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Written Hearing Rules

Listing of the Short-billed dowitcher and the Snowy owl as “Threatened” Species under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA)

THE PURPOSE: The Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) and the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board (“EMRWB”) (jointly “the Boards”) are holding a written Public Hearing to consider the request from Environment and Climate Change Canada on the designation of the Short-billed dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus hendersoni/griseus*) and the Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) as “Threatened” under the federal Species at Risk Act (“SARA”), in accordance with their respective authorities under s. 5.2.4(f) of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (“NILCA”), s. 13.2.2 (f) of the Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement (“EMRLCA”), and Part IV of the Agreement relating to the Cree/Inuit Offshore Overlapping Interest Area. More information is available on the hearing webpage nmrwb.ca/snow_sbdo_listing_2026-hearing/.

These rules have been developed for this Hearing to ensure a timely and effective process and to ensure the Boards have the best available information before issuing their decisions on the matter, and so that parties can meaningfully participate in the process.

HEARING RULES:

- 1) The Rules herein are in application for the duration of this hearing.
- 2) The Boards may at any time suspend or amend these Rules in order to ensure procedural fairness and the efficient and just fulfillment of their mandates.
- 3) This Written Public Hearing shall include a period to provide comments in writing to the Boards.
- 4) Hearing Registry and the Hearing Record:
 - a) The Boards shall ensure that all materials filed with them or produced by them are made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy obligations.

- 5) Participants with Full Party Status have the right to participate, as outlined in these Rules.
- 6) Applications for Party Status:
 - a) Organizations or individuals not already recognized as a Party, but who wish to participate in this Public Hearing as a Party can apply for Party status by completing the FORM 1 (attached by email and/or available on the hearing webpage).
 - b) The decision to grant additional organizations or individuals Party status is the sole discretion of the Boards, as is the level and scope of participation permitted to additional Parties.
- 7) Parties will have an opportunity to provide the Boards with a summary of their position and their opinion on what they think the Boards should decide on the issue during the comment period.
- 8) The Boards will not accept late filing of applications, documents, or comments unless the Party provides persuasive written reasons explaining the late filing to the Boards and the Boards deem the reasons for late filing to be acceptable.
 - i) For greater clarity, the Boards will not accept any additional information or material following the closing of the Public Hearing.
 - b) **Translation:** Parties may provide material in English, French, Inuktitut, or Cree. For material filed in French, Inuktitut, or Cree, an English translation is required. For material filed in French or English, an Inuktitut and Cree translation is required.
 - i) The requirement for translation does not apply in the following circumstances:
 - For material filed by individual Nunavik Inuk or Eeyou Istchee Cree;
 - ii) For all other Parties who file documentation with the Boards, the requirement for translation does not apply to such documents over ten (10) pages in length as long as each document that is not translated is accompanied by a concise, translated summary (English and Inuktitut) at least two (2) pages in length.
- 9) The Boards will conduct all decision-making meetings and deliberations on the matter following the close of the hearing. The initial decisions of the Boards are not to be made public until the relevant Ministers have responded. Therefore, decision-making meetings are to be conducted by way of an *in-camera* meeting and are not open to the

public. However, in accordance with s. 5.2.2 of the NILCA and s. 13,1,2 of the EMRLCA, Makivvik, the Cree Nation Government and the Governments of Canada and Nunavut have the right to have technical advisors attend decision-making meetings as non-voting observers.

- 10)** Although the process is being conducted jointly, the NMRWB and the EMRWB will independently exercise their respective authorities under the respective Land Claims Agreement. However, for the Joint Zone, as defined in the Cree/Inuit Offshore Overlap agreement, the NMRWB and the EMRWB will jointly and equally exercise their authority. Further, within the Inuit Zone, the Cree Nation government-appointed member will sit and decide with the NMRWB, and for the Cree Zone, the Makivvik-appointed member will sit and decide with the EMRWB.