

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## Minutes Conference Call No. 87

Friday, May 16, 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
Robert Moshenko	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Joe Tigullaraq	Chief Executive Officer
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Michael d'Eça	Legal Advisor

**Not Available:** DIAND Member Vacant

**Advisors:** Stas Olpinski Makivik

### 1. Opening by Chairperson

Harry Flaherty, A/Chairperson opened the meeting at 10:30 and welcomed members to the Conference Call.

### 2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-037**) to approve the agenda with one addition to Other Business:

- Staffing Update

### 3. Makivik Request for Beluga for Nunavik Communities

The COO reviewed the briefing note provided by DFO on this request. An assessment of the three areas where beluga have been requested by Makivik were reviewed:

1. A harvest of 25 from Sanikiluaq in addition to those already harvested by Sanikiluaq hunters would be approved on the condition that hunt occur prior to 1 July and an equal reduction in the Eastern Hudson Bay stock;
2. No harvest should occur in the Sleeper Islands as these would likely be Eastern Hudson Bay beluga during the summer months;
3. That a harvest in the Ottawa Islands be restricted to the west side of the islands for one season only and that samples and GPS locations be recorded for each animal harvested; and
4. That a one-time harvest of an additional 25 beluga from the Kivalliq coast above the normal harvest would be sustainable. This harvest should be regulated by the Kivalliq Wildlife Board and records kept.

The NWMB Legal Advisor noted that the Sleeper Islands are in the Joint Use and Occupancy area and would require representation of Makivik Members on the Board for a decision. Stas Olpinski noted that there is a recognized lack of science and have agreed there is a need for samples for DNA analysis and for a precautionary approach to the harvest. There were questions as to how the hunt would be conducted and it was suggested that the rule is hunters should make all attempt to harpoon the whales before shooting to prevent loss. It was suggested that there should be some record of struck/lost rates and records of how animals are harvested should be kept. It was suggested that Makivik should make every effort to contact the Kivalliq Wildlife Board and Joe Tigullaraq will be visiting Sanikiluaq to get their views. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-038)** to approve the proposed hunt near Sanikiluaq on receipt of approval from the community of Sanikiluaq. The COO was to confirm the dates of the hunt as July 1 with DFO staff.

#### **4. Nunavut Wildlife Regulation Consultations**

The NWMB Legal Advisor noted that a letter was sent to the Minister of Environment, Government of Nunavut to extend the consultation period for the Wildlife Regulations. Indications are that the Department will probably accept this extension. The proposed plan now is to establish the regulations on July 9, using a few of the new (non-controversial) regulations and inserting the old regulations (NWT) until they are amended and replaced by the new regulations. This would allow more time to consult on the new regulations and put them into force in the fall. It was further noted that the NWMB request to amend the Wildlife Act was received too late for processing in July and is still an outstanding issue.

#### **5. Other Business**

##### **A. NWMB Staffing**

The COO gave a brief update on the status of the Director of Wildlife position.

## 6. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Approved by:   
Chairperson

July 6/06  
Date

## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2005-037:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda with the addition of a staffing update added to Other Business.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko  
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick  
Date: 16 May 2005

**Resolution 2005-038:** RESOLVED that the NWMB conditionally approve the hunt in the Sanikiluaq area subject to confirmation of approval from Sanikiluaq.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko  
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick  
Date: 16 May 2005