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May 20, 2021

M. Adam Burns
Director General
Fisheries Resource Management
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Dear M. Burns,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter electronically signed on May 5, 2021. It is our understanding that you are seeking to raise a preliminary question about the Board's authority to consider matters related to the determination of commercial fishing licence fees.

The Board will consider your assessment that the Board may not have authority to consider the request from the Nunavut Fisheries Association (NFA) and will deliberate on this preliminary question and make a decision in September 2021. 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 at that time. We will invite the NFA and other relevant co-management partners to comment on this preliminary issue as well.

Notwithstanding that the Board is yet to decide on the authority question, we acknowledge that the imposition of licence fees constitutes a key component of commercial fisheries management, and the issues raised by the NFA have the potential to impact the harvesting of wildlife within the Nunavut Settlement Area. Therefore, we encourage you to respond specifically to the issues raised in the NFA's submission so that the Board—if it determines it has the authority—can also review the NFA's submission at the September 2021. Please provide your comments by July 23, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns relative to any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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