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ᐃᓄᐃᑦ ᐅᒪᔨᕕᒃ ᐱᐅᖃᐅᓯᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᓐᓂᒃᓴᓗ ᐊᑐᑦᓴᓂᒃ ᐊᓯᒪ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖃᓕᕆᓂᖅ ᖃᐅᔨᒪᓂᕆᔨᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᖃᑦᑕᓂᖅ, ᐅᓪᓗᓂ ᐃᓄᖅᑐᑎᒃᓴᖅᓯᓂᓗ ᐊᖏᓪᓛᓱᓐ ᓇᐃᓐᓇ ᖁᓪᓗᓂᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᒻ.

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ᐱᓪᓗᑎ: ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᕈᑎᖏᖓ ᐱᓪᓗᐃᔪ ᑲᓂᒡᖅᓯᓂᖅ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᑐᑭᓯᐅᑎᖏᖓᑦ ᓄᑦᓯᐅᓂᖅ ᐊᔨᖅᑕᐅᑦ ᐊᐅᖓᔪᓂᖅ ᐊᖏᓪᓛᓱᓐᓂᕐᓂᖅᑕᐅᓂᖃᖅᑐᑐᒃᓯᒪᔭᑦ ᐊᐅᓪᓚᕆᔨᒃᑲᐅᑦ MX-07, ᕿᓂᓂᖃᖅ ᐱᑕᖃᖅᑐᓂᖅ

ᐱᒃᓗᐊᕈᑦ ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᕈᑎᖏᖓᓂᒃ

ᐅᖃᓕ ᑯᐃᐱ 4, 2025, ᑕᐃᑲᓂ ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥ ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᓐᓂᑦ (ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᓕᓴᐃᖏᑦᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᐅᖃᓄᖅᑐᓂᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖅ) ᓴᓕᕆᐅᓱᒪᔪᖅᑐᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᖓᓂᓂ (RM003-2025), ᑲᒪᒪᓂᑯᓂ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐱᓕᕆᑲᖓᓐᓂᑦ ᐊᒪᓂᕆᓇᓕᓂᑦ (ᑲᒪᒪᓂᑯᓂ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ) ᑐᑭᓯᔾᔪᑎᒃᑕ ᐃᒧᑦ ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᐃᓄᐃᖓᔾᔪᓕᕆᔨᖅᑯᓕᓂᑦ ᑲᑎᑎᕐᑕᑦ ᐊᖏᓪᓛᓱᓐᓂᕐᓂᖅᑕᐅᓂᖃᖅᑐᑦ (ᐊᖏᓪᓛᓱᓐᓂᕐᕿᓂᖅᓴᓐᓂᑦ) ᐃᒥᐊᓴᑦ ᐊᐅᓪᓚᕆᔨᒃᑲᐅᑦ MX-07, ᕿᓂᓂᖃᖅ ᐱᑕᖃᖅᑐᓂᒃ, ᐅᕐᖓᓐᓂᑦ 400 ᐅᒥᐊᒪᐃᑦ ᐅᕐᖓᓐᓄ 5 ᐅᒥᐊᒪᐃᑦ.

ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᕈᑎᖏᖓᓂᒃ

ᕿᖓᓂᐊᔪᑦ ᑲᒪᓕᐅᖏᑐᑎᒃ ᐃᓕᓴᕆᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᐃᕐᖓᔪᑎᓂᒃ ᐊᓚᒪᓗ ᓇᓗᓇᖕᖏᔪᑎᓂᒃ ᑐᓂᔭᓂᒃ, ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᑲᒪᓕᐅᖏᑐᑎᒃ ᑲᖏᖅᑐᑎᓂᒃ ᐊᐃᕐᖓᔪᑎᓂᒃ (IC003-2025) ᐅᕐᖓᓐᓄ ᑯᐃᓱᐱᓇ 6,2025, ᐊᓚᒪᓗ ᐊᖏᓪᓕᖏᑐᑎᒃ ᐅᒥᐊᓕ ᐱᖓᔪᓂᖅᓴᐅᒪᒥᒃ.

ᐊᕿᑦᑕᐅᐅᓂᖅ ᐃᓕᓴᕆᖏᓐᓂᒃ 5.6.16, 5.6.17(b), ᐊᓚᒪᓗᓕ 5.3.3(a) ᐅძᐊᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐊᖏᓪᓛᖃᓕᕆᓂᑦ, ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᑲᒪᓕᐅᖏᑐᑎᒃ ᓄᓇᖏᐱᐊᕐᓇᓂᑦ ᐅძᓂᖓ ᑲᑎᑦᓴᓂᑦ ᐊᖏᓪᓛᓱᓐᓂᕐᓂᖅᑕᐅᓂᖃᖅᑐᑐᒃᓯᒪᔭᑦ ᐅᒥᐊᓕᓂᒃ ᐊᐅᓪᓚᕆᔨᒃᑲᐅᑦ MX-07 ᐅᕐᖓᓐᓂᒃ 400 ᐅᒥᐊᒪᐃᑦ ᐅᕐᖓᓐᓄ 10 ᐅᒥᐊᒪᐃᑦ.

ᓄᐃᓕᕐᑎᑦ ᓇᓗᓇᖕᖏᔪᑎᓄᓂᑦ ᐊᓚᒪᓗ ᐊᐃᐊᔪᑎᓄᓂᑦ

ᑲᑎᒪᔨᑦ ᖃᒥᓱᑕᐅᓂᖅ ᑲᒪᒪᓂᑯᓂ ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥ ᐱᑲᓇᕆᐊᖃᖅᑐᓂᒃᓴᒃ ᐃᓄᐃᖓᔾᔪᓕᕆᔨᖅᑯᓕᓂᑦ ᐊᖏᓪᓛᓱᓐᓂᕐᓂᖅᑕᐅᓂᖃᖅᑐᑐᒃᓯᒪᔭᑦ ᐃᒥᐊᓴᒃᓴᓂᒃ ᐊᐅᓪᓚᕆᔨᒃᑲᐅᑦ MX-07, ᕿᓂᓂᖃᖅ ᐱᑕ ᖁᑦᑕ, ᐅᕐᖓᓐᓂᑦ 400 ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᓂᖅ. ᑎᑭᐅᑎᓪᓗᑎᒃᖁᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᕈᑎᒥᓄᑦ, ᑲᑎᒪᔨᑦ ᑲᒪᒪᓂᑯᓂ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᑎᑎᕋᖅᓯᒪᔪᓂᒃ ᐊᓚᒪᓗ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᓂᒃᑐᓂᒃ, ᐊᓚᒪᓗ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᓂᒃᑐᓂᖅᓴᓐᓂᒃ ᐅძᐊ

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November 25, 2025

The Honourable Brian Koonoo
Minister of Environment
Government of Nunavut

Dear Brian Koonoo:

Re: NWMB Decision on Government of Nunavut's Proposal to Modify the Total Allowable Harvest for Muskox in Management Zone MX-07, Victoria Island Group

Application for NWMB Decision

On November 4, 2025, at the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM003-2025), the Government of Nunavut-Department of Environment (Government of Nunavut) requested that the NWMB reduce the Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) for Muskox Management Zone MX-07, Victoria Island Group, from 400 muskoxen to 5 muskoxen.

NWMB Decision

After considering all the arguments and evidence provided, the NWMB held an In-Camera Meeting (IC003-2025) on November 6, 2025, and passed the following resolution:

> ***RESOLVED*** *that, pursuant to sub-sections 5.6.16, 5.6.17(b), and 5.3.3(a) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board modifies the Total Allowable Harvest for Muskox Management Zone MX-07 from 400 muskoxen to 10 muskoxen.*

Summary of Evidence and Arguments

The Board reviewed the GN's Application to reduce the TAH for Muskox Management Zone MX-07, Victoria Island Group, from 400 to 5 muskoxen. In reaching its decision,

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KRWB and Nunavut Tunngavik (NTI) raised several questions regarding the necessity and implications of the Government of Nunavut's recommendation. KRWB noted that Inuit harvests have already reduced their take to fewer than five muskox since 2019 and questioned whether implementing a TAH was "necessary" under section 5.3.3 of the Nunavut Agreement given these voluntary conservation measures. KRWB also relayed local concerns that establishing a low TAH could inadvertently create competition among harvesters. NTI questioned whether other management options had been discussed with communities before submitting the recommendation to modify the TAH.

In response, the Government of Nunavut emphasized that maintaining the existing TAH of 400 created a significant conservation risk because of the extremely low number observed.

<u>Consultation</u>

Prior to submitting its proposed TAH change for MX-07, the Government of Nunavut met with the Cambridge Bay HTO on April 3, 2025 (no quorum) and with the Kugluktuk HTO on June 18, 2025. During the RM003-2025, the Government of Nunavut stated that its staff made repeated attempts over several months to arrange additional meetings with both HTOs, but were unable to confirm dates, and that Cambridge Bay HTO did not respond with availability until late October, providing two days' notice after the Government of Nunavut had already prepared its submission to the NWMB.

HTO and RWO representatives also raised concerns at the meeting about the adequacy of this consultation. They note that affected HTOs had not yet been able to meet collectively to review the survey results and questioned whether Government of Nunavut efforts to consult earlier had been sufficient, given the significance of proposed changes to the TAH. These comments highlighted expectations for more coordinated and timely engagement, even as the Government of Nunavut emphasized the urgency created by very low muskox numbers and the need to bring a recommendation forward in a limited timeframe.

Reasons for Decision

The Board determined that a valid conservation concern exists for MX-07 muskox based on the Government of Nunavut's submissions, which reported a very low minimum count in the 2023-2024 aerial survey, and on the written and oral submissions from the Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay HTOs describing reduced harvesting opportunities and concerns on herd condition. Together, this information demonstrates that muskox numbers in MX-07 have declined substantially.

The Board accepts the Government of Nunavut's view that retaining the existing TAH of 400 presents a legal risk of overharvest in the absence of enforceable limits. At the same time, the Board recognizes that establishing a TAH must not be more restrictive than necessary, given the voluntary conservation measures already demonstrated by harvesters.

During its deliberations, the Board concluded that setting a TAH of 5 would be unnecessarily restrictive relative to current harvesting patterns, while a TAH of 10 would address the conservation concern, reduce the legal harvest ceiling to a level consistent with the current reported level of harvest by Cambridge Bay hunters, and maintain flexibility for Inuit harvesting needs.

The Board also considered the consultation concerns raised in the oral submissions from the HTOs and KRWB, including the lack of opportunity for the HTOs to meet collectively prior to the Government of Nunavut's proposal, as well as the Government of Nunavut's explanation that repeated attempts were made to schedule additional meetings within a limited timeframe once survey information became available.

The Board commends the significant voluntary management measures implemented by both HTOs, which demonstrate strong stewardship and leadership, and form an important foundation for future co-management of MX-07 muskox.

Conclusion

Given the considerations above, the Board approved a modification of the TAH for

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> ***ᐊᖅᑭᒃᑯᑕᖅ** ᐃᒧᑦ, ᑎᑎᕋᖅᓯᒪᔪᑦ ᐃᓚ ᖃᓄᑦ 5.6.16, 5.6.17(b), 5.3.3 (a), ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥ ᐊᖏᓕᑐᑎᒥ, ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥ ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᑐᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᓐᓂ ᐊᖏᕋᓱᒃᑐᓕ ᐊᐃᑭᑦᑐᐊᒃᑕᐅᔭᓄᑦᓯᓚᑎᒃ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᓚᑦ ᐊᓐᔪᓇᓕᒃᑕᐅᔨᓇᖅᑐᑦ 400-ᒥ 10-ᒧᑦ ᐅᒥᓐᓕᓂᒃ MX-10-ᒧᑦ ᐊᐅᓚᑕᐅᔨᒧᑦ.*

ᒪᓕᒐᓗᒍ ᐃᓚᒧᑉ 5.3.9(a) ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥ ᐊᖏᕐᕉᓴᑦ, ᑕᐃᒪᐃᓕᓂᖓᓄᑦ ᐊᖏᕋᐸᕆ ᐃᓕᓚᓕᐊᕆᔨᓯ ᐊᓯᔾᔨᓇᐊᖅᑐᓗᒍ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᓐᓂ ᐊᓐᔪᓇᓕᒃᑕᐅᔨᓇᖅᑐᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᖅᑕᐅᔨᓕᓂᖓᓄᑦ ᐅᒥᓐᓕᓄᑦ ᐊᐅᓚᑦᑎᐊᓐᓇᓐᒥ MX-07, ᑭᓚᓂᖅ ᖃᑭᖅᑕᓐᓇᓂ ᖃᓄᖅᓂᒃ ᐅᒥᓐᓕᓄᑦ. ᐊᑐᓚᖅᑎᓂᐊᖅᑕᕐᕋ ᑕᓂᓇ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ ᐊᓐᔪᓇᓕᒃᑕᐅᔨᓇᖅᑐᑦ ᐃᓇᓇᐅᑎᑎᒃ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ ᐊᓐᔪᓇᓕᒃᑕᐅᔨᓇᖅᑐᑦ ᒪᓕᒐᓕᖅᑎᖅᑕᐅᓗᓂᓗ ᐊᑐᓚᖅᑎᓂᐊᖅᑕᕐᕋᓗᓂ ᑭᖑᓪᓕᖅᑎᖅᑕᐅᓗᓂᓗ ᐊᐃᑭᑦᑐᐊᒃᑕᐅᔨᓇᖅᑐᑦ. ᑕᒪᓐᓇ ᐊᖅᑭᒃᑯᑦ ᐊᓐᔪᓇᓕᒃᑕᐅᔨᓇᖅᑐᑦ ᐃᓇᓇᐅᑎᑎᒃ ᒪᓕᒐᓕᖅᑎᖅᑕᐅᓗᓂ ᐊᐅᓚᑦᑎᐊᓐᓇᓐᒥ ᐱᖓᓕᓚᑦᑎᐊᓕᖅᑐᓂᓗ ᐊᐃᑭᑦᑐᐊᒃᑕᐅᔨᓇᖅᑐᑦ. ᑕᒪᒃᐸᐊ ᐃᓕᓚᓕᐊᕆᔨᓯ ᑕᐃᒪᐃᓕᖅᓂᐊᖅᑕᕐᕋᓱᐊᖅᓴᓂ ᑭᓱᐊᓂ ᓄᑕᒥ ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥ ᐅᒪᔨᓕᕆᔨᖏᑦᑐᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᓐᓂᓕᓂᑦ ᐃᓕᓚᓕᐅᕆᓚᐅᕐᓗᑎᒃ ᐱᐃᒪᓗᒍ.

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Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's ("the Board") Decision on Total Allowable Harvest for Muskox Management Zone MX-07, Victoria Island Group

Dear Mr. Shewchuk,

Thank you for your decision concerning the proposed Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) for the Muskox Management Zone MX-07, Victoria Island Group.

To reiterate the decision of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB):

> ***RESOLVED*** *that, pursuant to sub-sections 5.6.16, 5.6.17(b), and 5.3.3(a) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board modifies the Total Allowable Harvest for Muskox Management Zone MX-07 from 400 muskoxen to 10 muskoxen.*

As per section 5.3.9(a) of the *Nunavut Agreement*, I hereby accept your decision to modify the TAH in the Nunavut Settlement Area of the Muskox Management Zone MX-07, Victoria Island Group to ten (10) muskoxen. I will implement this TAH forthwith and the TAH will be put into regulation and be implemented as a final decision. This decision will remain in place until I receive a new NWMB decision.

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I wish to thank the Board for their consideration of this important conservation issue. I trust that our organizations will work together with the affected communities on monitoring and management of this muskoxen group in the implementation of this management decision as we promote recovery actions.

Sincerely,

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