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Mr. James T. Arreak
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Dear Mr. Arreak:

Thank you for your correspondence of April 20, 2017, concerning the written public hearing process currently being undertaken by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) related to commercial fishing at Lauchlan River, NU.

As you are aware, an Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) for the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char Commercial Fishery in the Nunavut Settlement Area was established in 2014 (which Lauchlan River is a part of), which identifies the main objectives and requirements for the commercial fishery, as well as the management measures that will be used to achieve these objectives. It is my understanding that the issue being considered by NWMB reflects the co-management approach identified in the IFMP.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is committed to working with Inuit, co-management organizations, industry and stakeholders to demonstrate the effective sustainable management of the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char Commercial Fishery and facilitate the desired economic opportunities consistent with the *Nunavut Agreement*. Given the timelines identified in your letter, I have requested regional DFO Fisheries Management staff arrange a meeting with NTI to discuss the management of the Cambridge Bay Arctic Char commercial fishery. A number of the other topics identified in your letter are on the agenda at the upcoming Canada-Nunavut Cooperation Committee and I look forward to receiving a detailed brief from my DFO colleagues on the discussions that took place during the meeting.

Sincerely,

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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