivalliq Hunters and  
 Trappers Organizations

Dear Colleagues:

**Re: Written public hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider the proposed listing of grizzly bear – Western population as special concern under the *Species at Risk Act*.**

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has scheduled a written public hearing to consider the proposed listing of grizzly bear – Western population as special concern under the *Species at Risk Act*. A written public hearing is one in which all submissions and supporting documentation are filed in writing, and the hearing does not have an oral component.

Attached to this letter is a copy of Environment Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service’s *Proposal for NWMB Decision* (Proposal) on the proposed listing of grizzly bear – Western population as Special Concern under the *Species at Risk Act*. Also attached are the *Rules for the NWMB’s Written Hearing to consider the proposed listing of grizzly bear – Western population as special concern under the Species at Risk Act* (hearing rules). The Environment Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service Proposal and hearing rules – along with a number of additional documents comprising the best available information compiled to date – are also available for download from the NWMB’s website ([www.nwmb.com](http://www.nwmb.com)), or by contacting the Board at the following coordinates:

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
 P.O. Box 1379, Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0  
 Phone: (867) 975-7300  
 Fax: (888) 421-9832  
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**Through this letter, the NWMB is extending an invitation to your department or organization to provide written submissions and supporting documentation in response to the Environment Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service Proposal, or otherwise regarding the proposed listing of**

**grizzly bear – Western population as Special Concern under the *Species at Risk Act*. All written materials must be filed with the NWMB – in English and Inuktitut – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. The requirement for translation at the time of filing is mandatory.**

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all submissions and supporting documentation will be placed on the NWMB's website, and will be available for download.

**Please take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Board for late filing, the NWMB will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.**

Materials may be filed with the Board in person, by courier or by mail. They should be clearly marked as pertaining to the *NWMB Written Hearing to consider the proposed listing of grizzly bear – Western population as Special Concern under the Species at Risk Act*. Delivery of materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit Time) on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the Board. Materials are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB.

Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive supporting evidence and justifications are for your submissions, the more weight those submissions will be given by the NWMB in the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* decision-making process. After the deadline for delivery of the written submissions, the NWMB will consider all of the filed relevant evidence and arguments, will make a decision, and will forward that decision to the Government of Canada Minister of Environment.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB website or to contact the Board directly.

Yours sincerely,



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A/Chairperson of the  
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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