

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 11

WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY 1995

Participants:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Marius Tungilik	Member
Malachi Arreak	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
David Aglukark	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available:

Joannie Ikkidluak	Member (with cause)
Andy Theriault	Member (with cause)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Agenda

Mr. Kovic identified funding decisions in respect to Item 11.C ("Research Proposals") from the Coppermine Meeting to be the primary agenda item for the Conference Call.

3. Requests for Funding

3.1 Peregrine Falcon Abundance and Reproduction: Rankin Inlet

Kevin McCormick wondered whether the mandate of the Board extended to supporting research on a species that is not harvested. Other Members echoed this concern. It was agreed this was important work, but would not have the financial support of the Board. **(Resolution 96- 019)**

3.2 Grizzly Bear Population Ecology: Slave Geological Province

Ben Kovic noted that there was no indication of financial support from other interested parties such as the Dogrib or Treaty 8 groups. The KHTA was to meet this week to discuss the project and provide a letter of support if they were in agreement with it. Ben noted that Andy Theriault considered that this project was getting ahead of the overall proposed Slave Study. Marius Tungilik felt that not enough information was provided and that there should be more tangible evidence of public support. He suggested that the project should be deferred. It was noted that the proposal did not indicate how many years would be required for the work. It was decided that while this is an important species, the proposal requires further clarification. The Board will seek additional information. **(Resolution 96- 020)**

3.3 Caribou Harvest Study: Victoria Island

Gordon Koshinsky suggested that this study, if undertaken, should be designed in such a way as to complement the NWMB Harvest Study. There may be ways to link the two projects to save funding. It was agreed to approve funding for the project, but with conditions. **(Resolution 96- 021)**

3.4 Polar Bear Management Meetings

The Chairperson commented on the importance of these meetings. Malachi Arreak agreed that these meetings are required, but did not see them qualifying for support as a research item. He suggested that other sources of funding should be explored. Other Board Members agreed with this assessment. It was decided to urge the Department of Renewable Resources to approach the RWOs and HTOs for financial support for these meetings. **(Resolution 96- 022)**

3.5 Bowhead Study: Northern Hudson Bay

Gordon Koshinsky noted that a similar study had been conducted in the adjoining Foxe Basin area last summer. Gordon requested that the Bowhead Study Co-ordinator, Keith Hay comment on the proposal. Kevin McCormick felt the project fit well with the current research being conducted by the Board. There were questions regarding the status of a preliminary report on the previous year's work. Keith Hay joined the Conference Call and advised that the proposal would be very complementary to the work being conducted under the NWMB Bowhead Knowledge Study. The Board agreed that this was a worthwhile project and decided to approve funding with conditions. **(Resolution 96- 023)**

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03 May 1995

Resolution 96- 019

Resolved that the NWMB not provide funding support to the "Rankin Inlet Peregrine Falcon Project".

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: Gordon Koshinsky
Carried Abstained: Marius Tungilik Date: 03 May 1995

Resolution 96- 020

Resolved that the NWMB decision on whether or not to provide funding support to the proposal for studies on "Population Ecology of Grizzly Bears in the Slave Geological Province" be deferred pending further clarification of the proposal.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky Seconded by: Malachi Arreak
Carried Date: 03 May 1995

Resolution 96- 021

Resolved that NWMB funding for the "Victoria Island Caribou Harvesting Study Project" be approved with conditions.

Moved by: David Igutsaq Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Carried Date: 03 May 1995

Resolution 96- 022

Resolved that the proposal for NWMB funding assistance to conduct "Polar Bear Management Meetings" not be approved; and further,

That the Department of Renewable Resources be encouraged to approach the RWOs and HTOs to share costs and to seek cost-saving methods for the conduct of these meetings.

Moved by: Marius Tungilik Seconded by: Malachi Arreak

Resolution 96- 023

Resolved that the DFO proposal to conduct research on bowhead whales in Foxe Basin be approved for NWMB funding with conditions.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Carried Date: 03 May 1995

Resolution 96- 024

Resolved that the Executive Director examine possibilities for acquiring additional office space, and that the Finance Committee evaluate his findings and recommendations.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: Malachi Arreak
Carried Date: 03 May 1995

Resolution 96- 025

Resolved that the fee structure for the Board's Legal Advisor as brought forward by the Executive Director be approved.

Moved by: David Aglukark Seconded by: Marius Tungilik
Carried Date: 03 May 1995