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Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

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June 14, 2018

Honourable Joe Savikataaq  
Minister of Environment  
Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq:

**RE: NWMB Decision regarding Dolphin and Union Caribou sport hunts**

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM 002-2018) in Iqaluit on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the NWMB reviewed your clarification letter to the Board regarding the 2016 Proposal for Decision (Proposal) to limit sport hunting on the Dolphin and Union Caribou herd to 35 tags per year. This Proposal and your letter were considered by the NWMB at its In-Camera Meeting (IC 002-2018) on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, where the Board made the following decision:

*RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.6.16 of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board establishes an annual level of harvesting of 35 tags for non-Inuit sport hunters on the Dolphin and Union Caribou herd.*

*Further recommends that the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment work with Co-Management Partners to consider amending its wildlife legislation (Nunavut Wildlife Act and/or Nunavut Wildlife Regulations) to include provisions for administering caribou sport hunting.*

In addition to carefully reviewing the details of the Proposal, the contents of your letter and best available science and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit on the Dolphin and Union Caribou, the Board also took into consideration the following:

- The Dolphin and Union Caribou Herd is in a state of decline.
- The recently approved Dolphin and Union Caribou Management Plan recommends the prohibition of sport hunting when caribou are in decline.
- A sport hunting limitation will provide the Department of Environment with a mechanism for managing and monitoring the Dolphin and Union Caribou sport hunt.
- The NWMB recognized that there are differences of opinion between the Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs) with respect to the extent to which sport hunting should be limited. The Kugluktuk HTO would prefer a sport hunting moratorium and the Cambridge Bay HTO





