

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 1

MONDAY, 10 JANUARY 1994

### Participants:

David Aglukark	Member
Ben Kovic	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Andy Theriault	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Malachi Arreak	Member
Mary Crnkovich	Contracted Advisor (NIP)
Ron Ryan	Contracted Advisor (NIP)
Jonah Kilabuk	Interpreter (Contract)

### Not Available:

Kevin McCormick	Member (with cause)
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### 1. Call to Order

Mary Crnkovich opened the Conference Call at 12:00 noon. She reminded the Members that she and Ron Ryan have been contracted by the Nunavut Implementation Panel (NIP) to work with the NWMB to develop an NWMB Implementation Workplan.

### 2. Agenda

Mary Crnkovich noted that the two main agenda items for the Conference Call from her perspective were to review and critique:

- The proposed outline for the NWMB Implementation Workplan.
- The proposed elements of the NWMB Implementation Workplan.

### **3. NWMB Implementation Workplan**

Mary Crnkovich explained that she and Mr. Ryan were approached by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) through the NTI legal counsel Lois Lesley (who had earlier replaced Mary in that capacity), and also on behalf of the NIP, to develop an NWMB Implementation Workplan for the consideration of the Board. In response to a challenge from Andy Theriault, Mary stressed that the product of their work, in whole or in part, would be fully subject to Board approval. The aim of their effort (i.e. the Workplan) will be to identify tasks that will have to be done by the NWMB, as defined in the Agreement, in the Act, and/or in the Implementation Contract, and to suggest ways of getting started. The Workplan is to be presented to the Board for its consideration at the initial Board meeting in January.

Mary noted that the NWMB is to have operational capacity of its own, independent of governments and/or of Inuit organizations. Her philosophy is that the Board should have a basic administrative capacity in place before beginning to address its mandate. Some matters may not permit this, for example attending to the Southeast Baffin beluga issue and (perhaps) accepting invitations to speak to groups. Presumably the Board will assign individual members to deal with such matters on an interim basis.

Members agreed with Mary's presentation and analysis, and with the progress made to date.

### **4. Urgent Administrative Matters**

Ron Ryan proposed that a system of Board committees be established and identified to deal with certain immediate issues. Mary Crnkovich advised that government aims to establish a Contribution Agreement with the Board as soon as possible, but the Board may want to take some time to settle on the details. \$11 million for research was paid into a trust fund on the date the Nunavut Final Agreement was ratified. This is currently being held by the law firm Nelligan-Power, and is invested in Treasury Bills.

### **5. Selection of Interim Chairperson**

The advisors left the Conference Call at this point.

Andy Theriault suggested Ben Kovic for the role of interim Chairperson. This nomination was supported by all the Members present. Ben accepted the nomination. He requested that an alternate Chairperson be named at the first Board meeting, to be available to substitute in the event that there is a substantial time lag

before a permanent Chairperson is appointed. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that if there is such a time lag, the office of Chairperson could be rotated among the Members. Ben agreed with this arrangement. Malachi Arreak accepted the responsibility of notifying the Nunavut Implementation Panel, via Paul Okalik, of the Board's selection for interim Chairperson.

## **6. Adjournment**

The Conference Call adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Interim Chairperson** **Date**