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Dear Mr. Shewchuk,

Thank you for your correspondence of April 8, 2021, in which you request the position and comments of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) as it relates to matters within the Nunavut Fisheries Association's (NFA's) submission presented at the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting on March 10, 2021 (RM001-2021).

Upon review of the NFA's submission, DFO does not see that the matters raised, or the requested decisions and recommendation, fall within any of the Board's decision-making or advisory authorities established within the *Nunavut Agreement*. We note that in the "Authority" section of its submission, the NFA referred the Board to s. 5.2.34(d), and quoted this portion "[approve plans for] (i) management, classification, protection, restocking or propagation, cultivation or husbandry of particular wildlife..." However, the determination of commercial fishing licence fees does not fall within the functions referred to in s.5.3.34(d), or elsewhere in Article 5.

Given these circumstances, DFO is not in a position to determine what information or submissions would be appropriate to provide in response. If the Board were to proceed further on these matters, DFO would request that the Board first identify any specific authorities it considers to be engaged and on what basis, so that DFO could respond appropriately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Adam Burns
Director General
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