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ᐱᔾᔪᑎᖓ: ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔩᑦᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑕ ᑐᑭᓵᑎᒥᓂᖓᓂᒃ ᐱᔾᔪᑎᖓ ᑲᖏᖅᑑᒑᐱᒻᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᑦᑐᓕᕆᔨᖏᑕ ᐊᒥᓱᙳᐃᒋᐊᕐᑯᔨᓂᖓᑦ ᐃᖃᓗᐸᑕᐅᕙᑦᑐᓂᒃ ᑮᓇᐅᔾᔭᐅᕋᓱᐊᕈᑕᐅᓂᐊᖅᑐᓂᒃ Sam Ford Fiord ᐃᖃᓗᐱᖕᒋᓐᓂᒃ ᐅᕐᑯᒪᐃᓐᓂᖏᑦ 4,500 ᑭᓗᒎᓪ 9,000ᑭᓗᒎᓪᓗᑦ

ᓯᑦᑕᕙ 2017–ᒥ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔩᑦᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᑐᐃᓐᓇᐅᑎᓪᓗᒍ ᑲᑎᒪᑎᓪᓗᒋᑦ (RM 003-2017), ᐃᖃᓗᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓪᓗ ᑲᓇᑕᒥ (DFO)–ᑯᑦ ᐅᓂᒃᑳᖅᓯᑎᒃ ᑐᑭᓵᑕᐅᕐᑯᔭᒥᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᒥᓱᙱᐃᒋᐊᕐᑯᔨᓪᓗᑎᒃ ᐃᖃᓗᒃᐱᑦᑕᐅᕙᑦᑐᓂᒃ ᑮᓇᐅᔾᔭᐅᕈᑕᐅᒐᓱᐊᖅᓯᑎᒃ ᑰᑦᑲᖅᑎᑕᐅᓪᓗᓂ Sam Ford Fiord ᐃᖃᓗᐱᖕᒋᓐᓂᒃ ᑖᒃᑯᓄᖓ ᑲᖏᖅᑑᒑᐱᒻᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᑦᑐᓕᕆᔨᓄᑦ ᐅᕐᑯᒪᐃᓐᓂᖏᑦ 4,500 ᑭᓗᒎᓪ 9,000ᑭᓗᒎᓪᓗᑦ. ᐃᖃᓗᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓪᓗ ᑲᓇᑕᒥ ᐅᖃᖅᓯᒪᔪᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖅᑕᐅᓚᐅᖅᓯᒪᙱᑦᑎᐊᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐃᖃᓗᐲᑦ Sam Ford Fiord–ᒦᑦᑐᑦ. ᐃᖃᓗᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓪᓗ ᑲᓇᑕᒥ ᐅᓂᒃᑳᖓ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᖅᓯᖃᓯᐅᑎᓐᓂᕐᒥᔪᖅ ᑰᑦᑲᖅᑎᑕᐅᓂᖓ ᐃᖃᓗᐲᑦ Sam Ford Fiord–ᒥ ᐊᒥᓱᖑᓇᐊᖅᑕᐅᓯᒪᔪᑦ ᐅᕙᖓᑦ 3,600 ᑭᓗᒎᓪ 5,500 ᑭᓗᒎᓪᓗᑦ ᐊᑯᓐᓂᖓᓂ 1981 ᐊᒻᒪ 2017 ᐊᕐᕌᒎᑦ. ᐃᖃᓗᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓪᓗ ᑲᓇᑕᒥ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᖃᖅᓯᐅᑎᓂᕐᒥᔪᑦ ᐃᓚᒋᐊᖅᑕᐅᑉᐸᑦ ᑰᑦᑲᖅᑎᑕᐅᓂᖅ 9,000 ᑭᓗᒎᓪᓗᑦ ᐃᓄᐃᓴᓪᓛᑐᐃᓐᓇᓇᐊᖅᑲᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᐃᑲᔪᖅᑐᐃᔾᔮᕆᑎᓪᓗ ᑰᑦᒥᒃ ᐊᒥᓱᙳᐃᒋᐊᕈᑕᐅᒍᒪᔪᒥᒃ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖅᑕᐅᓯᐊᓚᐅᙱᓐᓂᖏᓐᓂ ᑲᑎᖅᓱᖅᑕᐅᕆᐊᓖᓪᓗ ᑲᑎᖅᓱᖅᑕᐅᓚᐅᙱᓐᓂᖏᓐᓂ ᑖᒃᑯᐊ ᐱᓪᓗᒋᑦ ᐃᖃᓗᐲᑦ. ᐱᐊᓯᐅᑎᓪᓗᒍ, ᓄᑖᒥᒃ ᑐᓴᕋᕐᒥᒃ ᐃᓄᐃᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᒪᔭᑐᖃᖅᑎᒍᑦ ᑖᒃᑯᐊ ᐃᖃᓗᐲᑦ ᒥᒃᓵᓄᑦ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᖃᖅᑲᖅᓯᐅᑎᓚᐅᑎᒃ ᑑᒃᓯᒨᕐᒐ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᐅᑎᒥᓐᓄᑦ.

ᐊᑯᓐᓂᖓᓂ ᓯᑦᑕᕙ 2017 ᐊᒻᒪ ᔭᓐᓄᐊᓕ 2018, ᑐᓴᕆᐊᒃᑲᓂᕈᑎᖕᓯᒥᒃ ᐅᑯᓇᖕᒐᑦ ᐱᔪᖅᑐᒥᓂᖅ ᐃᖃᓗᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓪᓗ ᑲᓇᑕᒥ ᐊᒻᒪ ᑲᖏᖅᑑᒑᐱᒻᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᑦᑐᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓐᓂᒃ:

- ᑮᓇᐅᔾᔭᓕᐅᕈᑕᐅᓂᐊᕐᓗᓂ ᐃᖃᓗᐱᓂᐊᕐᓂᐅᑉ ᑰᑦᑲᖅᑎᑕᐅᓂᖓ Sam Ford Fiord–ᒥ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᖅᑕᒥᓂᖅ ᐅᑯᒪᐃᓐᓂᖏᑦ 5,500 ᑭᓗᒍᓗᓂ 4,500 ᑭᓗᒎᙳᖏᓪᓗᓂ, ᒪᓕᓪᓗᒍ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔩᑦᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑕ ᑐᑭᓵᑎᒥᓂᖓ 1999–ᖑᑎᓪᓗᒍ; 1,000 ᑭᓗᒎᓪᓂᒃ ᐅᕐᑯᒪᐃᓐᓂᖅᓴᖅ ᑐᑭᓯᐅᒪᔭᐅᔪᒥᒃ;
- ᐃᖃᓗᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓪᓗ ᑲᓇᑕᒥ ᐋᖅᑭᒋᐊᕆᓛᕐᓂᐊᕐᓂᖅᑐᒥᓃᑦ ᑰᑦᑲᖅᑎᑕᐅᒍᑎᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐃᖃᓗᐲᑦ Sam Ford Fiord–ᒥ ᐃᒪᐃᓕᖓᓕᕐᓗᓂ 5,500 ᑭᓗᒎᓪ ᐋᖅᑭᑦᑕᐅᓯᒪᔪᖅ ᑕᓪᓕᒪᖓᓂ ᓄᓇᖠᐊᑉ ᐃᖃᓗᓕᕆᓂᕐᓗᑦ ᒪᓕᒐᖓᓂ ᐊᕐᕌᒍᒥ 2018–ᒥ ᐃᖃᓗᐱᒐᓱᐊᕐᓇᐅᓕᖅᐸᑦ;n;
- ᐃᖃᓗᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓪᓗ ᑲᓇᑕᒥ ᐱᕕᖃᖅᑎᑦᓯᓂᐊᖅᑐᑦ ᐃᓕᓐᓂᐊᓂᕐᒥᒃ ᑕᒪᑐᒥᖓᓕᖓᔪᔪᑦ, ᓱᓇᒃᑯᑖᓂᒃ ᐊᑐᐃᓐᓇᐅᑎᓯᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᑐᖅᑕᐅᒐᔭᖅᑐᓂᒃ, ᐃᓚᖓᐃᖃᑦᑕᕐᓗᑎᒃ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᐅᑎᒋᓂᐊᖅᑕᒥᓐᓂᒃ, ᖃᐅᔨᓴᕐᓂᖅ, ᐊᒻᒪ ᑳᓐᑐᕌᒃᑯᑦ ᐱᓕᕆᖃᑎᖃᕐᓗᑎᒃ ᑲᖏᖅᑑᒑᐱᒻᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᑦᑐᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᔪᓯᑎᓐᓂᐊᕐᓗᒍ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᕐᓂᖅ ᐃᖃᓗᐲᑦ ᐊᒥᓲᓂᖓᓐᓂᒃ; ᐊᒻᒪ
- ᑲᖏᖅᑑᒑᐱᒻᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᑦᑐᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᓐᓂᒃ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔩᑦᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᔪᓯᒋᐊᕐᑯᔨᔪᑦ ᑐᑭᓵᑕᐅᕐᑯᔨᔪᑎᒥᓐᓂᒃ ᒫᓐᓇᐅᔪᖅ ᓯᕗᓪᓕᕐᒥ ᑐᒃᓯᕌᒥᕐᓂᕐᓄᑦ ᐊᒥᓱᙳᐃᒋᐊᖅᑕᐅᕐᑯᔨᓂᖓᑦ 9,000 ᑭᑭᓚᒎᓪᓗᑦ ᒪᓕᓪᓗᒋᑦ ᑐᓴᖅᑕᐅᕋᑖᖅᑐᑦ.

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ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐆᒪᔾᔭᓕᕆᔨᕐᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑕ ᐃᓱᒪᒃᓴᖅᓯᐅᕈᑎᒥᓂᖓᑦ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᐅᑎᒥᓂᖓᑦ ᑲᖏᖅᑐᒫᐱᒻᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᑦᑐᓕᕆᔾᔪᑦ ᒪᑐᓯᒪᔪᒥ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᖅᑲᖅᑎᓪᓗᒋᑦ (IC001-2018) ᒦᓯ 8, 2018–ᖑᑎᓪᓗᒍ ᑲᔪᓯᑎᑕᒥᓂᐅᓪᓗᑎᒃ ᐅᓇ ᐱᖁᔨᕗᖓᑮᑦ:

ᐋᖅᑭᑦᑕᐅᔪᖅ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᕐᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ ᐊᖏᕈᑎᖃᖅᖏᑦᑐᑦ ᐊᒥᓱᙳᓇᐊᖅᑕᐅᖁᔭᐅᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ Sam Ford Fiord–ᒥ ᐃᖃᓗᒃᐱᑦᑕᐅᒍᓐᓇᖅᑐᑦ ᐅᖁᒪᐃᓐᓂᓖᑦ 9,000 ᑭᓛᒍᕌᒨᑦ ᐅᖁᒪᐃᓪᓕᕆᐊᖅᑕᐅᖁᔭᑦ ᑲᖏᖅᑐᒫᐱᐊᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᑦᑐᓕᕆᔾᔪᑎᖏᓐᓄᑦ (HTO).

ᐱᔾᔪᑕᐅᔪᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦ ᑐᑭᑖᕈᑎᖓᓄᑦ ᐅᑯᐊᖑᓪᓗᑎᒃ:

(i) ᓄᑖᓂᒃ ᑭᓯᓯᓂᐊᕈᑎᒥᓂᕐᓂᒃ ᐊᒻᒪᓘᓐᓃᑦ ᐃᓄᐃᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᒪᔭᕐᑐᖅᑲᖅᑕ ᒥᒃᓵᓄᑦ ᐊᑐᐃᓐᓇᐅᔪᖅᑕᖅᑲᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᖓ ᐃᑲᔪᖅᑐᐃᒍᑕᐅᒍᓐᓇᕐᔭᖅᑐᓂᒃ ᐊᒥᓱᙳᐃᑭᐊᖁᔨᓂᕐᒍᑦ Sam Ford Fiord Arctic ᐃᖃᓗᒃᐱᖏᑕ ᑰᑕᖅᑲᖅᑎᑕᐅᓂᖏᓐᓄᑦ;

(ii) Sam Ford Fiord–ᒥ ᐃᖃᓗᒃᐲᑦ ᐊᒥᓰᓂᖏᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖅᑕᐅᓚᐅᖅᓯᒪᖏᑦᑐᑦ; ᐊᒻᒪ

(iii) ᑲᖏᖅᑐᒫᐱᐊᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᑦᑐᓕᕆᔾᔪᑦ ᑎᒥᖓᑦ ᐊᒻᒪ ᐃᖃᓗᓕᕆᔾᔪᑦ ᐃᒪᕐᒥᐅᑕᓕᕆᔾᔪᑦ ᑲᓇᑕᒥ ᐱᑎᐊᕈᒦᕐᓂᐊᖅᑐᑦ ᑖᓪᓚᒪᑦ ᐊᕿᒍ ᐃᓗᐊᓂ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᕐᓂᐊᕐᓗᑎᒃ Sam Ford Fiord–ᒥ ᐊᒥᓲᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐃᖃᓗᒃᐄᑦ 2018–ᒥ ᑕᒪᓐᓇ ᐊᑐᐃᓐᓇᐅᓕᖅᐸᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᕆᐊᕈᑕᐅᒍᓐᓇᕐᔭᕐᒪᑦ ᑮᓇᐅᔭᓕᐅᕈᑕᐅᓚᓯᐊᖅᓯᑎᒃ ᐃᖃᓗᒃᐱᓂᐊᕐᓂᐅᕙᑦᑐᑦ ᒥᒃᓵᓄᑦ ᓯᕗᓂᑦᑎᓐᓂ.

ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᕐᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ ᐃᑲᔪᖅᑐᐃᔪᑦ ᓄᓇᓕᒻᒥ ᑮᓇᐅᔭᓕᐅᕈᑕᐅᓗᓂ ᐃᖃᓗᒐᓱᐊᕐᓂᕐᒥᒃ, ᓃᕐᓗ ᐃᒪᐃᒻᒪᑦ, ᐊᑯᓂᒍᓱᑦᑐᑦ ᓇᖕᒪᐅᑕᖅ ᑲᖏᖅᑐᒫᐱᐊᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᑦᑐᓕᕆᔾᔪᑦ ᐃᖅᑲᓇᐃᔮᖅᑕᖓᓂᒃ ᓈᓴᐃᓂᕆᒎᒫᖅᑕᖓᓐᓂᒃ Sam Ford Fiord ᐃᖃᓗᒃᐱᖏᓐᓂᒃ.

ᐊᐱᖅᑯᑎᒃᓴᖃᕈᕕᑦ ᐃᓱᒫᓘᑎᖃᕈᕕᓪᓘᓐᓃᑦ ᑖᒃᓯᒪ ᑎᑎᖅᑲᐅᑉ ᒥᒃᓵᓄᑦ, ᖃᐅᔨᒃᑲᒃᑭᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᕐᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ.

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March 27th, 2018

Jerry Natanine, Chairperson
Nangmautaq Hunters & Trappers Organization
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Dear Mr. Natanine:

Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board decision concerning Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Organization Request to increase the Arctic Char commercial quota for Sam Ford Fiord from 4,500kg to 9,000kg

At the September 2017 Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM 003-2017), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) presented a Proposal for Decision (Proposal) requesting consideration of an increase for the Arctic char commercial quota of Sam Ford Fiord for the Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) from 4,500 kg to 9,000 kg. DFO stated that no stock assessment had been done for Sam Ford Fiord Arctic char. The DFO's submission also revealed that the quota for the Arctic char in the Sam Ford Fiord had varied from 3,600kg to 5,500kg between 1981-2017. DFO also stated that an increase in the quota to 9,000kg would be a high risk and that they would not support a quota increase until appropriate sampling and data collection occurred. In addition, no new Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit about this fish stock was provided with the Proposal.

Between September 2017 and January 2018, additional information was obtained from DFO and Clyde River HTO:

- The commercial Arctic char quota for Sam Ford Fiord was determined to be 5,500 kg and not 4,500 kg, as per the 1999 NWMB decision; 1,000 kg higher than previously understood;
- DFO confirmed that it would correct the Sam Ford Fiord commercial Arctic char quota to be 5,500 kg in Schedule V of the Northwest Territories Fisheries Regulation for the 2018 season;
- Clyde River HTO wanted to work with DFO on a 5-year exploratory fish stock assessment;
- DFO would provide the appropriate training, equipment, sample analyses, data analyses, and contract with the Clyde River HTO to carry out the stock assessment; and
- Clyde River HTO would like NWMB to proceed with the decision-making process at this time for their original request for a quota increase to 9,000 kg based on the current information available.

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The NWMB considered the proposal from the Clyde River HTO during an In-Camera meeting (IC001-2018) on March 8th, 2018 and passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the NWMB declines to approve an increase to the Sam Ford Fiord commercial Arctic char quota to 9,000 kg, as requested by the Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO).

The reasons for the Board's decision were:

(i) There is currently no new science or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit available to support an increase to the Sam Ford Fiord Arctic char quota;
(ii) Sam Ford Fiord Arctic char has never undergone a stock assessment; and
(iii) The Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Organization and Fisheries and Oceans Canada will begin a 5-year exploratory fish stock assessment for Sam Ford Fiord in 2018 which will provide the information needed to evaluate the sustainable commercial harvest in the future.

NWMB is supportive of community based sustainable commercial fisheries, as such, looks forward to the Nangmautaq Hunter and Trappers Organization's completion of the a 5-year exploratory fish stock assessment on the Sam Ford Fiord Arctic char stock.

Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk
A/Chairperson of the
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

c.c. Larry Dow, Director of Northern Operations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Jeremiah Young, Fisheries Management Technician, Fisheries and Oceans Canada