

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 70

Wednesday, 25 June 2003; 10:30am (Iqaluit time)

Members and Staff Participating

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Robert Moshenko	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Nick Amautinuar	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Michelle Wheatley	Director of Wildlife Management
Gordon Tomlinson	Director of Finance and Administration
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available

Meeka Mike	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
DSD	Member (no appointee)

Other Participants

Karen Ditz	Fisheries Management Biologist, DFO
Ingrid Anand	Land Claims Liaison Officer, DFO

Wednesday, 25 June 2003

1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

The chairman called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

2. Review / Approval of Agenda

The members approved (**Resolution 2003-040**) the agenda with the addition of four items:

- Update on Subarea 0 turbot management plan
- Update on beluga for Makivik
- Thelon letter
- Polar Bear MOU

3. Review / Approval of New 2003 Shrimp Allocation, SFA 1

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note *SFA 1 shrimp allocations, 2003* with the members. Michelle noted that the Board had received applications for 4,964 MT of shrimp but that only 1,000 MT were available for allocation. Michelle reviewed the ranking evaluation with the members and noted that the tables also provided explanations. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-041**) to accept the Baffin Fisheries Coalition (BFC) application for the full 1,000 MT of shrimp in SFA1 based on the following:

- That keeping the quota intact would be in keeping with the earlier decision by the NWMB with regards to the Division 0A turbot, creating better economic opportunities and a better chance of getting the quota harvested.
- That the BFC provides the best all around opportunity, with the income being reinvested in the fishing industry. The BFC already has vessels fishing turbot in this area.

The following conditions also apply:

- All allocations are conditional on fishing being undertaken as outlined in the fishing plan submitted (type of vessel, landing, processing). Any variation from these plans must be approved in advance by the NWMB.
- The proponents must comply with all applicable conservation requirements contained in the Northern Shrimp Integrated Management Plan, 2003 at such time as it is approved by the NWMB.

4. Review/Approval of Eider Down Permit - Sanikiluaq

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note provided for this issue. The Sanniit Cooperative in Sanikiluaq, supported by the Sanikiluaq HTA, is requesting a permit to collect eider down along with a quota of 160kg for the 2003/04 fiscal year. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-042**) to approve the Sanniit Cooperative's request for a quota of 160 kg of eider down from the colonies around the Belcher Islands for the community of Sanikiluaq with the following conditions:

- That the quota be for the 2003 season only;
- That careful records must be kept of collection locations and nests harvested;

- That a final report must be provided to CWS by December, 2003; and
- That the community's Eiderdown Harvesting Guidelines must be followed.

5. Review / Approval of 0B Turbot Quota Decision

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note *Turbot OB quota/Cumberland Sound* with the Board members. Michelle noted that the Board had originally decided to maintain the current quota of 1000 MT inshore and 500 MT offshore and request that the Minister and NAFO investigate the Cumberland quota, both for scientific recommendations and with reference to Pangnirtung's support for the proposal. Michelle noted that there was some concern with this decision as it was felt that the new quota restricted to Cumberland Sound could be taken off the 1500 MT Nunavut quota. It was therefore recommended that the Board amend their first decision and make no decision on this new Cumberland Sound quota until such time as the Minister indicates whether he will support a separate, new, quota for Cumberland Sound. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-043**) to notify the Minister of DFO that:

- The Board wishes to see the establishment of a new separate quota for turbot for Cumberland Sound, of 500 metric tonnes, in addition to the current Nunavut quota of 1500 metric tonnes;
- Prior to making a formal decision on the establishment of this quota the Board is seeking the advice of DFO on the sustainability and acceptability of this quota; and
- That the Board will make no decision on the distribution of the Nunavut quota between the offshore and the inshore, until such time as there is a clear indication from the Minister on whether a new, separate quota for Cumberland Sound will be established.

6. Makivik Live Capture - Walrus and Seal: Update

Ingrid Anand (DFO) reviewed the briefing note with the Board members. Ingrid noted that Quebec DFO recently issued a licence for live capture of walrus and seal for Akpatok Island in Ungava Bay. The permit was issued for the period June 15 to August 15, 2003. It was noted that this issue falls outside the NWMB mandate but that there should have been better consultation between the parties.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-044**) to write the Minister of DFO noting that the decision to issue a live-capture permit was done without consultations with the NWMB as required by the NLCA with copies to NTI and GN.

7. NWMB Office: Decision

Gordon Tomlinson reviewed the information in binder with the Board members. Gordon noted that the new building is part of 10 year business plan. Revenue includes profits from shrimp allocations along with rent revenue from the NWMB and others. Gordon noted that Amarak financing is approved subject to NWMB signing a 5-year lease. There was some concern noted that leasehold improvements should not be considered part of the equity. After considerable discussion it was decided

(Resolution 2003-045) to have staff and legal advisor continue to negotiate on the leasehold improvement aspect and a non-disturbance agreement as part of the lease.

8. Other Business

A) Makivik beluga

Jim Noble noted that Sanikiluaq HTA is requesting our advice on how to respond to Makivik's request to harvest 65 beluga near the Belcher Islands. Jim noted that Makivik has moved from Kivalliq to Sanikiluaq for their request. DFO was asked for scientific advice on what we should be recommending to Sanikiluaq. Karen Ditz reviewed advice from DFO – to NWMB, Karen noted that this would not be a DFO decision. Any additional harvest at Sanikiluaq could impact on the EHB stock and in addition, harvest levels have not been reduced sufficiently in Hudson Strait. Karen noted that the suggestion from Kivalliq Wildlife Board for 5 whales from each of 4 communities in the Kivalliq, would be more acceptable in terms of conservation – more spread out and therefore less risk. It was decided that Jim Noble would advise Sanikiluaq of these recommendations.

B) Turbot management plan

Jim Noble noted that the Board was waiting for feedback on consultation from the management plan. This information was not available for this conference call however there is pressure to get this plan approved as soon as possible. Ingrid Anand suggested that the Board could respond to comments made to-date and then a presentation will be made when all comments have been received.

C) Thelon letter

The draft letter developed following the Arviat meeting was reviewed. The letter was approved in principle, with Kevin McCormick to provide some additional comments prior to the letter being sent.

D) Polar Bear MOUs

Jim Noble advised that he had met with Mitch Taylor and suggested that the NWMB review the MOU before the HTOs sign the agreement. Jim noted that this suggestion had not been accepted well by Dr. Taylor. The members discussed this issue and directed staff to continue discussions with DSD.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 13:35.

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

RESOLUTIONS: CONFERENCE CALL NO. 70

Resolution 2003-040: Resolved that the NWMB approve the Agenda for Conference Call No. 70 with the following additions:

- Update on Subarea 0 turbot management plan
- Update on beluga for Makivik
- Thelon letter
- Polar Bear MOU

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried Date: June 25, 2003

Resolution 2003-041: Resolved that the NWMB accept the Baffin Fisheries Coalition (BFC) application for the full 1,000 MT of shrimp in SFA1 with the following conditions;

- That all allocations are conditional on fishing being undertaken as outlined in the fishing plans submitted (type of vessel, landing, processing). Any variation from these plans must be approved in advance by the NWMB, and:
- That the proponents must comply with all applicable conservation requirements contained in the Northern Shrimp Integrated Management Plan, 2003 at such time as it is approved by the NWMB.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko Seconded by: Nick Amautinuak
Carried Date: June 25, 2003

Resolution 2003-042: Resolved that the NWMB approve the Sanniit Cooperative's request for a quota of 160kg of eider down from the colonies around the Belcher Islands for the community of Sanikiluaq with the following conditions:

- That the quota be for the 2003 season only;
- That careful records must be kept of collection locations and nests harvested;
- That a final report must be provided to CWS by December, 2003; and
- That the community's Eiderdown Harvesting Guidelines must be followed.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak Seconded by: Robert Moshenko

Carried

Date: June 25, 2003

Resolution 2003-043: Resolved that the NWMB write a letter to the Minister of DFO regarding their decision on the establishment of a separate quota for turbot in Cumberland Sound with the following:

- That the Board wishes to see the establishment of a new separate quota for turbot for Cumberland Sound, of 500 metric tonnes, in addition to the current Nunavut quota of 1500 metric tonnes;
- That prior to making a formal decision on the establishment of this quota the Board is seeking the advice of DFO on the sustainability and acceptability of this quota; and
- That the Board will make no decision on the distribution of the Nunavut quota between the offshore and the inshore, until such time as there is a clear indication from the Minister on whether a new, separate quota for Cumberland Sound will be established.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak Seconded by: Kevin McCormick

Carried Date: June 25, 2003

Resolution 2003-044: Resolved that the NWMB write a letter to the Minister of DFO noting that the decision to issue a live-capture permit to the Quebec Aquarium was done without consultation with the NWMB as per the NLCA.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko Seconded by: Nick Amautinuvar

Carried Date: June 25, 2003

Resolution 2003-045: Resolved that the NWMB request their staff and legal advisor to continue to negotiate with Amarak HTA for office space and that lease hold improvements not be considered as equity.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak Seconded by Nick Amautinuvar

Carried Date: June 25, 2003