

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 10

TUESDAY, 14 MARCH 1995

Participants:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Malachi Arreak	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
David Aglukark	Member
Andy Theriault	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available:

Kevin McCormick	Member (with cause)
Marius Tungilik	Member (with cause)

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson, Ben Kovic, convened the Conference Call at 1:00 p.m.

2. Agenda

The agenda was accepted, with the addition of two items of Other Business:

- Planning for a High Arctic Beluga Survey, and
- Supporting the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in the dispute with Spanish fishermen over access to turbot.

3. Financial Report

The Executive Director provided a financial report as at 28 February 1995.

4. Appointment of Auditor

The Executive Director advised the Board of the need to appoint an auditor for fiscal year 1994/95. The Board agreed to appoint the accounting firm MacKay-Landau to serve as auditors for the Board. **(Resolution 95-101)**

5. Selection of Legal Advisor

It was agreed that the Personnel Committee, with the permanent addition of David Aglukark, will review the proposals submitted by various firms, and recommend a preferred candidate to serve as Legal Advisor to the Board. **(Resolution 95-102)**

6. Policy and Procedures Manual

Gordon Koshinsky reminded Members that components had been sent to them for comment and that responses were needed to complete the work. It is expected that the package will be translated for the next Board Meeting in Coppermine. It was further noted that the job descriptions for staff still are not completed.

7. Nomination to Regional Advisory Committee on Oil Spill Response

The Board has been invited to nominate an individual to the Coast Guard's Regional Advisory Committee. Gordon Koshinsky questioned whether this was an area of Board responsibility sufficient to warrant such participation. The Board decided not to nominate an individual to this Committee.

8. Approval of EDA Workplans for the Baffin Fisheries Initiative 1995/96

The Board decided to rely on direction from the Baffin Regional Hunters and Trappers Association for this approval. The GNWT Department of Economic Development and Tourism will be advised of this decision.

9. Status of Research Permitting for 1995/96

The Board concurred with the Executive Director's proposal that the Board not involve itself directly in the research-permitting process, at least not this year.

10. DFO/NTI Meeting Ottawa

This topic has been on the agendas of previous NWMB meetings, and a considerable amount of correspondence is on file about it. It was agreed that such a meeting would be beneficial, and that the Executive Director should proceed to make the necessary arrangements.

11. Polar Bear Management Agreements

The Management Agreements signed by the delegates to the Polar Bear Workshop were reviewed by the Board. There were several questions and concerns regarding these Agreements. It was decided to defer approval of these Agreements pending further discussion at the next regular Meeting of the Board.

12. Changes to Caribou Quotas

Two requests for changes to caribou quotas were examined and approved. Both will require amendments to the GNWT Wildlife Regulations:

- Establishment of a commercial caribou quota of 25 animals for Clyde River **(Resolution 95-103)**
- Transfer of 20 caribou tags from commercial designation to Non-Resident/Non-Resident Alien Sport Hunting designation for Cape Dorset **(Resolution 95-104)**

13. Wildlife Research Trust

Malachi Arreak advised that he had received the documents for establishing the Trust from the lawyers. Kevin McCormick and Gordon Koshinsky had questioned several items in these documents and it was agreed to seek the lawyer's response to these concerns.

14. Proposed Transfer of Renewable Resources Contribution Funding

It was agreed that the Board should not accept the transfer of Community Harvester Assistance Program (CHAP) or Outpost Camp Program funding from the GNWT Department of Renewable Resources because of concern that the administrative aspects of these programs could not be handled by the Board. It was agreed to ask

the Department if they would consider transferring only RWO and HTO funding, rather than the total program. **(Resolution 95-105)**

15. Other Business

- Gordon Koshinsky confirmed that he will be attending a Canada-Greenland Joint Commission Scientific Committee Workshop tomorrow (March 15) on behalf of the NWMB, to develop a design for a population survey of High Arctic beluga. The Board can anticipate a request for funding assistance.
- It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans supporting the Canadian Government's actions in defending Canada's interests with respect to turbot in the current dispute with the Spanish fishermen.

16. Adjournment

The Conference Call adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: _____ **Chairperson** _____ **Date**

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Resolution 95- 101

Resolved to appoint MacKay Landau Chartered Accountants, of Iqaluit, as NWMB auditors for the fiscal year 1994/95.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak Seconded by: Malachi Arreak
Carried Date: 14 March 1995

Resolution 95- 102

Resolved that the Personnel Committee, with the addition of David Aglukark, review the applicants who have expressed the desire to serve as the Legal Advisor for the NWMB, and provide their recommendations to the Board.

Moved by: David Igutsaq Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried Date: 14 March 1995

Resolution 95- 103

Resolved that the establishment of a commercial caribou quota of 25 animals for Clyde River be approved.

Moved by: Malachi Arreak Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried Date: 14 March 1995

Resolution 95- 104

Resolved that the transfer of 20 caribou tags from commercial designation to Non-Resident/Non-Resident Alien (sport-hunting) designation for Cape Dorset be approved.

Moved by: Malachi Arreak Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried Date: 14 March 1995

Resolution 95- 105

Whereas the Department of Renewable Resources has offered to transfer funding for Nunavut Contribution Programs for consolidation under NWMB administration; and,

Whereas the NWMB is concerned that administration of the Community Harvester Assistance Program and the Outpost Camp Assistance Program would not be consistent with the mandate nor with the administrative capacities of the NWMB;

Therefore be it resolved that the Department of Renewable Resources be requested to consider transferring RWO/HTO Contribution funding only, for consolidation under NWMB administration.

Moved by: Malachi Arreak Seconded by: David Igutsaq
Carried Date: 14 March 1995