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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

June 30th 2014

The Honourable Gail Shea
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
15th Floor, Centennial Towers
200 Kent Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Shea:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board decision to approve the Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for the Cambridge Bay Arctic char commercial fishery

On January 27th 2014, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) received a joint request from Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Ekaluktutiak (Cambridge Bay) Hunters and Trappers Organization to approve a new Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (Management Plan) for the Cambridge Bay Arctic char commercial fishery, in accordance with *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* Section 5.2.34(d)(i). This request for decision was considered by the NWMB at its In-Camera Meeting (IC002-2014) on February 24th 2014 in Iqaluit, where the Board made the following decision:

RESOLVED that the Board hold a written hearing for the approval of the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char commercial fishery Integrated Fishery Management Plan.

The NWMB felt that, given the request was a joint initiative between government and affected Inuit, a written hearing would suffice in allowing co-management partners and stakeholders to provide formal written input on the Management Plan. However, the Board did not receive any submissions to its written hearing.

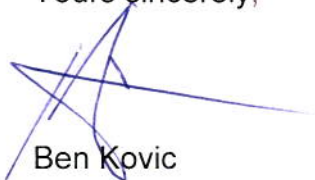
The NWMB considered the approval of the Management Plan at its In-Camera Meeting (IC008-2014) on June 15th 2014 in Cambridge Bay, and made the following decision:

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(d)(i) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the NWMB approve the 2014 "Integrated Fisheries Management Plan – Cambridge Bay Arctic Char Commercial Fishery, Nunavut Settlement Area".

The Board was satisfied that a high level of community participation was achieved in the development of the Management Plan. Representatives from the local Hunters and Trappers Organization, community harvesters and elders were included in the working group responsible for the Plan's development and frequent public consultations were undertaken throughout the development process. Additionally, the Management Plan does not propose any changes to commercial harvest levels and the most recent scientific information from Fisheries and Oceans Canada indicates that these levels are sustainable.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the Board's decision, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ben Kovic', written over a horizontal line.

Ben Kovic
Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board