

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 73

Monday, 29 September, 2003

Members and Staff Participating

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Robert Moshenko	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Nick Amautinuvar	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Michael d'Eca	NWMB Legal Advisor

Not Available

Meeka Mike	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
David Alagalak	Member

Other Participants

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1. Opening by Chairperson

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:30.

2. Review / Approval of Agenda

The members approved (**Resolution 2003-060**) agenda with two additions:

- Non Quota Limitations decisions for Section 88(2)(3)
- Funding request from NTI for Hunting Techniques Workshop

3. 10-Year Implementation Contract Negotiation Plans

Michael d'Eça reviewed the briefing notes/power point presentation with the members giving a history of the negotiating process. Michael also presented a "Draft NWMB Strategy for Remaining Negotiations over 2003-2013 Funding." and a draft response to Canada's February 5th, 2003 proposal to fund NWMB activities for the second planning period, the main thrust of this letter being to continue negotiating for a reduced Harvest Survey. Board members were concerned that plans for a two year study in each region would be a challenge and possibly the Board was setting itself up for failure. It was decided that staff would revisit the proposal and look more to a three year study rather than two. The members were satisfied that the direction being taken for negotiating was appropriate.

4. Polar Bear MOU Letter to DSD

Michael d'Eça reviewed a draft letter to the Department of Sustainable Development regarding an NWMB review of the Draft Polar Bear Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The members agreed with the letter and noted that the MOU is just a recommendation to the NWMB and as long as the Department agrees to put in the proposed NWMB "*opening statement*" there will be less concern from the NWMB.

5. Bathurst Inlet - Request for Sea-run Arctic Char Experimental Licence

Burnside HTA has requested two experimental licenses, DFO also reviewed possibilities for two other possible water bodies. The Board reviewed each of the four water bodies and the DFO recommendations on each. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-061**) to approve a 2,000kg test fishery in the following:

- Hiukitak River (67 08 N, 107 10 W);
- Swan Lake (66 47 N, 108 10 W); and
- Burnside River (66 50 N, 108 10 W).
- Fishing Lake (66 41 N, 107 52 W) **was not approved**

6. NAFO Division 0A and 0B – Request for Redfish Experimental Licence

This was a request from Jencor Fisheries Ltd for an experimental licence for 1000 MT of redfish in NAFO Division 0A and 0B. It is recommended by DFO that this request be turned down due to the fact that there is no indication of sufficient resources in this area. Redfish were depleted in this area due to high catches of young redfish as a by-catch of the Greenland shrimp fishery. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-062**) to not approve Jencor's request for a 1000 MT quota in Sub Area 0.

7. Status Report on Director of Finance and Administration File

Jim Noble gave a brief update on status of this file for the members.

8. Other Business

- **Final Non-Quota Limitation (NQL) Decision – WA Section 88(2)(3)**

Michael d'Eça reviewed a draft letter to the Minister of Sustainable Development regarding two NQL's that had been inadvertently missed while making final NQL decisions. These two items were with regards to Section 88 of the Wildlife Act and use of helicopters in Nunavut. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-063**) to approve the two NQL's as outlined in the letter to the Minister. (**Note to file: Resolution 2003-063 originally numbered 2003-054 in error**)

- **Request for Funding Assistance – NTI Hunting Techniques Workshop**

Jim Noble advised that the NWMB had been approached by NTI for funding assistance for a Hunting Techniques Workshop to be held in Iqaluit the last week of November 2003. Jim reviewed the NTI funding proposal with the members. It was decided (**Resolution 2003-064**) to approve a contribution of \$9,000.00 towards this workshop.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Approved by: _____
Chairperson Date

RESOLUTIONS: CONFERENCE CALL NO. 73

Resolution 2003-060: Resolved that the agenda for Conference Call No. 73 be accepted with two additions:

- NQL Decision – Section 88 (2) (3) of the Nunavut Wildlife Act
- Request for Funding Assistance – NTI Hunting Techniques Workshop

Moved by: Robert Moshenko Seconded by: Nick Amautinuvar
Carried Date: September 29, 2003

Resolution 2003-061: Resolved that NWMB approve the following test fishery licenses for the Bathurst Inlet area for a total of 2,000 kg each:

- Hiukitak River (67 08 N, 107 10 W)
- Swan Lake (66 47N, 108 10W)

