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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Thank-you for your letter of October 12, 2017, regarding our request to increase the Cumberland Sound TAH for the inshore fishery. You may have misunderstood our request – we were not making this request for Cumberland Sound Fisheries Limited (CSFL) as an offshore allocation holder, but for the inshore fishermen in Cumberland Sound, specifically Pangnirtung. Indirectly this would benefit the plant workers in Pangnirtung and the inshore fishermen in Pangnirtung and Cumberland Sound.

As you may be aware, harvesting and processing of turbot has been growing steadily in the last few years as reported in our 2016 annual report:

“Benefits to Nunavut and Nunavummiut include employment in the plant at Pangnirtung and self-employment generated from harvesting turbot in the Winter fishery. Regarding seasonal employment during 2016, approximately 30 people (part-time and full-time) were employed at the plant and 60 local residents were involved in the Winter fishery. In addition, a similar number (60) of residents were employed as crew members (helpers) during the inshore Winter fishery. Additionally, there were approximately 30 local fishers licenced, but not active.”

The NWMB’s Allocation Policy for Commercial marine Fisheries, as recently reviewed by industry stakeholders in January 2018 (Iqaluit) and February 2018 (Ottawa), discussed the importance of adhering to the Policy’s objective of ‘ensuring the wide distribution of tangible benefits to Nunavummiut’. The Inshore fishery has already injected over \$1.0 Million into the

Pangnirtung economy! Overall, the fishery has been very positive to Nunavummiut, and we look forward to continued success!

We understand that DFO is not issuing new quota at this time, but surveys are planned for this Summer (2018) in Cumberland Sound. In the meantime, we are requesting that an additional 50-100 MT be allocated to the Inshore in Cumberland Sound as the Inshore TAH (500MT) will be caught in the next few weeks. As well, we are already ahead of last year's (2017) landings by approximately 1 month and some of the Pangnirtung fishermen will not qualify for Employment Insurance unless there is more turbot for the Inshore fishermen to harvest.

Finally, I would like to thank the Pangnirtung HTO for their full support on our position to address the inshore fishery in Cumberland Sound.

Sincerely,

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May 14, 2018

Mr. Dan Shewchuk
A/Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

I am writing in response to the request made by Cumberland Sound Fisheries Limited (CSFL) to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB) for an additional 50 - 100mt of quota in the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area (CSTMA) for 2018.

The current assumption of the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area (CSTMA) stock is that it is a sink population that is supported by immigration of juvenile Greenland Halibut from NAFO SA0 (0B being the adjacent portion); however, the relationship between the inshore population and the offshore is currently being examined by DFO Science.

A stock assessment of the CSTMA is planned for fall 2018 or winter 2019, following completion of a survey in August or September 2018. The assessment would be based on 4-6 years of data (2011-2014, 2017 and 2018 if conditions permit). The minimum time series for an assessment is typically 5 years, but with the two year gap between 2014 and 2017 it was decided that two years after the gap were required before conducting an assessment.

In the winter of 2018 fish harvesters from Pangnirtung had an excellent fishing season and landed 499.101t in the winter fishery. This is the first time in the 30+ years of the fishery the 500t quota was harvested.

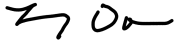
Once the quota was caught Cumberland Sound Fisheries (CSFL) advised local fishers of the quota being reached and closed the fishery; displaying sound sustainable management of the fishery. However, this leaves no remaining quota for the open water fishery for the summer of 2018.

Recognizing that the Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) of 500t has effectively been reached for the 2018 winter fishery, DFO would consider, as an interim approach, enabling a carry-over from the unfished 2017 TAH to be applied to the 2018 summer fishery in order to support the local development of the summer fishery. This would be considered a provisional approach until the stock assessment has been completed by DFO science.

In 2017, 458.505t of the 500t TAH was harvested from the combined winter (449.395t) and limited summer (9.11t) fisheries, resulting in a possible carry-over of 41.495t. Based on this interim approach, a total of 41.495t could be available to be carried-over from 2017 for the 2018 summer fishery in Cumberland Sound. This amount is less than 15% of the 500t quota and thus is in line with Quota Carry-Forward Guidelines for Atlantic Canada.

I hope this information can be helpful for the NWMB's consideration of the request made by Cumberland Sound Fisheries Limited (CSFL)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Dow". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Larry Dow
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