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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

December 23rd 2014

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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Written public hearing of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board concerning the Proposed Sirmilik National Park Management Plan and associated harvest restriction and non-quota limitation for park visitors

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) has scheduled a written public hearing to consider the proposed Sirmilik National Park of Canada Management Plan (Management Plan). Section 8.4 of the Management Plan proposes a harvest restriction and non-quota limitation on recreational fishing by non-beneficiary park visitors:

- Catch and possession limits of four (4) fish per day per person; and
- The closure of freshwater lakes, rivers, and streams within 10 km of Goose Camp 1 to fishing by researchers and visitors until information is available on fish populations and whether it can sustain recreational fishing.

Therefore, the NWMB will also be considering the above harvest restriction and non-quota limitation during its decision-making process for the Management Plan.

A written public hearing is one in which all submissions are filed in writing, and the hearing does not have an oral component. Attached to this letter is a copy of Parks Canada's *Proposal for NWMB Decision* (Proposal), as well as copies of the Management Plan and the Rules for the NWMB hearing. These – along with a number of other documents comprising the best available information to date – are available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com) or by contacting the NWMB at the following coordinates:

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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 Parks Canada's Proposal, or otherwise regarding concerns with the proposed Management Plan, including the harvest restriction and non-quota limitation for non-beneficiary park visitors contained in the plan. All written submissions and supporting documentation must be filed with the NWMB, in Inuktitut and English, by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit time) on February 13th, 2015. The requirement for translation at the time of filing is mandatory.

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

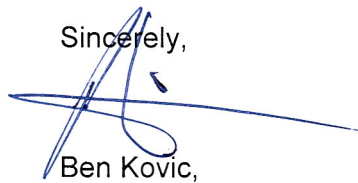
Please take careful note that, unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the NWMB for late filing, the Board will not consider materials for this hearing that are not filed on time.

Initial submissions and their supporting documentation 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 for Sirmilik National Park Management Plan*. Delivery of the materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms by phone with the NWMB - prior to the filing deadline - 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 submissions and supporting documentation are, the more weight they 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 relevant evidence and arguments filed, and will make a decision whether or not to approve the Sirmilik National Park of Canada Management Plan.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Kovic', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ben Kovic,
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

C.c. Nancy Anilniliak, Field Unit Superintendent, Nunavut Field Unit, Parks Canada;
Paul Irngaut, Director of Wildlife, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated;
Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife, Government of Nunavut, Department of
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