

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) and the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB, collectively the "the Boards") are hereby inviting you to participate in a Joint Written Public Hearing by providing input on the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) levels for northern (*Pandalus borealis*) and striped shrimp (*P. montagui*) in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones for the 2021/2022 fishing season.

On March 11, 2021, during the NWMB In-Camera meeting (IC001-2021) and on March 25, 2021, during the NMRWB In-Camera meeting (#50), the Boards considered a Proposal for Decision (Proposal) from Fisheries and Oceans Canada concerning the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and TAC distribution for northern shrimp and striped shrimp for the 2021/2022 fishing season in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones. The Proposal also requests decisions from the Boards on the continuation of the practice whereby both northern and striped shrimp allocations in Nunavut-West and Nunavik-West, and the Nunavut-East and Nunavik-East, may be harvested in either management unit, regardless of land claim boundaries. The Boards carefully considered Fisheries and Oceans Canada's request for decision and decided to hold a Joint Written Public Hearing. A written public hearing is one in which all submissions are filed in writing and does not have an oral component.

The Proposal, along with additional documents, is available for download from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com) or by contacting the NWMB or the NMRWB using the contact information below.

To ensure that submissions include the most relevant information, the Boards encourages parties to focus their written submissions on the issues identified in the Hearing Purpose and Rules document (Appendix 1). Attached to this letter is a copy of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Proposal (Appendix 2), An addendum to the Proposal submitted by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Appendix 3), and a summary of stakeholder views from Northern shrimp Advisory Committee meeting (Appendix 4).

All written materials must be filed with the NWMB and the NMRWB - in Inuktitut and English - by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit/Nunavik time) April 30, 2021. The requirement for translation at the time of filing is mandatory. All submissions and supporting documentation should be submitted to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (for administrative purposes; contact information below) in person, by courier or by mail. Submissions should be marked as pertaining to the NWMB- NMRWB joint written public hearing to consider the Total Allowable Catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp for the 2021/2022 fishing season. Delivery of materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms with the NWMB and/ or the NMRWB - 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 or NMRWB. Please take careful note that unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Boards for late filing, the NWMB and NMRWB will not consider materials for this hearing 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 (note that any submissions sent to the NMRWB will be forwarded to the NWMB for this purpose) and available for download. 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 Boards in their respective *Nunavut Agreement* and *Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement* decision-making processes.

After the deadline for delivery of written submissions, the NWMB and NMRWB will consider all of the relevant evidence and arguments filed and will make their respective decisions and recommendations. Prior to forwarding the decisions and recommendations to the Minister, the Boards will share their respective decisions and recommendations with each other to ensure they are not incompatible. The respective decisions and recommendations of the Boards will simultaneously be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans Canada pursuant to Section 5.3.17 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and Section 5.5.7 of the *Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement*.

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

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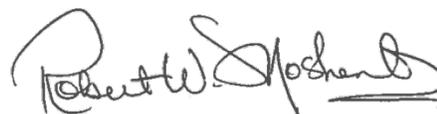
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Appendices (4)

1. **Appendix 1.** Rules and Purpose for the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavik Marine Wildlife Boards' Joint Written Public Hearing
2. **Appendix 2.** Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Submission for Decision
3. **Appendix 3.** Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Addendum to Submission for Decision
4. **Appendix 4.** Summary of Stakeholder Views from Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee Meeting