

May 5, 2021

DFO responds to the NWMB, stating that in their opinion, matters related to commercial fishing licence fees do not fall within any of the Board's *Nunavut Agreement* decision-making or advisory authorities. They further stated that for DFO to respond to the Board's request, the Board must first "identify any specific authorities it considers to be engaged and on what basis so that DFO could respond appropriately." (TAB9F)

May 20, 2021

The NWMB staff responds to the DFO May 5, 2021 letter stating that the Board will come to its own conclusion about its authority related to the determination of commercial fishing licence fees in the Nunavut Settlement Area. In the meantime, Board staff encouraged DFO to respond specifically to the issues raised in the NFA's application by July 23, 2021, to facilitate the Board's review of NFA's application—if it determines it has the authority—during its September 2021 Regular meeting. The NFA was copied on this letter to DFO (TAB9G). DFO has not responded to the Board's May 20, 2021 request for comments.

July 23, 2021

The NFA wrote to the NWMB in response to the NWMB staff letter to DFO on May 20, 2021. The NFA continued to express their disappointment for the approach taken by DFO on the access fees issue and expressed appreciation for the NWMB decision to conduct its own assessment of the authority question raised by DFO on May 15, 2021. (TAB9H).

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