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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board written public hearing concerning the method for determining 2015 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Nunavut Board) and the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB or Nunavik Board) are contacting you to obtain

your input – if you wish to provide it – into the Boards’ joint written public hearing on the 2015 total allowable catch levels for Northern (*Pandalus borealis*) and Striped (*P. montagui*) shrimp in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones.

In presentations to the Nunavut and Nunavik Boards at their respective December 2014 meetings, Fisheries and Oceans Canada submitted a briefing note (attached) requesting decisions and recommendations from the Boards on the total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp for the 2015/2016 fishing season. To avoid delays in these decisions and recommendations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada has proposed options for a method to determine the total allowable catch prior to the availability of updated scientific information for these shrimp stocks. Fisheries and Oceans Canada is also seeking the Boards’ recommendations on the definition of a “precipitous change” in the fishable biomass. Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s Proposal for Decision (Proposal) – along with other documents comprising the best available information to date – are available for download and review from the NWMB’s website (www.nwmb.com) or by contacting the NWMB at the coordinates set out at the end of this letter.

The Nunavut and Nunavik Boards are holding a joint written public hearing to consider the method for determining the 2015 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones. All recipients of this letter (or the organization they represent) are invited to provide written submissions to both of the Boards – duly translated into Inuktitut or English – with respect to Fisheries and Oceans Canada’s Proposal and, more generally, the Boards’ recommendations and decisions concerning Northern and Striped shrimp total allowable catch. **The filing deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit/Inukjuak time) on February 6th 2015.**

All submissions to the written public hearing should be submitted to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (for administrative purposes; contact information below).

Submissions should be clearly marked as pertaining to the “*NWMB-NMRWB considerations of the 2015 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp*”. All submissions must be submitted in both English and Inuktitut. 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. (Iqaluit/Inukjuak time) on February 6th 2015 – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the NWMB. Documents are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB. Unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Boards for late filing, the Boards will not consider submissions that are not filed on time.

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 keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive supporting evidence and justification put forward in your submissions, the more weight they will be given by the two Boards in their respective *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and *Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement* decision-making processes.

Following the written public hearing deadline, the Nunavut and Nunavik Boards will make their respective decisions and forward them to the Minister pursuant to *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* Section 5.3.17 and *Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement* Section 5.5.7.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com), or to contact the Boards directly at their coordinates:

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