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July 24, 2024

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Re: Establishment of Basic Needs Level within the Nunavut Settlement Area

Dear Mr. Shewchuk,

I would like to acknowledge your letter dated July 18, 2024 wherein the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) describes how it will address establishing Basic Needs Level (BNL) for wildlife populations or stocks that are subject to a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH).

I note in your letter the long history and the absence of consensus by co-management partners on this issue. I recognize the tremendous efforts the NWMB has made on this issue over the years, and I look forward to working together as co-management partners as we continue to take actions to fully implement Nunavut's wildlife management system.

Sincerely,

Daniel Qavvik
Minister of Environment

Cc. Yvonne Niego, Deputy Minister, Environment

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