

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 2

MONDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 1994

Participants:

Ben Kovic	Interim Chairperson
Malachi Arreak	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
David Aglukark	Member
Andy Theriault	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Marny Twigge	Recording Secretary (Tanmar Services)

1. Call to Order

Ben Kovic, the Interim Chairperson, convened the Conference Call at 1:40 p.m.

2. Committee Reports

2.A Policy and Programs (Operations) Committee

Kevin McCormick advised that the Operations Committee had been in touch with Mary Crnkovich about developing policies, procedures, by-laws, etc. for the Board. Mary is agreeable, however she has other commitments that will keep her occupied until March 31. Mary also suggested that the personnel and financial aspects of the project would best be handled by someone else. She suggested Ron Ryan. The Board will have to decide whether April is acceptable as a starting date, and whether to approach Ron Ryan to develop the personnel and financial aspects. The Operations Committee has started preparation of the statement of work for the actual contract. The aim is to have this ready for the Board to review at next week's meeting.

Gordon Koshinsky advised he has started to draft a request for proposal to design the Wildlife Harvest Study. He hopes to have a draft ready for next week's meeting.

2.B Personnel Committee

Gordon Koshinsky reported that the draft advertisement for "Chairperson Required" has been completed and is awaiting translation. The English copy has been circulated, but without any feedback to date. The advertisement states that the Board hopes to have names to put forward to the Governor-in-Council in April. It was accordingly decided to designate March 31 as the final date for receiving applications.

2.C Finance and Administration Committee

Andy Theriault advised that the Finance and Administration Committee selected Ben Kovic as its Chairperson. The Committee is developing "action sheets" in respect to the items it deals with. Seven items have been actioned so far, and the Committee hopes to have dealt with up to 20 more items by next week. The "action sheets" will be typed and available for next week's Board meeting. The Committee has met with DFO representatives to review upcoming activities, and has prepared a "Summary and Recommendations" report for presentation to the Board.

The Committee recommends that the Board hire a Translator/Interpreter and perhaps a clerk as soon as possible. The Committee anticipates continuing use of TANMAR Services until there is a full NWMB staff complement.

The Committee has devoted considerable effort to negotiating the 1993/94 Contribution Agreement with DIAND.

2.D Bowhead Study Committee

Andy Theriault reported that he has identified a biologist who might be qualified and available to help with this project. This individual's curriculum vitae is being translated for circulation to the other Committee members. It will be an item for discussion at the next Board meeting.

3. Contribution Agreement for 1993/94

Andy Theriault advised that the Contribution Agreement for 1993/94 had not yet been agreed upon with DIAND, nor have any funds yet been transferred. Four successive drafts prepared by DIAND have been deemed unsuitable, with the most common and prevailing shortcoming being that they would have put the Board at risk of lapsing funds. Negotiations are continuing. It seems that, without

making any provision for operating transfers to RWOs AND HTOs, the Board will require about \$230,000.

4. RWO/HTO Conference: Pangnirtung

This workshop, being sponsored by NTI, is intended to be a forum for HTAs to decide whether they wish to become (i.e. to take on the responsibility of) RWOs/HTOs as set out in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Representatives from all 27 Nunavut HTAs and from the three RWOs will be in attendance. The workshop is planned for some time in March.

NTI has suggested that a substantial funding contribution from NWMB would be appropriate, and the \$230,000 NWMB funding requirement suggested above (item 3) would include about \$130,000 to support this workshop. David Aglukark questioned the need for NWMB to participate financially in an initiative that was so clearly NTI's jurisdiction. It was decided to seek further clarification from NTI before making any funding commitment.

5. Interim Office Space and Equipment

Andy Theriault advised that the Finance and Administration Committee has been looking into the possibilities for renting office space in Iqaluit, as well as avenues for purchasing office equipment (computers, furniture, etc.) and supplies as soon as possible. Acquiring fax machines for David Igutsaq and Joannie Ikkidluak should be high priorities.

6. Other Business

Malachi Arreak reported contacting the Inuvialuit about bowhead hunting, and the NWMB Bowhead Study Committee should receive information from them soon.

Gordon Koshinsky reported contacting the North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission to advise that the NWMB can not attend their forthcoming meeting, but asking to please be kept informed.

Ben Kovic noted that next week's Board meeting in Rankin Inlet is in jeopardy without firm funding being in place. He suggested giving the Finance and Administration Committee another 48 hours to get this matter settled with DIAND, with the Board Members to be informed by Thursday, February 17th. The Members agreed to this plan.

Gordon Koshinsky requested a progress report on the Minutes for the January meeting. He was advised that the Minutes were being completed, and further that there would be Minutes for this Conference Call (which was being recorded).

7. Adjournment

The Conference Call adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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