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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board Written Public Hearing to Consider the 2019/20 Total Allowable Catch Levels for Northern and Striped Shrimp

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) and the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB, collectively the "the Boards") are inviting you to take part in a joint written hearing by providing input, if you wish to provide it, on the 2019/20 Total

Allowable Catch (TAC) levels for Northern (*Pandalus borealis*) and Striped shrimp (*P. montagui*) in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones. On March 8, 2019, during the NWMB In-Camera meeting (IC001-2019) in Iqaluit, and the NMRWB In-Camera meeting (#42) in Montreal, the Boards considered a Proposal for Decision (Proposal) from Fisheries and Oceans Canada concerning the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) levels for Northern shrimp and Striped shrimp for the 2019/20 season. The Boards' decisions were 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 also requests decisions from NWMB and NMRWB about the sharing arrangements for shrimp between management units in the Nunavut Settlement Area and the Nunavik Marine Region, and recommendations on distribution of Eastern Assessment Zone (EAZ) TAC between the Nunavut/Nunavik (NU/NK) East and offshore Davis Strait management units. The Proposal, along with additional documents comprising the best available information to date, are available for download and review from the NWMB's website (www.nwmb.com) or by contacting the NWMB at the contact information set out at the end of this letter. Attached to this letter is a copy of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Proposal and Proposal Addendum, and the Rules for the NWMB and NMRWB's joint written public hearing to consider the 2019/20 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp.

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) on May 15, 2019**. 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 clearly marked as pertaining to the NWMB-NMRWB joint written public hearing to consider the 2019/20 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp.** Delivery of materials may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if your department or organization confirms 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 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 and will be 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 two 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 concerning the 2019/20 total allowable catch levels for Northern and Striped shrimp in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones, the sharing arrangements for shrimp between management units in the Nunavut Settlement Area and Nunavik Marine Region, and recommendations on distribution of EAZ TAC between the NU/NK East and offshore Davis Strait management units, which will be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard 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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Sincerely,



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Attachments (4)

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Submission for Decision
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Addendum to Submission for Decision
- Summary of Stakeholder Views from 2019 Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee Meeting
- Rules for the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavik Marine Wildlife Boards' Joint Written Public Hearing to Consider the 2019/20 Total Allowable Catch Levels for Northern and Striped Shrimp

c.c. Larry Dow, Director of Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
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