

# **NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

## **MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 27**

**MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 1996**

### **Participants:**

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
David Aglukark	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Malachi Arreak	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Pierre Chartrand	Director of Finance and Administration

### **Not Available:**

Meeka Mike	Member (with cause)
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member (not reachable)
GNWT Appointee	Member (vacant)

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chairperson, Ben Kovic, convened the Conference Call at 11:30 a.m.

### **2. Members' Concerns**

David Igutsaq referred to a recent CBC news item that indicated opposition by the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to the 1996 Nunavut bowhead hunt. David queried whether the NWMB should be doing something to counter this opposition. Members noted that the Board had earlier passed a Resolution in support of Canada joining NAMMCO as an alternative to accommodating the IWC. David was assured that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans is being advised of this NWMB recommendation.

### **3. Kitikmeot HTA: Financial Situation**

Jim Noble advised the Board that the Executive Committee of KHTA recently suspended the KHTA President and Executive Director until a proper assessment can be made of the financial position of KHTA.

### **4. Polar Bear Scientific Meetings**

#### **4.A Polar Bear Technical Committee Meeting: Edmonton**

Jim Noble advised that a Polar Bear Technical Meeting is planned for Edmonton on January 23 and 24. It was agreed that Dan Pike and Ben Kovic should attend.

#### **4.B IUCN/SSC Polar Bear Specialist Group Meeting: Norway**

Jim Noble advised that there will be a meeting of the IUCN/SSC Polar Bear Specialist Group in Oslo, Norway on 3-7 February and asked if the Board wished to participate. The Board concluded that there would be others attending from the NWT and that a report could be obtained. It was accordingly decided that there was no need to send NWMB representation.

### **5. Adjournment**

The Conference Call adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson