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ᐱᔾᔪᑎᖓ: ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᖕᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᓐᓄᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᕈᑕᐅᔪᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᖏᓐᓄᑦ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᐅᑎᓂᒃ ᐋᖏᕆᐊᖅᑕᐅᖁᔨᓂᖅ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᖦᖢᒋᑦ ᓇᓄᒡᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᖃᑦᑎᐅᔭᐅᑉ ᑕᕆᐅᙵᓂ ᓇᓄᕐᓂᒃ 12-ᕌᕈᓐᓇᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ 18-ᓄᐊᖅᑕᐅᖁᔨᓗᑎᒃ

ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᖕᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᕈᑎᖏᑦ

ᑕᐃᑲᓂ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᖕᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ (ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᖕᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ, ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦᑐᓐᓃᑦ) ᑲᑎᒪᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ (RM001-2021-ᒥ) ᑕᒫᓂ ᒫᔾᔨ 10, 2021-ᒥ, ᐃᖃᓇᐃᔭᕝᕕᒃᓯᓐᓂᒃ ᖃᐃᑕᐅᓚᐅᕐᒪᑕ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᐅᑎᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᑎᓐᓂᒃ ᐋᖏᕆᐊᖅᑕᐅᖁᔨᓂᖅ ᑕᐃᒃᑯᓂᖓ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᖦᖢᒋᑦ ᓇᓄᒃᑕᐅᔪᓐᓇᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᖃᑦᑎᐅᔭᒥ ᑐᒃᑐᓯᐅᕝᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ 12-ᒦᑐᓂᒃ ᐊᓯᔾᔨᖅᑕᐅᓗᑎᒃ 18-ᓄᑦ, ᒪᓕᒃᑕᐅᓗᑎᒃ ᑐᑭᓯᔭᐅᓂᖏᑦ ᒫᓇᓛᖅ ᐱᔭᕇᖅᑕᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖅᑕᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᓂᒃ. ᑲᑎᒪᔾᔪᓇᐃᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ (IC001-2021), ᑕᒫᓂ ᒪᔾᔨ 11, 2021–ᒥ, ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᒃᓴᖅᓯᐅᕈᑎᖃᓚᐅᕐᒪᑕ ᐃᖃᓇᐃᔭᕝᕕᒃᓯᓐᓂᒃ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᐅᑎᓂᒃ, ᑕᐃᒃᑯᓂᖓᓗ *ᓇᓚᐅᑖᖅᑕᐅᑲᓂᕈᒪᔪᓂᒃ ᐊᒥᓲᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᓇᓄᐃᑦ ᐊᑐᕐᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᖑᔭᐅᕙᖕᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ-ᐃᓕᓯᕕᐅᖃᑦᑕᕐᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᖑᔭᐅᑲᓂᖃᑦᑕᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᕈᑏᑦ ᑕᐅᕙᓂ ᖃᑦᑎᐅᔭᐅᑉ ᑕᕆᐅᙵᓂ, ᓄᓇᕗᒥ, ᑲᓇᑕᒥᓗ ᑭᖑᓪᓕᖅᐸᖕᒋᓐᓂᒃ ᐅᓂᒃᑳᓕᐊᑦ, ᑕᐃᒃᑯᐊᓄ ᑐᑭᓯᓂᐊᕈᑕᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᓇᐃᓈᖅᑕᐅᓯᒪᔪᑦ, ᐃᓄᐃᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᒪᔭᑐᖃᖏᑦ ᖃᑦᑎᐅᔭᒥ ᑕᕆᐅᒥ ᓇᓄᓕᕆᓂᕐᒧᑦ ᑭᖑᓪᓕᖓᒃ ᐅᓂᒃᑳᓕᐊᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᒃᑯᑦ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᒃᓴᓂᒃᑕᐅᓯᒪᔪᑦ* ᐊᐅᓚᑦᑎᔨᐅᖃᑕᐅᔪᓂᒃ ᐃᓚᒌᔭᐅᔪᓂᒃ ᑕᐃᑲᓂ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᓇᓐᓇᓰᓇᔭᖓᓐᓂ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᖏᓐᓂ, ᐃᒪᐃᓕᖓᔪᓂᒃ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᓚᐅᖅᐳᑦ:

> *ᐱᕆᐊᖅᑎᑦᑎᔪᑦ ᐃᒪᒃ, ᒪᓕᒃᑕᐅᓪᓗᑎᒃ ᐃᓗᓕᖏᑦ 5.3.3(a), 5.6.16, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ 5.6.17(b)-ᖏᓐᓂᑦᑐᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥ ᓄᓇᑖᕈᓂ ᐊᖏᕈᑏᑦ, ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔨᖕᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ ᑕᑯᓐᖒᓇ ᐋᖏᕆᐊᖅᑕᕗᑦ ᐊᕕᒃᑐᖅᓯᒪᓂᖏᓐᓂ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᖦᖢᒋᑦ ᓇᓄᒃᑕᐅᔪᓐᓇᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᖃᑦᑎᐅᔭᐅᑉ ᑕᕆᐅᙵᓂ - McClintock Channel-ᒥ 12-ᓃᑦᑐᓂᒃ ᒫᓇᐅᔪᖅ ᐊᓯᔾᔨᖅᑕᐅᓗᑎᒃ 21-ᓄᑦ ᓇᓄᕐᓄᑦ, ᐊᖁᑎᑕᒪᖅ.*

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ᐃᓄᐃᑦ ᖃᐅᔨᒪᔭᑐᖃᖏᓐᓂ ᐅᓂᒃᑳᓕᐊᑦ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᔭᐃᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᑕᐃᒪᙵᓂᒃ 1960-ᖏᓐᓂᒃ 1970-ᖏᓐᓂ ᓇᓄᐃᑦ ᐊᒥᓱᕈᓇᐊᖅᓯᒪᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᑕᐃᒪᙵᑦᑐ ᑭᖑᑦᑐᕐᒥ ᓇᓂᐅᕐᕕᐅᑕᐃᓕᒪᑎᑕᐅᓚᐅᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᓴᕿᑎᑕᐅᓯᒪᓂᙵᓄᑦ ᕿᓚᒥᐅᓂᖅᓴᐅᓕᖅᑐᖅ ᑕᑯᔭᐅᓴᕋᐃᓐᓂᖅᓴᐅᕙᓕᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᓇᓄᐃᑦ, ᐊᒥᓲᕙᖕᓂᖏᑦᑐ ᓄᓇᒦᕝᕕᐅᔪᓄᐊᕐᑲᑕᕐᓂᖏᑦ, ᓄᓇᓕᕋᓛᕐᓄᑦᑐ, ᓄᓇᓕᖕᓄᑦᑐ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐊᕐᓇᑦᑐᕐᑲᕐᓂᖅᓴᐅᕙᓕᕐᓂᖅ ᐊᑎᖅᑕᓕᔭᖅᑐᓂᒃ. ᐅᓂᒃᑳᓕᐊᖏᑦᑕᐅᖅ ᓇᓗᓇᐃᔭᐃᓯᒪᔪᑦ ᐊᐱᖅᓱᖅᑕᐅᕐᑲᑦᑕᓚᐅᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᐃᓄᐃᑦ ᐅᕐᑲᐅᓯᕐᑲᓚᐅᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᒥᓲᓂᖅᓴᐅᓕᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂ ᓇᓄᐃᑦ ᐱᔾᔪᑕᐅᓂᖏᓐᓄᑦ ᓇᓄᒡᕕᐅᓗᐊᖅᑕᐃᓕᒪᐃᓐᓇᕐᓂᖏᑦ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐃᓚᙵᒍᑦ ᐱᔾᔪᑕᐅᑦᑐᑎᒃ ᓂᕿᒃᓴᖅᓯᐅᖅᐸᒃᑐᑦ ᐊᒥᓲᓂᖏᓐᓄᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᐃᑦ.

<u>ᑐᑭᓯᓂᐊᕈᑕᐅᓂᖏᑦ</u>

ᑲᑎᒫᔩᑦ ᐃᓕᑕᖅᓯᕗᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᖏᑦ ᑐᑭᓯᓂᐊᕐᕕᖃᓚᐅᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑏᑦ ᑲᑐᔾᔨᖃᑎᒌᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐃᖃᓗᒃᑑᑦᑎᐊᕐᓂᒃ, ᐅᖅᓱᖅᑑᖅᒥᒃ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑕᓗᕐᔪᐊᓂᒃ ᑕᒫᓂ ᐊᒃᑑᐱᓇ 19–21, 2020.

ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦ ᑐᓴᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᖏᑦ ᓯᕗᓪᓕᕐᒥ ᐊᑐᓕᕐᑯᔭᓕᐅᓚᐅᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᑦᑐᒋᑦ ᓇᓄᒡᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ 16-ᓂᒃ ᑭᓯᐊᓂ ᐊᒥᓱᕈᓇᐊᖅᑕᐅᓕᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ 18-ᓄᑦ ᐱᔪᓐᓇᕐᕕᖅᑲᓇᐊᕐᑲᕐᓂᖏᓐᓄᑦ ᓄᓇᓖᑦ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᐅᑏᑦ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᑦᑐᒋᑦ ᓇᓄᒡᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᕙᒃᑐᖅᑕᐅᓯᒪᕐᑯᔭᐅᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᔾᔨᒌᒃᑐᓂᒃ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂ ᐱᙳᓯᓂᒃ ᓄᓇᓕᖕᓂ ᓇᓂᐊᖅᐸᒃᑐᓂᒃ ᖃᖠᕆᐅᔭᐅᑉ ᓯᑯᐊᓂᒃ.

<u>ᐅᖃᐅᓯᒃᓴᓂᒡᕕᐅᓚᐅᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᑲᑎᒫᔩᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᖓᓇᖅᐸᒃᑕᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᒪᕐᓂᖏᓐᓂ ᐊᐅᓚᑦᑎᔨᐅᕐᑲᑕᐅᕙᒃᑐᑦ</u>

ᑲᑎᒪᔾᔪᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᕆᓇᖅᐸᒃᑕᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᖏᓐᓂ, ᑐᓴᕈᑎᖃᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᒃᓴᖅᓯᐅᑎᖃᕐᑎᓯᒪᓪᓗᒋᑦ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᑦ ᐊᐃᑉᐳᑕᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᓂᒃ ᐊᐅᓚᑦᑎᔾᔪᑎᖃᕐᑎᒋᐸᒃᑕᖏᓐᓂᒃ. ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᑐᓐᖓᕕᒃᑯᑦ ᑎᒥᖁᑎᖓ ᑐᓴᖅᑎᑦᑎᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᖏᓐᓄᑦ ᐊᑐᓕᖁᔾᔭᓕᐊᑦ ᐊᕿᓇᔾᒪᑕ 18-ᓂᒃ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᒡᒍᕆᑦ ᓇᓄᒃᑕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ (2.5% ᐳᓴᓐᑎᖏᓐᑦᑐᓂᒃ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ 716-ᖑᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ) ᓴᐳᓐᓂᐊᖅᓯᒪᔫᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᐱᓗᐊᖅᑐᒥᒃ ᑕᑯᒡᒍᒋᑦ ᐊᓯᖏᑦ ᓇᓄᐊᕝᕕᐅᕙᖕᓂᖏᑦ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᒡᒍᕆᑦ ᓇᓄᖃᕝᕕᐅᖃᑕᐱᓐᓇᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᑕᒫᓂᖃᑦᑕᖅᑐᓂᒃ ᒥᑭᓂᖅᐸᕚᕗᒃᑐᓂᒃ 1.5% ᐳᓴᓐᑎᖏᓐᑦᑐᓂᒃ. ᑐᓐᖓᕕᒃᑯᑦ ᐅᖃᓚᐅᖅᑎᒡᒍᒋᑦ, ᐃᖃᓗᒃᑑᑎᑐᐊᖅᒥ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑎᑦ ᑲᑐᔾᔨᖃᑎᒌᖏᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᒋᔭᐅᖁᔨᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᒡᒍᕆᑦ ᓇᓂᐊᕝᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᑯᔨᒡᒍᑎᒃ 20-ᓂᒃ. ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᑦ ᐅᓂᒃᑳᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᓵᖅ ᐊᑐᓕᖅᑯᔨᓚᐅᖅᒪᖔᑕ ᓴᐳᓐᓂᐊᖅᓯᒪᔫᓂᒃ ᐊᒥᓲᓂᓕᓐᓂᒃ, ᐊᐃᕙᐅᑎᖃᖅᓯᑎᒃ ᑕᐃᔅᓯᒪᓂᑐᖃᖅ ᐊᒥᓱᓕᐅᓐᓂᓚᐅᖅᓂᖏᓐᓄᑦ, ᓇᑐᓇᖅᓂᖏᓄᒡᒍ ᓯᕗᓂᒃᓴᒥ ᓇᔪᖅᐸᒃᑕᖏᑦ ᐊᓯᔾᔨᕈᓐᓇᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂ, ᐱᒻᒪᕆᐅᒻᒪᑦ ᓇᓄᑉᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᒥᓱᕈᕆᐊᖅᑕᐅᓗᐊᖅᑕᐃᓕᒪᔪᕆᐊᖅᑲᖅᓂᖏᑦ ᐊᔪᓕᕈᑕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᓂᖏᓐᓄᑦ ᓯᕗᓂᒃᓴᒥᒃ ᐱᕕᒃᓴᐅᑎᑕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᓂᕐᒧᑦ. ᐊᕙᑎᓕᕆᔨᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᓇᑕᒥ ᖃᐅᔨᑎᑕᐅᔪᒪᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᑕᐃᒫᒃ ᐊᐅᓚᑕᐅᓂᖏᓐᓄᑦ ᑐᑦᓴᕆᔭᐅᔪᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᒥᓲᖏᓇᖅᑎᑦᑎᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᑐᓕᖅᑯᔭᓕᐊᓂᒃ ᓇᓄᒃᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᑯᔭᐅᔪᓂᒃ. ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᑦ ᑭᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ, ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᑦ ᑐᑦᓴᖅᑲᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᓯᔾᔨᑭᑕᐃᓇᔾᔭᖏᑦᑐᓂᒃ ᐊᒥᓲᔪᓐᓇᖅᑯᔨᓂᖅ.

ᑲᑎᒪᔨᓄᑦ ᑐᑭᓕᐅᕈᑕᐅᓚᐅᖅᓂᖏᑦ

ᑐᓐᖓᕕᐅᓪᓗᑎᒃ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᖏᑦ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᒃᓴᓂᒃᓯᒪᔭᖏᑦ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᓂᕆᓐᓇᕇᕆᔭᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᐅᔪᓂ, ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦ ᑐᑭᓕᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᓇᓄᐃᑦ ᐱᑕᖃᑦᑎᐊᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᖃᒡᒋᐅᔭᐅᑉ ᑕᕆᐅᖓᓂ ᐊᒥᓱᕈᕆᐊᖅᓯᒪᓪᓗᑎᒃ ᑕᐃᒪᖓᓂᒃ ᐱᒋᐊᓕᓵᓚᐅᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂ ᐊᖅᖁᐃᑦ ᑕᐃᒪᖓᓂᒃ 2000-ᖏᓐᓂ. ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦᑕᐅᖅ ᑐᑭᓕᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᐊᒃᑐᖅᑕᐅᓯᒪᓂᐊᖅᑐᑦ ᐃᓄᐃᑦ ᑐᑭᓯᓂᐊᖅᕕᐅᓯᒪᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᐃᓂᒃᓴᓂᒃᑕᐅᓯᒪᓚᐅᖅᓯᑎᒃ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᓐᓄᑦ. ᐊᒻᒪᓗ, ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦ ᐊᖏᕈᑎᖅᒥᔪᑦ ᑐᓐᖓᕕᒃᑯᓐᓂᒃ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖅᓯᒪᔭᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᑕᐃᒃᑯᐊ ᐊᑐᓕᖅᑯᔭᓕᐊᓇᔭᐅᓂᖏᑦ ᑕᒪ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᒡᒍᕆᑦ ᓇᓄᒃᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᓂᖏᑦ 18-ᒦᖅᑯᔨᔪᑦ ᐱᑎᑦᑎᑕᐃᓕᒪᓗᐊᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᓴᐳᓐᓂᐊᓂᖅᑐᑦ, ᐃᓱᒪᒋᔭᐅᖖᓕᓕᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᐃᖃᓗᒃᑑᑎᑐᐊᖅᒥᐅᑦ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒃᑎᑦ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᐅᑎᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᑕᒫᓃᖅᑯᔨᒡᒍᑎᒃ 20-ᓂ, ᐃᓱᒪᒃᓴᖅᓯᐅᕈᑎᒋᒡᒍᒋᒡᒍ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᒋᔭᐅᖅᑯᔭᖏᑦ ᐅᔾᔨᖅᑐᑦᑎᐊᓇᐊᖅᑲᖅᓂᖅ ᑕᐃᔅᓯᒪᓂ ᐊᒥᓱᕈᕐᓃᖅᓯᒪᓚᐅᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᓇᓄᐃᑦ ᑕᐅᕙᓂ. ᑐᓐᖓᕕᐅᓪᓗᑎᒃ ᑕᒪᒃᑯᐊ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᐅᕙᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᑎᑎᖅᑲᑎᒍᓪᓗ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᒃᓴᒃᓂᑕᐅᓯᒪᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ, ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᑦ ᐊᕿᓂᖅᒥᒃ ᐊᕝᑐᖅᓯᒪᓂᖏᓐᓂ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᒡᒍᕆᑦ ᓇᓄᒃᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ 21-ᓂᒃ ᖃᕆᐅᔾᔭᐅᑉ ᑕᓇᐅᖓᓂ ᓇᓂᐊᕝᕕᖕᒥ. ᑲᑎᒪᔩᑦ ᓇᓕᖅᑲᑮᒃᑎᑦᑎᕆᐊᖅᐳᑦ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᒍᓐᓇᖅᓂᖅᑯᑦ ᐱᔪᓐᓇᐅᑎᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᐅᖓᑕᓅᖓᖏᑦᑐᓂᒃ ᑕᒫᖓᑦ 4.5% ᐳᓴᓐᑎᖏᓐᑦᑐᓐᓇᖅᑎᑕᐅᔪᓂᒃ ᐊᓯᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᓇᓂᐅᖅᕕᐅᕙᖕᒥᔪᓂ ᐅᑭᐅᖅᑕᖅᑐᒥ, ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᐃᓱᒪᒋᒡᒍᒋᑦ ᓄᓇᓖᑦ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᐅᑎᑦ ᐋᕿᒃᑕᐅᓯᒪᖁᔨᒡᒍᑎᒃ ᑕᒪᐃᓐᓂᒃ ᑲᑎᒡᒍᕆᑦ ᓇᓄᒃᕕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᓂᖏᓐᓂᒃ, ᓇᓕᖅᑲᑮᒃᑐᓂᒃ ᐊᒥᓲᓂᖅᑯᒡᒍᑎᒃ ᐱᖓᓱᓄᑦ ᐊᒃᑐᖅᑕᐅᓂᐊᖅᑐᓄᑦ ᓄᓇᓕᖕᓄᑦ ᐊᐃᑦᑑᓯᐊᖅᑖᓇᔭᐅᓂᐊᖅᑐᓂᒃ ᓇᓄᒍᓇᖅᓂᖅᓂ.

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ᐱᔾᔪᑎᖓ: ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔩᑦᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐊᕆᓴᖓᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥᑦ ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᑦ ᑐᒃᓯᕋᕈᑎᖓᓂᒃ ᐋᖅᑭᒋᐊᖅᓯᓂᕐᒥᒃ ᑲᑎᖕᓂᒃ ᐱᔭᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᑐᑦ ᖃᒡᒋᐅᔭᖅᒥᑦ ᓇᓄᒃᑕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᑐᓂᒃ 12-ᓂᒃ 18-ᓄᑦ

ᐃᓚᓐᓇᕆᔫᒃ ᒥᔅᑕ ᓲᓴᒃ,

ᖁᔭᓐᓇᒦᒃ ᐊᒃᓯᐊᓗᒃ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐊᕆᓯᒪᔭᔾᔪᓐᓂᒃ ᓇᒡᓯᐅᔾᔭᐅᓂᑯᓂᒃ ᒫᓯ 25, 2021-ᒥ ᐱᔾᔪᑎᖃᖅᑐᑦ ᑲᑎᖕᓂᒃ ᐱᔭᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᑐᓂᒃ (TAH) ᖃᒡᒋᐅᔭᖅᒥᑦ ᓇᓄᕐᓂᒃ.

ᓇᓗᓇᐃᒃᑲᓐᓂᖅᑐᒍ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐊᕆᔭᐅᔪᕕᓃᑦ ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔩᑦᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᓐᓄᑦ (NWMB):

- *"ᐋᖅᑭᒃᑕᐅᔪᖅ ᐅᓇ, ᒪᓕᒃᖢᒍ ᐃᓚᖓ 5.3.3(a), 5.6.16 ᐊᒻᒪ 5.6.17(b) ᐅᕙᓂ ᓄᓇᕗᒧᑦ ᐊᖏᕈᑎᓂᒃ, ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔩᑦᔪᐊᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᒪᔨᖏᑦ ᐱᐅᓯᕚᓪᓕᖅᑎᑦᑎᕗᑦ ᐊᕕᒃᑐᖅᓯᒪᓂᒃᑯᑦ ᑲᑎᖕᓂᒃ ᐱᔭᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᑐᓂᒃ ᓇᓄᕐᓂᒃ ᖃᒡᒋᐅᔭᖅᒥᒃ ᐅᕙᖕᒐᑦ 12-ᓂᒃ 21-ᓄᑦ ᐱᔪᓐᓇᕐᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᕐᕋᒍᑕᒫᑦ.*

ᐅᕝᕙᓂ ᐃᓚᖓ 5.3.9(a) ᐅᕙᓂ ᓄᓇᕗᒧᑦ ᐊᖏᕈᑎᓂᒃ, ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐊᕆᔾᔪᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᖏᖅᐳᖓ ᐅᓄᖅᓯᒋᐊᖅᑎᑦᑎᔪᒪᓂᕐᒥᒃ ᑲᑎᖕᓂᒃ ᐱᔭᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᑐᓂᒃ ᓄᓇᕗᑦ ᓄᓇᖏᓐᓂᒃ ᒦᓂ ᖃᒡᒋᐊᔭᖅᒥᒃ ᓇᓄᕐᓂᒃ ᑎᑭᓪᓗᒍ 21-ᓄᑦ ᓇᓄᕐᓄᑦ.

ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐊᕆᔭᐅᔪᖅ ᐊᑐᓕᖅᑎᑕᐅᓂᐊᖅᑐᖅ ᔪᓚᐃ 1, 2021-ᒥᑦ ᐃᓚᒋᔭᐅᓗᓂ ᑮᖑᓕᖅᒥᒃ ᐊᖑᓇᓱᖕᓇᐅᓕᖅᐸᑦ (2021/22) ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑲᑎᖕᓂᒃ ᐱᔭᐅᔪᓐᓇᖅᑐᑦ ᐱᖁᔭᑎᒎᓕᕐᓂᐊᕐᓗᓂ. ᐅᓇ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᕆᓂᐅᔪᖅ ᑕᐃᒪᐃᓕᖓᓂᐊᖅᑐᑦ ᑭᓯᐊᓂ ᓄᑖᓂᒃ ᓄᓇᕗᒻᒥᑦ ᐆᒪᔪᓕᕆᔩᑦᔪᐊᒃᑯᓐᓂᒃ ᑐᓂᔭᐅᒍᒪ ᓄᑖᙳᕆᐊᖅᑕᐅᔪᓂᒃ ᑐᕌᒐᕐᓂᒃ ᑐᓂᓯᒪᓕᖅᐸᑕ.

ᑕᐃᒪᓕ ᐃᓯᒪᔪᖓ ᐱᓕᕆᖃᑎᒌᖕᓂᐊᕐᓂᕐᑎᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᑐᓕᖅᑎᑦᑎᕙᓪᓕᐊᓂᖕᒥᒃ ᐆᒥᐊ ᐊᐅᓚᑦᑎᓂᖅᒧᑦ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐊᖑᔪᒥᒃ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᖃᐅᔨᓴᖃᑦᑕᕐᓗᑎᒃ ᓇᓄᐃᑦ ᐅᓄᕐᓂᖏᑦ ᑕᒪᓐᓇ ᐊᐅᓚᑦᑎᓂᐅᔪᖅ ᓈᒻᒪᓈᕐᓯᒪᓂᒃᑰᖓᓂᐊᕐᒪᑦ. ᖁᔭᓐᓇᒦᑦ ᐱᓇᓱᒃᓯᒪᓂᕐᔪᓐᓂᒃ ᑕᒪᑐᒧᖓ ᐃᓱᒪᓕᐅᕆᓂᕐᒧᑦ.

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Conserving wildlife through the application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge

March 25, 2021

Hon. Joe Savikataaq
Minister of Environment,
Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Savikataaq:

Re: NWMB Decision on the Government of Nunavut's Proposal to Modify the Total Allowable Harvest of M'Clintock Channel Polar Bear from 12 to 18

NWMB Decision

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM001-2021) on March 10, 2021, your department proposed that the Board modify the Total Allowable Harvest of M'Clintock Channel polar bear from 12 to 18 based on the results of a recently completed scientific study. At the Board's In-Camera Meeting (IC001-2021), on March 11, 2021, the Board considered your department's proposal, along with *Re-Estimating the Abundance of a Recovering Polar Bear Subpopulation by Genetic Mark-Recapture in M'Clintock Channel, Nunavut, Canada, Final Report*, the consultation summary*, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit of M'Clintock Channel Polar Bears Final Report*, and oral submissions made by co-management partners at the regular meeting and made the following decision:

> *RESOLVED that, Pursuant to Sections 5.3.3(a), 5.6.16, and 5.6.17(b) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board hereby modifies the Regional Total Allowable Harvest for polar bears in the M'Clintock Channel subpopulation from 12 to 21 polar bears per year.*

Reasons for NWMB Decision

<u>Scientific and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Reports</u>

The Board considered that the scientific report and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit report both indicated that polar bear abundance in the M'Clintock Channel subpopulation has increased in the last two decades. Since the harvest moratorium was implemented from 2001 to 2004 and following Total Allowable Harvests of three from 2004 to 2012 and 12 from 2015 until the present. The genetic mark-recapture survey conducted from 2014–

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2016 indicated that the population had increased from 325 polar bears in the early 2000s to 716 (95% Credible Interval = 545–955). The Board recognized that the Government of Nunavut stated that there was uncertainty in this estimate due to small sample sizes and limited data on the movement of bears in and out of the M'Clintock Channel boundaries that likely biased the mark-recapture estimate upwards.

The Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit report indicated that there had been an increase in bears relative to the 1960s and 1970s and since the harvest moratorium, as evidenced by the shorter time it takes to encounter polar bears, the high frequency of occurrence of polar bears in camps, outpost camps, and the community, and the increased prevalence of young mother bears with cubs. The report also indicated that interviewees attributed the increased abundance of polar bears to harvest restrictions and, to a lesser extent, the increased abundance of prey species.

<u>Consultation</u>

The Board acknowledges that the Government of Nunavut consulted affected Hunters and Trappers Organizations in Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, and Taloyoak from October 19–21, 2021.

The Board heard that the Government of Nunavut initially recommended a TAH of 16 but increased it to 18 to accommodate the communities' request for a Total Allowable Harvest that can be equally shared among the three communities that harvest from M'Clintock Channel.

<u>Oral Submissions at the Regular Meeting from Co-management Partners</u>

At the NWMB Regular Meeting, the Board heard oral arguments from its co-management partners. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated expressed that the Government of Nunavut's recommendation to set a Total Allowable Harvest of 18 (2.5% of the population estimate of 716 polar bears) was conservative, especially when compared to other subpopulations where the Total Allowable Harvest is usually set around 4.5% of the population with a female harvest of at least 1.5%. Following Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated comments, the Cambridge Bay Hunters and Trappers Organization suggested that the Total Allowable Harvest could be set at 20. The Government of Nunavut explained why they had recommended a conservative harvest, arguing that because of the history of subpopulation decline and uncertainty about future habitat changes, it is important to keep the harvest low to avoid another decline that could reduce harvesting opportunities in the future. Environment and Climate

Change Canada sought to know the management objective underpinning the recommended harvest level. The Government of Nunavut responded, stating that the Government of Nunavut's objective is to manage for a stable subpopulation size.

<u>Board Determinations</u>

Based on the Government of Nunavut's submissions and the Regular Meeting discussions, the Board determined that the abundance of the M'Clintock Channel polar bear subpopulation has increased substantially since the early 2000s. The Board also determined that affected Inuit had been consulted and accommodated by the Government of Nunavut. Furthermore, the Board agreed with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated's assessment that the recommended Total Allowable Harvest of 18 was overly conservative, considered the Cambridge Bay Hunters and trappers request for a TAH of 20, and considered the Government of Nunavut's suggestion that there is need for caution given the past decline in abundance in this subpopulation. Based on this input and the written submissions, the Board made a decision to establish a regional Total Allowable Harvest of 21 polar bears for the M'Clintock polar bear subpopulation. The Board's decision balances harvesting rights without exceeding the 4.5% harvest rates that has been adopted for most polar bear subpopulations, and considers the communities' request to set the Total Allowable Harvest at a value that can be shared equally among the three affected communities.

Conclusion

The NWMB looks forward to your reply and prompt completion of the *Nunavut Agreement* Article 5 decision-making process. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

cc: Drikus Gissing, Government of Nunavut.

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April 21, 2021

Re: NWMB Decision on the Government of Nunavut's Proposal to Modify the Total Allowable Harvest of M'Clintock Channel Polar Bear from 12 to 18

Dear Mr. Shewchuk,

Thank you very much for your decision sent on March 25, 2021 concerning the Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) of the M'Clintock Channel polar bear subpopulation.

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

- *"RESOLVED that, Pursuant to Sections 5.3.3(a), 5.6.16 and 5.6.17(b) of the* Nunavut Agreement*, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board hereby modifies the Regional Total Allowable Harvest for polar bears in the M'Clintock Channel subpopulation from 12 to 21 polar bears per year.*

As per section 5.3.9(a) of the *Nunavut Agreement*, I hereby accept your decision to increase the TAH in the Nunavut settlement area of the M'Clintock Channel polar bear subpopulation to twenty-one (21) polar bears.

The decision will be implemented on July 1, 2021 at the start of the next harvest season (2021/22) and the TAH will be put into regulation. This decision will remain in place until I receive a new NWMB decision following the submission of updated population information.

I trust that we will work collaboratively in the continued implementation of this management decision and the close monitoring of this polar bear subpopulation to ensure that the management objective is maintained. I appreciate the efforts that have been put forth in its consideration.

Sincerely,

Hon. Joe Savikataaq
Minister of Environment

Cc: Jimmy Noble Jr. Deputy Minister of Environment
Henry Coman, Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment
Drikus Gissing, Director of Wildlife Research
Jason Aliqatuqtuq, Director of Wildlife Operations

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