NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 77

Monday, 19 April, 2004

Members and Staff Participating

Ben Kovic Chairperson
Harry Flaherty Member
Paul Pemik Member
Kevin McCormick Member
Robert Moshenko Member
Nick Amautinuar Member

Jim Noble Chief Operating Officer

Annie Aningmiuq Secretary Michael d'Eça Legal Advisor

Not Available

Joannie Ikkidluak Member - with cause DIAND Member - Vacant DOE Nunavut Member - Vacant

Other Participants

Monday, 19 April, 2004

1. Call to Order

Ben Kovic opened the Conference Call at 10:30 am. Ben noted that Joannie Ikkidluak was unable to return home due to weather.

2. Review / Approval of Agenda

The members approved (Resolution 2004-023) the agenda with the addition of two items:

- Update for Strategic Planning Workshop under item #7 (Other Business)
- RWO Funding under item #7 (Other Business)

3. Review / Approval of Various Issues

A. Final Decision on BFC Request for one year extension of OA Turbot Quota

Members were advised that in order for BFC to lease a vessel, they had to commit to a two year agreement (2004, 2005). However, the NWMB had earlier agreed that quotas would remain the same for three years 2002, 2003&2004. Therefore BFC requested a one year extension to their 4000 tonne quota allocation in OA, for 2005. The Board decided (Resolution 2004-024) to approve a one (1) year extension to the BFC allocation of the 4000 tonne OA turbot quota to December 31, 2005.

B. Review of the Nunavut Marine Fishery

The Board's Chief Operating Officer requested approval for the NWMB staff to work with the Nunavut Fisheries Working Group to jointly hire a consultant to review the Nunavut Marine Fishery. This review would include analysis of current direction taken and any recommendation on how to improve the fishery. The Board decided (Resolution 2004-025) to approve \$20,000 towards a review of the Nunavut Marine Fishery, on approval of a draft Request for Proposal (RFP).

C. Final Decision on DFO Request for Recommendation on SFA 1 Shrimp Quota Increase

The NWMB Legal Advisor reviewed the reasons for requesting the full quota of SFA 1 Shrimp as outlined in the letter to the Minister of DFO. It was noted that this was a recommendation only and that the Minister will make the final decision. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-026**) to approve a letter to the Minister of DFO recommending the full 100% of the SFA1 shrimp quota increase for 2004 be allocated to Nunavut.

D. Final Decision on DFO Request for Recommendation on BFC use of Foreign Vessels for 2004 Season

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the request from DFO for a recommendation on the request from BFC to use foreign vessels for the 2004 season. The direction of DFO from 2003 was that no foreign vessels would be permitted for the 2004 season. BFC noted that no Canadian vessels were available; plans are underway for Canadianization of several foreign vessels for the summer. BFC noted that this type of registry takes some time and requested that DFO allow use of these vessels until such time as the paperwork is completed. The Board decided (Resolution 2004-027) to

recommend to DFO that the BFC be allowed to use foreign vessels to fish the 0A turbot quota for the 2004 fishing season.

4. Decision on Senate Standing Committee on Fisheries & Oceans Report on Nunavut Fisheries

The Board reviewed the briefing note on the Senate Standing Committee Report on Nunavut Fisheries. The recommendation of the briefing note was to send a letter to Senator Comeau, Chair of the Committee, outlining the concerns of the NWMB with regards to this report. The Board decided (Resolution 2004-028). to direct staff to draft a letter in response to the Senate Standing Committee on Fisheries & Oceans Report on Nunavut Fisheries for Board approval.

5. Recommendation to DFO on Nunavik Walrus Live Capture

The Board reviewed a letter from DFO Iqaluit advising that they had received a request from the Quebec Provincial Aquarium for the live capture of two walrus and four ringed seals for the 2004 summer season. The Board recommended that staff draft a letter to DFO recommending that no live capture be permitted until such time as a "Live Capture Policy" is developed. Further that the Aquarium be requested to provide a report on the previous live capture conducted in 2003 and that support for this project be gathered from Nunavik communities.

6. Decision on COLA for NWMB Staff 2004

The members decided (**Resolution 2004-029**) to approve a staff Cost of Living (COLA) adjustment for the 2004/05 fiscal year based on the Canadian Consumer Price Index of 0.7% and to review this policy prior for the 2005/06 fiscal year.

7. Other Business

A. Strategic Planning Workshop Update

Michael d'Eça and Robert Moshenko will co-chair this workshop, the Strategic Planning Workshop will be held in Iqaluit May 11 and 12, 2004. The members will be kept up to date as arrangements and documents are completed.

B. RWO Funding

This item was deferred to a later meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 11:45 am.

Minutes Approved by:		
,	Chairperson	Date

RESOLUTIONS: CONFERENCE CALL NO. 77

Resolution 2004-023: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda with the noted addition of two items:

A. Update on the Strategic Planning Workshop

B. RWO Funding

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Kevin McCormick

Carried Date: April 19, 2004

Resolution 2004-024: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a one (1) year extension to the Baffin Fisheries Coalition's (BFC) allocation of the 4000 tonne OA turbot quota, to December 31, 2005.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko Seconded by: Harry Flaherty

Carried Date: April 19, 2004

Resolution 2004-025: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a commitment of \$20,000 towards a review of the Nunavut Marine Fishery, on approval of a draft Request for Proposal (RFP).

Moved by: Robert Moshenko Seconded by: Harry Flaherty

Carried Date: April 19, 2004

Resolution 2004-026: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve drafting a letter to the Minister of DFO recommending the full 100% of the SFA1 shrimp quota increase for 2004 be allocated to Nunavut.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Nick Amautinuar

Carried Date: April 19, 2004

Resolution 2004-027: RESOLVED that the NWMB recommend to DFO that the BFC be allowed to use foreign vessels to fish the 0A turbot quota for the 2004 fishing season, as no Canadian flagged vessels are available for charter.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Robert Moshenko

Carried Date: April 19, 2004

Resolution 2004-028: RESOLVED that the NWMB direct staff to draft a letter in response to the Senate Standing Committee on Fisheries & Oceans Report on

Nunavut Fisheries for Board approval.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: Harry Flaherty

Carried Date: April 19, 2004

Resolution 2004-029: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a staff Cost of Living (COLA) adjustment for the 2004/05 fiscal year based on the Canadian Consumer Price Index of 0.7% and to review this policy prior for the 2005/06 fiscal year.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Paul Pemik

Carried Date: April 19, 2004