

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 83

Friday, February 11, 2005; 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Harry Flaherty	A/Chairperson
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Nick Amautinuak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Michael d'Eça	Legal Advisor

Not Available:

Robert Moshenko	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
DIAND Member	Vacant

1. Opening by A/Chairperson

Harry Flaherty convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed members.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-008**) to approve the agenda with three changes;

- That item 3 be moved to end of meeting;
- That a funding request from Amarok HTO for a Polar Bear IQ Project be added; and
- That the Chairperson's and Director of Wildlife positions be added.

3. Polar Bear, Grizzly Bear and Wolverine

The Board discussed the DOE representative's presence when species at risk are discussed and decisions are taken. It was felt it would be best if the DOE nominee would step aside when these issues are dealt with, to avoid conflict of interest.

The Board directed the Board's Legal Advisor to draft a letter to the Minister of Environment regarding these 3 species. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-009**) to support the initiative for consultation for grizzly bear and wolverine, but not for polar bear. Polar bear should be returned to COSEWIC for reassessment of recent IQ information and further consultations with the communities.

4. Polar Bear NQL Letter to NTI

The NWMB Legal Advisor informed the Board that the original letter was sent to the Chief Operating Officer in December 2004. The letter claims that NWMB decision does not follow the NLCA and they did not have enough time to consult. The Legal Advisor went through the letter and explained the issues, then reviewed a draft response letter that essentially states that the Board's decision should stand as presented. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-010**) to approve sending the letter to NTI as drafted.

5. 2005 Fisheries Allocations

Item deferred to Conference Call 84.

6. Amarok Polar Bear IQ Project

The COO provided a briefing on the Amarok HTO's request for funding assistance to conduct a Polar Bear IQ Project. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-011**) to approved funding for \$5000 for this IQ project conditional on the HTO finding other funding partners.

7. Other Business

a) Chairman and Director of Wildlife Position

This item was deferred.

8. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Approved by: _____

Chairperson

Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2005-008: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuvar
Date: 11 February 2005

Resolution 2005-009: RESOLVED that the NWMB send the polar bear NQL response letter to NTI as presented.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 11 February 2005

Resolution 2005-010: RESOLVED that the NWMB provide \$5000 to the Amarak HTO for their proposed polar bear IQ project, conditional on the HTO establishing other funding partners.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
Date: 11 February 2005

Resolution 2005-011: RESOLVED that NWMB Legal Advisor be requested to draft a letter to the Minister of Environment supporting the initiative for consultation on grizzly bear and wolverine, but not for polar bear. Polar bear should be returned to COSEWIC for reassessment of recent IQ information and further consultations with the communities.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuvar
Date: 11 February 2005