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 Coordinator, 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)

4. NWMB Office Requirements

The Chairperson and the Executive Director indicated that additional office space was urgently needed, and requested direction from the Board. Members agreed that expansion must occur and directed the staff to proceed in consultation with the Finance Committee. (Resolution 96- 024)

5. Legal Advisor's Fees

The Executive Director advised that he had discussed a fee structure with Michael d'Eça and required approval to proceed with a contract. It was agreed that a minimum guaranteed 15 hours per month at \$75.00 per hour, and a travel-status rate of \$500.00 per day, be offered to Mr. d'Eça. (Resolution 96-025)

6. Release of Funding to RWOs and HTOs

The Executive Director advised of requests from some of the RWOs and HTOs for the release of NWMB funding to them. Kevin McCormick reiterated the need for these organizations to have their administrative structures in place first. The Executive Director stated that DIAND is determined to release these funds to the Board on a monthly basis rather than in a lump sum. That will make it very difficult for the RWOs/HTOs to utilize these funds for items such as Sea Lift.

7. Arrangements for Next Board Meeting

The Executive Director advised that a review of comparative costs for conducting the next Board Meeting demonstrated that Pond Inlet would be less expensive than Arctic Bay. It was agreed to have the Meeting at Pond Inlet.

8. Adjournment The Conference Call adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Minutes Approved by: Chairperson Date

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RESOLUTIONS: CONFERENCE CALL NO. 11

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 Igutsag 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