

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING No. 11

IQALUIT, 5 - 7 JULY 2005

Members and Staff Participating:

Joannie Ikkidluak	A/Chairperson
Nick Amautinuak	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Joseé Galipeau	A/Director of Wildlife
Tom Demcheson	Director of Finance and Administration
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Mary Nashook	Interpreter

Not Available:

Kevin McCormick	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
DIAND Appointee	Vacant

Other Participants at Various Times:

Glenn Williams	Wildlife Advisor, NTI
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Tuesday Evening

1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

Joannie Ikkidluak, A/Chairperson, called the 11th Special Meeting of the NWMB to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Agenda for Special Meeting No. 11

Members discussed the order of agenda items for the meeting, they also discussed different types of in camera meetings, one to make decisions on wildlife issues and another to conduct internal Board business. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-053**) to accept the agenda for Special Meeting 11 as presented.

3. Review/Approval of 2005 Audited Financial Statement

The Director of Finance and Administration reviewed the Audited Financial Statements with the Members. It was noted that there were two old accounts, one under deferred revenue for \$4,500.00 and one under prepaid accounts for \$8,107.00 for rent adjustments at the old Court House Building prior to 1997 that were doubtful accounts and should be written off. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-054**) to write-off these two old accounts. A further audit observation was noted regarding severance payouts to resigning staff. It was suggested that it was urgent that the Board review and revise their severance policy as soon as possible to prevent any further concern. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-055**) to direct staff to make every effort to complete revisions to the Policy and Procedures Manuals for the NWMB as soon as possible. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-056**) to approve the 2004/05 Audited Financial Statements and Annual Activity Report for the period 01 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 as presented.

Wednesday, July 6, 2005

4. Consideration and Potential Approval of Two High Arctic Peary Caribou Management Plans

The NWMB's Legal Advisor reviewed the briefing note provided for the Members. It was noted that members of the HTOs had been invited to the last NWMB meeting to provide their concerns regarding the management plans. It was felt that issues had not been resolved at that meeting and therefore NWMB staff tried to suggest changes to the management plan using the following objectives:

- That the management plan conforms to the terms of the NLCA;
- That it provides effective management and protection of Peary Caribou;
- That it recognizes and supports the outstanding job of community based Management; and
- That it proposes reasonable solutions to as many of the issues in contemplation as possible.

NTI Wildlife Advisor questioned why Sec.129 of the New Nunavut Wildlife Act was not being followed. Considerable discussion followed on all aspects of the management plan. It was suggested that the recommendations submitted by the Board's Legal Advisor be considered as follows:

1. It is recommended that the NWMB carefully consider the proposed revised (July 5th 2005) Management Plans for Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord.
2. If the NWMB is satisfied that the draft Plans represent an improvement over the previous versions – and subject to any further modifications that the NWMB may wish to make to the drafts - it is further recommended that the Board provide copies to DOE, the Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers Association and the Iviq Hunters and Trappers Association, with a recommendation that:

- (a) The GN meet with both HTOs during the next two months to discuss the new proposed drafts;
 - (b) All parties indicate - prior to the end of August 2005 - whether they can, on balance, support the draft Plans; and
 - (c) If they can not support them, provide the NWMB with specific written reasons.
3. Finally, it is recommended that the NWMB consider making a final decision regarding the Management Plans at its September 2005 Meeting No. 43

5. Review of Proposed SARA Listings of Peary Caribou, Dolphin-Union Caribou and Porsild's Bryum

The NWMB's Legal Advisor reviewed the briefing note provided with the Members. It was noted that the Minister of Environment had recently posted his decision on these three species:

- Peary Caribou to be listed as endangered
- Dolphin-Union Caribou to be listed as special concern; and
- Porsild's Bryum to be listed as threatened.

Members and advisors made numerous comments on this issue. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-057**) to go to an in camera session to discuss the three species for listing. It was further decided (**Resolution 2005-058**) that Peary Caribou would be discussed as several populations rather than one single species. The Legal Advisor reviewed the three levels of risk on the Legal List, those being:

- Endangered: A species facing imminent extirpation or extinction;
- Threatened: A species likely to become endangered if limiting Factors are not reversed; and
- Special Concern: A species that may become a threatened or an Endangered species because of a combination of Biological characteristics and identified threats.

The members reviewed and discussed the designations of three Peary Caribou populations, the Dolphin-Union Caribou herd and Porsild's Bryum moss.

Thursday, 7 July, 2005

The A/Chairperson noted that the Board was still in an in camera session to make a final decision on the SARA listing of the three species being discussed. The NWMB's Legal Advisor noted that the Board needs a policy on in camera sessions. It was agreed that the Board would have some in camera sessions where they receive private advice from the staff or legal advisors, in other cases they would be in camera to discuss decision items and advisors may sit on these sessions. The Board decided to review the species in concern and make their decisions. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-059**) to approve the Queen Elizabeth Island Population of Peary Caribou within the NSA as special concern. The Board decided

(Resolution 2005-060) to approve the Prince of Whales/Somerset Islands Population of Peary Caribou as endangered. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-061)** to approve the Boothia Peninsula Population of Peary Caribou with no designation. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-062)** to approve the Dolphin-Union Caribou Population within the NSA with no designation. Finally, the Board decided **(Resolution 2005-063)** to approve the Porsild's Bryum moss as special concern rather than threatened.

The NWMB's Legal Advisor returned to the discussion from previous days on the Peary Caribou Management Plan. It was noted that NWMB staff should talk to Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord HTOs to ensure that they have conservation measures in place prior to finalization of the Management Plan. Both communities should be complemented on their management of these resources to-date. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-064)** to direct staff to send out the revised management plan for comment and review. The Board further moved **(Resolution 2005-065)** to move out of in camera session.

6. 2005 Bowhead Management and Hunt Plan

The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-066)** to move to an in camera session to make a decision on the 2005 Bowhead Management Plan and the Naujaat Hunt Plan. The Board reviewed and discussed both plans in the in camera session. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-067)** to approve the 2006 Bowhead Management Plan. The Board also decided **(Resolution 2005-068)** Naujaat Arviq (Bowhead Whale) 2005 A.D. Hunt Plan subject to various conditions. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-069)** to move out of in camera session.

7. Review/Approval of Outstanding NWRT Funding Requests 2005/06

The A/Director of Wildlife Management reviewed the briefing note provided. These items had been removed from the March Trust Fund applications pending further clarification by the biologists. This clarification was provided at the Iqaluit NWMB meeting held 6-10 June 2005. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-070)** to approve funding in the amount of \$85,000 towards the three projects in noted.

8. Review/Approval of NSA Shrimp Test Fishery by the Northern Shrimp Research Foundation

The COO reviewed the request from the Northern Shrimp Research Foundation (NSRF) to conduct a shrimp test fishery in NAFO Division 0B offshore and inshore. It was noted that the NWMB only has recommendation status in the offshore and decision making authority for the NSA. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-071)** to approve the NSRF request to conduct a shrimp test fishery inside the NSA in the OB area and to recommend support for the offshore portion of the research.

9. Review/Approval of Offshore Fishing Review

The COO reviewed the briefing note with the members. It was noted that the Fisheries Co-management Partners had agreed to conduct a full review of the turbot and shrimp fishery so as to provide direction for the future of the fishery. It was noted that this review would also assist the NWMB in revising its Fisheries Allocation Policy. The Co-management Partners had agreed to cost share this project. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-072**) to approve up to \$20,000 for its share of the project.

10. Review/Approval of Review of NWMB's Allocation Policy

The COO advised members that the NWMB's Legal Advisor had offered to work on revising the NWMB's Fisheries Allocation Policy and was seeking this approval. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-073**) to approve the NWMB's Legal Advisors request to begin the process of reviewing and updating the NWMB's Fisheries Allocation Policy.

11. Discussion on Board Decision Regarding 500 Tonnes of Turbot in Cumberland Sound

The NWMB's Legal Advisor updated the Board on their decision to establish a TAH of 500 MT of turbot in the Cumberland Sound area. It was noted that NTI had concerns with to how the NWMB set this TAH. It was decided (**Resolution 2005-074**) that the NWMB's Legal Advisor should draft a response letter and circulate it for Board review prior to sending it out.

12. Request for Training Funding Assistance Bowhead Hunting Equipment

The COO advised Members that NTI had requested funding assistance for training the crew of the next bowhead hunt on use and storage of the new equipment to be used in conjunction with the next bowhead whale hunt to be conducted in Naujaat during the summer of 2005. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-075**) to approve funding to assist with training the bowhead hunt crew on use and storage of the new bowhead hunting equipment provided by NTI.

13. Request from DFO to Close Beluga Hunting Sleeper/King George Islands

The COO reviewed the briefing note provided on the beluga hunting closure requested by DFO in the Area of Equal Use and Occupancy. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-076**) to approve the closure by variation notice of beluga hunting in the Area of Equal Use and Occupancy around the Sleeper/King George Islands as described in Schedule 40-1 of the NLCA effective 7 July, 2005.

14. Adjournment

The A/Chairperson thanked members, translators and NWMB staff for their work in preparation for and at the meeting. The 11th Special Meeting of the NWMB was adjourned.

Minutes Approved by:


Chairperson


Date

RESOLUTIONS: SPECIAL MEETING No. 11

Resolution 2005-053: RESOLVED, that the NWMB accept the agenda for Special Meeting No. 11 as presented.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuak
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 5 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-054: RESOLVED, that the NWMB write-off the Deferred Revenue account in the amount of \$4,500.00 and Prepaid Account amount of \$8,107.00 as these accounts date back prior to 1997 and are not collectable.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuak
Date: 5 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-055: RESOLVED, that the NWMB direct staff to make every effort to complete revisions to the Policy and Procedures Manuals for the NWMB as soon as possible to ensure that the Employee Severance Policy is amended.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuak
Date: 5 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-056: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the 2004/05 Audit Report and Annual Activity Report for the period 01 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 as presented.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuak
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-057: RESOLVED, that the NWMB move to an in camera session.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuak
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: 6 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-058: RESOLVED, that the NWMB consider Peary Caribou as several populations rather than one single species.

Moved by: Abraham Kaunak
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: 6 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-059: RESOLVED, that the NWMB to approve the Queen Elizabeth Island Population of Peary Caribou within the NSA as special concern.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuak
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-060: RESOLVED, that the NWMB to approve the Prince of Whales/Somerset Islands Population of Peary Caribou as endangered.

Moved by: Abraham Kaunak
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-061: RESOLVED, that the NWMB to approve the Boothia Peninsula Population of Peary Caribou with no designation.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuak
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-062: RESOLVED, that the NWMB to approve the Dolphin-Union Caribou Population within the NSA with no designation.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-063: RESOLVED, that the NWMB to approve the Porsild's Bryum moss as special concern rather than threatened.

Moved by: Abraham Kaunak
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-064: RESOLVED, that the NWMB direct staff to send out the Revised Peary Caribou Management Plan be sent out to all parties for review, comment and approval or disapproval.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuak
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-065: RESOLVED, that the NWMB move out of in camera session.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuak
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-066: RESOLVED, that the NWMB move to an in camera session to decide on approval of the 2006 Bowhead Management Plan and Hunt Plan.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-067: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the 2006 Bowhead Management as presented.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-068: RESOLVED, that, pursuant to subsection 5.2.34 (d) of the NLCA, the NWMB approve the Naujaat Arviq (Bowhead Whale) 2005 A.D. Hunt Plan (May,2005) subject to the following conditions as long as they do not delay the hunt:

1. That the following proposed improvements to the plan be presented by NTI to the Arviq HTA, DFO and the Naujaat Arviq Organizing Committee for their consideration for inclusion in the plan:
 - The replacement of the traditional shoulder gun with the new “Exploding Grenade” harpoon
 - Adequate training, prior to the hunt, of the hunt crews (and trainers) in the safe use and storage of the new harpoon; and
 - As the secondary method of harvest, replace the use of a lance with the use of rifles currently used in the harvest of minke whales.
2. Approval by the NWMB does not include an agreement by the NWMB to contribute funding towards the hunt, as set out in Appendix “A” to the plan.

Should the Arviq HTA, DFO and the Naujaat Arviq Organizing Committee agree to NTI’s proposed improvements to the plan as set out in condition (1), the revised plan is deemed to be approved by the NWMB.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuvar
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-069: RESOLVED, that the NWMB move out of in camera session.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuvar
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-070: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the following NWRT projects as listed:

1. Walrus Stock Definition and Enumeration Project No. 3-05-4 for a total of \$20,000;
2. North Baffin Narwhal Survey Correction Study by Satellite Time-Depth Recording Project No. 3-05-1 for \$30,000; and
3. Improving Stock Assessment for Experimental and Commercial Charr Fisheries in South Baffin Island Using Community-Based Sampling, Project 3-05-9 for \$35,000.

For a total of \$85,000.00 for the three research projects.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuvar
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-071: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the Northern Shrimp Research Foundation (NSRF) request to conduct a shrimp test fishery inside the NSA in the OB area.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuvar
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-072: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve a contribution of up to \$20,000 for the completion of an Organizational and Performance Review of Nunavut's Offshore Fishing Industry.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuvar
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-073: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the Legal Advisor to begin work on reviewing and updating the NWMB's Fisheries Allocation Policy.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-074: RESOLVED, that the NWMB direct staff to draft a letter of response to NTI's concerns regarding the NWMB decision to approve a 500 metric tonne TAH for turbot in Cumberland Sound and circulate it to Members for approval prior to release.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuvar
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-075: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve a contribution of \$10,000.00 to NTI to assist with the training of the Naujaat Bowhead Hunt Crew on the safe handling and storage of the new exploding harpoon.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
Date: 7 July, 2005

Resolution 2005-076: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the closure by variation notice of beluga hunting in the Area of Equal Use and Occupancy around the Sleeper/King George Islands as described in Schedule 40-1 of the NLCA effective 7 July, 2007.

Moved by: Abraham Kaunak
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
Date: 7 July, 2005