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Electronic submission to info@nmrwb.ca

Mr. Iola Metuq, Chairperson
Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board
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Re: Modification of season-bridging protocols for Nunavut and Nunavik shrimp allocations in the Eastern Assessment Zone (Shrimp Season Bridging 2026)

Makivvik appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board during this two-week written public hearing which consider the Fisheries and Oceans Canada's proposal on modification of season-bridging protocols for Nunavut and Nunavik shrimp allocations in the Eastern Assessment Zone (EAZ) (the "**Shrimp Season Bridging 2026**").

We support DFO's recommendations to modify the Shrimp Season Bridging 2026 while increasing carry-forward provisions and removing harvest deadlines for the 2026–2027 fishing season. These measures are practical, reasonable, and aligned with the operational realities of our historic northern shrimp fishery, where weather, ice conditions, vessel availability, and logistical constraints often limit the ability to fully harvest within a single season the allocations we receive on behalf of the Nunavik Inuit.

As acknowledged in DFO's submission, Makivvik previously requested additional season-bridging flexibility on January 13, 2026. At that time, based on operational constraints during the 2025–2026 season, we identified a total of approximately 201.6 tons (t) of Nunavik allocation to be carried forward into the next season (142.2 t in Davis Strait and 59.4 t in Nunavik East). This clearly demonstrates the need for increased flexibility to ensure that allocations are effectively utilized in the respect of the land claims agreement objectives, for the benefit of our Nunavik Inuit members' interests.

Under the Shrimp Season Bridging 2026, we consider that the proposed increase from 20t to 200t to the carry-forward limits, and the removal of restrictive harvest deadlines, will:

- Improve access and utilization of Nunavik fishing allocations;
- Reduce unnecessary forfeiture of quota due to factors beyond industry control;
- Enhance economic returns and stability for Nunavik communities;
- Better reflect the realities of fishing operations in Arctic and sub-Arctic environments;
- Be consistent with a wildlife co-management system that duly fosters long-term economic interests of Nunavik Inuit.

In light of the above, Makivvik supports DFO's Shrimp Season Bridging 2026 proposal as submitted and welcomes any positive recommendation and decision the wildlife co-management system may issue accordingly.

Sincerely,

FOR MAKIVVIK

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. Moorhouse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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