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April 7, 2020

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
Government of Canada

Dear Minister Wilkinson:

RE: NWMB decision on the proposed final draft Management Plans for the Ikkattuaq and Qaqsauqtuuq Migratory Bird Sanctuaries

NWMB Decision

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM 001-2020) on March 11, 2020, the Irniurviit Area Co-management Committee asked the NWMB to approve the final draft of the *Ikkattuaq and Qaqsauqtuuq Migratory Bird Sanctuaries Management Plans* (Management Plans). The Irniurviit Area Co-management Committee submitted the Management Plans on behalf of Environment and Climate Change Canada. The goals of the Management Plans are to (1) protect the land and water for all wildlife, Inuit rights and heritage, (2) ensure local awareness, participation, and (3) ensure Inuit benefit from any economic opportunities that arise from the establishment and management of the migratory bird sanctuaries, and (4) minimize the impacts of human activities within the Sanctuaries.

The Ikkattuaq and Qaqsauqtuuq Migratory Bird Sanctuary's protect important habitat for more than 90 migratory bird species. This includes 22 species that have either been listed as species at risk under the federal *Species at Risk Act* or assessed as at risk by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, and other species that are essential for Inuit harvesting. The Management Plans will allow the Irniurviit Area Co-Management Committee to share their vision of the protected area, guide decision-making for the protected area, describe important cultural and environmental aspects, and decide which activities are permitted within the sanctuaries.

The NWMB considered the request for approval at its In-Camera Meeting (IC 001-2020) on March 12, 2020 and made the following decisions:

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(c) of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB approve the Ikkattuaq Migratory Bird Sanctuary Management Plan.

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(c) of the Nunavut Agreement, the NWMB approve the Qaqsauqtuuq Migratory Bird Sanctuary Management Plan.



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cc. Jean-Francois Dufour, Vice-chair, Irniurviit Area Co-Management Committee.



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Mr. Daniel Shewchuk
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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Thank you for your letter of April 7, 2020, concerning the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision on the proposed final draft management plans for the Qaqsauqtuuq and Ikkattuaq migratory bird sanctuaries.

I am pleased to accept the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's decision in this matter. Pursuant to section 5.3.20 of the Nunavut Agreement, I will proceed to implement this decision.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Imniurviit Area Co-Management Committee for all of its efforts to complete both management plans. This is another great milestone as Environment and Climate Change Canada continues to work with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to collaboratively implement the Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement for National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Mr. Jean-François Dufour, Vice-chair, Imniurviit Area Co-Management
Committee

