

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 31

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 1997

Participants:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
David Igutsaq	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
Malachi Arreak	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Dan Pike	Director of Wildlife Management
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Helen Klengenberg	NTI

Not Available:

Meeka Mike	Member (with cause)
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member (with cause)
David Aglukark	Member (with cause)

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson, Ben Kovic, convened the Conference Call at 11:15 a.m.

2. Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

3. Turbot Allocations for Summer 1997

Dan Pike reviewed his briefing note on making allocations for the 1997 Sub-Area 0 turbot fishery. Dan noted that the NWMB previously adopted the *Policy For Allocation of Groundfish in Zones I and II*. Dan advised that this policy was distributed to all interested parties and that April 18 was posted as the deadline for applications. Seven applications were received, including one based outside Sub-

Area 0 (from Grise Fiord). Dan also noted that three companies requested allocations for gill netting. The NWMB has been concerned about gill netting due to the high potential for wastage, the possibility of incidentally catching marine mammals, and the generally inferior quality of the fish product. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that there should be heavy control on any gill netting authorized by NWMB, even to the point of requiring an observer on each vessel. Ben Kovic asked if a company could transfer any part of its allocation to another company. Harry Flaherty suggested that this would not be appropriate without the explicit approval of the NWMB. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that the application from Cumberland Sound Fisheries Ltd. should receive priority consideration because the company presented itself as a sound and well integrated operation. Malachi Arreak expressed the view that the exploratory fishing aspect for Sub-Area 0 was not clear from the material presented. Dan Pike stated that the parameters for the Division 0A exploratory fishery were not yet available from DFO.

The Board agreed (**Resolution 98 -003**) to adopt Dan Pike's "Summary of Recommendations" for 1997 summer turbot allocations for Division 0B, with the following three amendments:

- Cumberland Sound Fisheries Ltd.: increase from 615 MT to 655 MT.
- Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board: decrease from 200 MT to 180 MT.
- Qikiqtaaluk Corporation: decrease from 200 MT to 180 MT.

4. Personnel Matters

It was agreed that staff will prepare, for the attention of the Executive Committee and for subsequent attention of the full Board as may be appropriate/required:

- A formal job offer for Dan Pike (Director of Wildlife Management)
- Job appraisals for Ben Kovic (Chairperson) and Jim Noble (Executive Director) for the period ending 31 March 1997.
- Briefing material on the job classification system employed by NWMB.
- Briefing material on job appraisals for NWMB staff, with evaluation of the methodology of pay adjustments and ongoing cost implications.

5. Recent and Current Events

- Jim Noble reported that the recent workshop with the HTOs at Rankin Inlet was very successful. Only two of the HTOs (Bay Chimo and Bathurst Inlet) were not represented; Cape Dorset was able to send only a single delegate. Air fare costs

were considerably less than was anticipated, and the full amount of the approved NWMB contribution will not be required.

- Jim Noble advised that the court presentation regarding NTI's application for Judicial Review in the matter of DFO's 1997 turbot allocations took place on May 6. DFO was served notice yesterday (May 7) and has 30 days to respond.

6. Upcoming Events

Jim Noble declared to the Members that:

- Another Conference Call will be necessary in about two weeks, to review applications for NWMB-funded research.
- The next regular Meeting of the Board is on schedule for the period August 8-15. Makivik formally requested (yesterday) to participate.

The Board decided on the following participation assignments for meetings:

- Lancaster Sound Regional Land Use Planning, May 27-29, Pond Inlet.
Malachi Arreak to represent the NWMB.
- Beverly-Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board, June 6-8, Wollaston.
Gordon Koshinsky to attend.
- Canada-Greenland Joint Commission for the Management of Narwhal and Beluga Scientific Working Group, June, Copenhagen.
Dan Pike to attend.
- Qikiktaaluq Wildlife Board AGM, June, Iqaluit.
Ben Kovic, Jim Noble and Dan Pike to attend.
- Keewatin HTA AGM, June, Whale Cove.
Representatives from NWMB office to attend.

7. Adjournment

The Conference Call adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: _____

Chairperson

Date

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Resolution 98- 003

Resolved that the NWMB approve the following turbot allocations for NAFO Division 0B for 1997:

- Cumberland Sound Fisheries Ltd.: 655 MT
- Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board: 180 MT
- Qikiqtaaluk Corporation: 280 MT
- Nattivak HTA: 300 MT
- Mattimatalik HTA: 40 MT
- Clyde River HTA: 40 MT
- Kabva Marine: 40 MT

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried Date: 08 May 1997