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Subject: Support for the Request to Extend the Beluga Management System – 2025 Public Hearing Submission

To the Members of the Eeyou Marine Region and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Boards,

On behalf of the Regional Cree Trappers' Association (CTA), we write to express our full support for Anguvigaq's request to extend the current beluga management system until January 31, 2027. We recognize and respect the important work being undertaken to reassess and redesign management approaches that are reflective of Inuit realities and values.

As a sister organization representing Cree harvesters in Eeyou Istchee, the CTA understands the importance of co-developing wildlife management systems that are grounded in Indigenous knowledge, responsive to local needs, and built through partnership with communities. The beluga holds deep cultural significance for Inuit hunters, and any long-term management framework must be developed with that truth at its core.

We thank the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board and Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board for facilitating this important dialogue and for your ongoing commitment to Indigenous-led wildlife stewardship across the region.

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