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Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
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November 17, 2016

Re: Narwhal Total Allowable Landed Catch Written Hearing

This is in response to Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) call for written hearing announced September 30th, 2016 for proposed total allowable landed catch increase 4 summering stocks (Somerset, Smith Sound, Jones Sound and East Baffin Bay).

After consulting with the effected communities and encouragement to provide a written submissions of their opinion. Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB) has no objections but support of the proposed increase for Narwhal Total Land Catch for Somerset Island, Smith Sound, Jones Sound and East Baffin Bay summering stocks.

Struck and Lost Rate Modeling:

With the amount of increase being proposed for consideration, QWB requests Department of Fisheries provide a clear explanation how it effects the TALC and further explain why this is necessary with their modeling. QWB's position is to maximize Inuit harvest instead of having a computer model dictate how much removal is required before an actual harvesting, as annual harvest fluctuates based on weather, ice conditions and migration of narwhals.

Sincerely

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James Qillaq, Chairman
Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board



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