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December 3, 2021

OBJECT: Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) approval of the Recovery Strategy for the Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) in Canada

Dear Mr. Metuq,

I am writing to request that the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) approve, at your earliest convenience, the Recovery Strategy for the Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) in Canada in accordance with the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement, articles 5.2.4(d) i) and 5.5.6.

The Bank Swallow was listed as Threatened under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) in 2017. SARA requires that a recovery strategy be developed for each species listed as Extirpated, Endangered, and Threatened to reduce known threats and to support the recovery of species at risk.

In March 2021, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) invited the NMRWB to comment on a draft of the recovery strategy for the Bank Swallow as part of the jurisdictional review phase. The recovery strategy was discussed at regular NMRWB meetings in March, June and September of 2021.

In June 2021, ECCC posted a proposed version of the recovery strategy on the Species at Risk Public Registry for a 90-day period for public comment. At the same time, a fact sheet produced by ECCC highlighting the key sections of the proposed recovery strategy was sent, in English and Inuktitut, to all of the Local Nunavimmi Umajulivijiit Katujiqatigininga (LNUK), inviting them to provide their comments. All the communities were contacted by phone to ensure that the request was received, to explain the context of the recovery strategy, and answer any questions. No comments were received from Nunavik communities as part of this formal consultation process. ECCC carefully considered all comments received during the public consultation and has now finalized the proposed version of the recovery strategy, which is attached to this letter.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is looking forward to the implementation of this recovery strategy and proceeding with measures for the recovery and protection of the Bank Swallow and hopes the NMRWB can make a decision in the near future. When sending your decision to the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of the Environment, please copy me (julie.spallin@ec.gc.ca).



We appreciate the Board's ongoing participation in the conservation of species at risk in Canada. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Julie Spallin

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Enclosure:

Proposed Final Recovery Strategy for the Bank Swallow (Riparia riparia) in Canada