

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: MEETING NO. 20

5 - 6 DECEMBER 1998

YELLOWKNIFE, NT

Members and Staff Participating:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Pauloosie Keyootak	Member
David Tagoona	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Joan Scottie	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Meeka Mike	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Dan Pike	Director of Wildlife Management
Janet Akat	Regional Liaison Officer, Arviat
Todd Roche	Regional Liaison Officer, Kugluktuk
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Mary Nashook	Interpreter
Juliana Boychuk	Interpreter

Guests and Other Participants (at various times):

Gary Weber	DFO Area Manager, Iqaluit
Lynn Siegersma	DFO Land Claims Liaison Officer, Iqaluit
Joe Tigullaraq	Sr Advisor Wildlife & Fisheries RWED, Iqaluit
Bert Dean	A/Wildlife Manager NTI, Rankin Inlet
Glenn Williams	Wildlife Consultant to NTI, Iqaluit
Joanasie Akumalik	Executive Director QWB, Iqaluit
Ida Ayalik-McWilliam	Executive Director KtHTA, Kugluktuk
Mary Pameolik	Executive Director KWF, Arviat

Several other presenters and members of the public at large

Saturday, 5 December 1998

1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

The Chairperson Ben Kovic convened the meeting at 9:20 a.m. in the Garnet Room of the Yellowknife Inn. Joan Scottie led the opening prayer. Ben welcomed the NWMB Members to this the 20th regular meeting of the Board. He congratulated the Members for the key role of the Board in resolving the impasse regarding activation of a Nunavut Marine Council in the course of the joint meeting with the other Institutions of Public Government the previous day. He noted that the NWMB has accumulated a long and impressive history of accomplishments. Ben referred to the heavy agenda facing the Board, and indicated that there were about seventeen decisions to be made.

Ben called on the Members, staff and guests in attendance to introduce themselves. Bert Dean noted NTI's intention that RWOs and HTOs be more consistently represented and participate more actively at NWMB meetings.

2. Agenda

Members reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Gordon Koshinsky stated that some discussion and clarification was needed with respect to the Special Meeting conducted on December 4th, and suggested that this be addressed *in-camera*. Gordon also suggested that agenda items 9D and 10C be amalgamated. Kevin McCormick requested the addition of an agenda item on behalf of CWS (Item 7B) regarding a regulatory proposal for the hunting of migratory birds. The agenda was accepted with the suggested amendments. **(Resolution 99-089)**

3. Minutes

3.A Regular Meeting No. 19

The Minutes for Regular Meeting No. 19, held on 25 - 27 August 1998, were adopted with minor adjustments. **(Resolution 99-090)**

3.B Conference Call No. 41

The Minutes for Conference Call No. 41, conducted on 02 November 1998, were adopted with minor adjustments to the wording regarding the projected slight budget overrun and notification to DIAND. **(Resolution 99-091)**

4. Financial and Administrative Business

4.A Financial/Variance Report for November 1998

Jim Noble provided an overview of the NWMB financial situation to 30 November, including a detailed variance report. Jim noted that the projected negative variance to year-end has increased by about \$28,000 over the past month, to an estimate of \$83,147 at the present time. This is still considered to be a manageable amount. Kevin McCormick asked why the actual and projected expenditures for donations were so much higher than the original budget of \$5,000. Jim attributed this in large part to the designation of several projects as donations when in fact they constituted research. Harry Flaherty urged that a cap be established for donations. Harry also expressed concern about the progress of the Inuit Bowhead Knowledge Study and the projected cost overrun. Ben Kovic marked this as an item for discussion *in-camera*. Meeka Mike asked why funds were still being identified for future transfer to HTOs. Jim explained that the Whale Cove HTA has not yet submitted the required financial documentation for 1997/98, but that steps are being taken to assist the HTA in this matter.

Gordon Koshinsky suggested that the projected compliance with the overall budget was satisfactory in the context of the total budget. The financial report as at 30 November 1998 was accepted as presented. **(Resolution 99-092)**

4.B Funding Arrangement with DIAND: Update

Jim Noble advised that there has been no response to the NWMB letter of September 8 to the DIAND Minister regarding development of a revised funding arrangement. With year-end now approaching, the Board must decide whether to pursue this issue further. Gordon Koshinsky noted that DIAND officials have contended in the past that this matter is being considered by the Treasury Board, but have never provided any hard evidence that the matter was in fact put forward. Kevin McCormick suggested that since the Board is not having any impact with DIAND in resolving this matter, that the Board should change its approach. He suggested that the Board request someone else to intervene, possibly NTI or the MP for Nunatsiaq. The Board resolved to bring the matter to the attention of NTI and the MP for Nunatsiaq, with a copy to the DIAND Minister. **(Resolution 99-093)**

4.C Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust: Update

Jim Noble tabled TAL's accounting report for the Trust Fund as at the end of October. The Fund survived the recent market volatility quite well. The Fund has a current (October 31) market value of \$16,086,753 with a year-to-date return of 7.48%.

5. Chairman, Staff, and Member Reports

5.A Chairperson's Report

Ben Kovic advised that he has started to participate in the RWO program of monthly conference calls with the HTOs. Ben suggested that it would be appropriate for the NWMB to contribute to paying the cost of these calls, perhaps on a one-in-four basis.

Ben urged that agencies with agenda items be more attentive about providing briefing materials to the Board in advance of meetings. Ben also urged Board Members to re-double their efforts to come to Board meetings in a high state of preparedness to discuss the agenda items.

5.B Executive Director's Report

Jim Noble advised that a new Director of Wildlife Management had been hired for the NWMB. Dr. Michelle Wheatley, who has been working for the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, will be starting with the NWMB the second week of January. The position she will be occupying is full-time indeterminate, and she will be on a one-year probation. Dr. Wheatley recently spent a weekend in Iqaluit going over the duties of the position with Dan Pike. She was also able to find housing accommodation during that visit.

Jim noted that the NWMB Annual Report for 1997/98 was received from the printer and is ready for distribution. Ben Kovic suggested that the Board consider expanding the Annual Report in future to include a page for each of the co-management partners. Michael d'Eça suggested that the participation of NWMB co-management partners in this context not be restricted to government agencies. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that sharing the content of its Annual Report with its co-management partners would be appropriate to the NWMB's position as a leader in the development of the fish and wildlife co-management process in Canada. Harry Flaherty suggested that the co-management partners should be encouraged to pay the incremental costs of any such shared participation.

5.C Director of Wildlife Management Report

Dan Pike explained that in view of his imminent departure from the Board, he has focussed his recent attention on solidifying policy matters. He also noted that all of the substantive items in his quarterly activity report have specific places on the present meeting agenda.

5.D Director of Finance and Administration Report

In the absence of Gordon Tomlinson, Jim Noble referred to the quarterly activity report of the Director of Finance and Administration contained in the information binder. Jim noted that Gordon is currently away for a brief period of training towards completion of his CMA. Isabel Simpson has returned from maternity leave.

5.E Legal Advisor's Report

Michael d'Eça referred to his briefing report of November 12 contained in the information binder. Michael noted that the activity items that have taken most of his recent attention also appear separately on the meeting agenda.

5.F Fisheries Advisor's Report

In the absence of Ray Andrews, Dan Pike reviewed Mr. Andrews' activity report as contained in his memorandum of November 16. Mr. Andrews noted the concurrence of the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council with the NWMB contentions pertaining to turbot; notably that there is a great need for:

- more scientific investigation especially in the north (where most of the spawning is believed to occur), and
- better harvesting technology to foster conservation.

5.G Members' Reports and Concerns

Harry Flaherty advised that Grise Fiord hunters recently lost four of their snow machines and are unable to pursue their hunting activities without them. Harry requested the support of the NWMB in getting these machines replaced. The Board Members indicated that the NWMB would draft a letter in support of the Grise Fiord hunters' request for compensation.

David Tagoona anticipated serious problems with implementing the new firearms control legislation. He urged that the Federal Government hire co-ordinators to circulate among communities to facilitate registrations. Bert Dean noted that NTI is pushing the Federal Government to provide such assistance.

Joan Scottie reported attending the AGM of the Kivalliq Inuit Association in Rankin Inlet in October, this on behalf of David Tagoona who was ill. She was questioned about the funding arrangements for the 1998 bowhead hunt, and heard complaints that the Keewatin Region did not obtain a reasonable share of the hunt products. Joan also reported attending her third meeting as the NWMB representative to the Beverly-Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board in Fort

Smith in November. The Board decided that Joan should continue in the role of NWMB representative to B/Q Board meetings.

Joan Scottie questioned the design and administration of the NWMB's Harvest Study. She noted that a large number of hunters in her community, herself included, are never interviewed. She suggested that a system of incentives may be useful, both for Field Workers and for hunter participants. Janet Akat explained the registration and selection process that was/is employed to determine which hunters will be interviewed in any particular community. Hunters who were designated at the outset as "occasional" are interviewed only about one-third of the time. Janet acknowledged that Baker Lake has posed some unique problems for the Study, related mainly to a high turnover of Field Workers. She undertook specifically to look into the concerns expressed by Joan.

Makabe Nartok reported attending the AGM of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association in October. He encountered some language (dialect) difficulties in making and following up on his presentation at the meeting, and suggested that this should be a consideration in deciding who to send to such meetings. Ben Kovic noted that the RIAs have expressed displeasure in the past if their NWMB appointee did not attend their AGM. The Board decided to write to the RIAs suggesting that they provide their questions, especially in regard to administrative or financial matters, to the NWMB in advance of their meetings.

Meeka Mike noted that she is the only member of the Inuit Bowhead Knowledge Study Committee who is still in an active role with the NWMB, and asked whether the Board had any inclination to change this situation. The Board noted that the original members have expressed no desire to be replaced, and concluded that it was desirable to maintain this element of continuity in view of the difficulties being encountered in completing the Study.

6. Completion of Assignments and Resolutions from Last Meeting

Jim Noble reported that he had tried to incorporate NWMB Resolutions into the Task List along with the other items. He then gave a status report on each item, with emphasis on the items that had not been completed. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that a process was needed for considering the removal of task items from the list if they remained uncompleted for a long time. It was decided that in such cases the particular assignees should be prepared to recommend to the Board in that regard. In regard to specific outstanding task items not on the present meeting agenda, the Board decided as follows:

- That it will be appropriate to expand the task of developing criteria for deciding on which land-use permit applications the Board should intervene in order to encompass research permit applications as well.
- That it remains important to identify and assess NWMB obligations existent in current MOUs pertaining to management of polar bears.

- That it remains a worthwhile aim to complete the paper outlining the NWMB/DFO operating relationship as soon as possible.
- That the matter of accessing funds for the conduct of public hearings be written up as an item for the impending NWMB 5-year review.
- That all considerations that would involve the NWMB becoming a landlord for the purposes of meeting its long-term office space requirements be abandoned in favour of pursuing a long-term lease under the best possible terms.

7. Environment Canada (CWS) Issues/Decisions

7.A The Canada Endangered Species Protection Act (CESPA): Update

Kevin McCormick reported that Environment Canada hosted a meeting with northern interests on December 2 in Yellowknife to provide a forum for consultation on the proposed legislation. The meeting was attended by representatives from the four Arctic wildlife co-management boards, the Dene Nation, Lutsel Ke, Ecology North, RWED, DFO and DIAND. DOE stressed that as it is now envisaged the new legislation will:

- Build upon the previous attempt to develop such legislation.
- Support the federal/provincial accord that was developed on this subject.
- Address the sensitive issues that came to light on the previous round.

Discussion at the meeting focussed on:

- Membership composition of the two bodies (the Canadian Endangered Species Conservation Council, and the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada) that will be central to implementation of the Act.
- Civil suits and resolution of disputes.
- The process for listing species at risk.
- Aboriginal rights as these relate to endangered species and the stewardship of wildlife habitat.

Specific concerns raised by northern participants at the meeting, and which departmental representatives undertook to ensure would receive due consideration, included:

- Incorporation of traditional knowledge into species status reports.
- Restrictive time lines (proposed) for preparing recovery/management plans.
- Need to review currently-listed species under the new legislation.

7.B Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations for Nunavut

Kevin McCormick advised that the annual review of the Migratory Bird Regulations would need to include an amendment to extend the current (1998) hunting seasons and bag limits to the Nunavut Territory for 1999. Kevin stressed that although the

Nunavut Department of Sustainable Development had been advised of this matter, there had not been time to obtain a formal response. The Board noted that no changes were contemplated, and on this basis approved the extension of the 1998 Migratory Bird Regulations to apply in Nunavut for the 1999 season. **(Resolution 99-094)**

7.C Special Snow Goose Hunting Regulations

Kevin McCormick indicated that in view of burgeoning snow goose populations, CWS is preparing a special proposal to create a spring hunting season, for snow geese only, for the benefit of non-aboriginal hunters in Quebec, Manitoba, and perhaps also the Northwest and Nunavut Territories. The proposal might include provision to legalize, in some jurisdictions, the use of electronic goose calls. Any such regulatory changes would be subject to consultation and approval by the appropriate authorities.

8. Fisheries and Oceans (DFO): Issues/Decisions

8.A DFO Staffing Pertinent to Nunavut

Gary Weber advised of recent recruiting and staffing actions by DFO Fisheries Management for their Iqaluit office. Patrice Simon has been hired as the new Fisheries Management Biologist, and a second Fisheries Management Technician is being recruited. Joanne Rose will be the new Administrative Clerk/Office Manager. Winston Fillatre was recently hired as the new Field Supervisor for Conservation and Protection. Blaine Rawles and David Qirqqut have been hired as Fishery Officer Trainees. Gary noted that DFO Science Division based out of Winnipeg is also looking to increase its presence in Nunavut. In addition, the newly-formed DFO Oceans Sector anticipates obtaining authorization shortly for some regional staffing.

8.B Request for Quota Increase: Naqsaarluk Lake Arctic Char

Dan Pike reminded Members of the Board's consideration of this matter at the previous meeting. The Renewable Resource Officer at Clyde River is of the opinion that the present commercial quota is too small to encourage fishery participation. The aspirations of the HTO, however, have not been conveyed to the NWMB in this matter. Dan also reiterated his long-standing contention that the char management system is in need of serious revision in the context of the NLCA. The concept of commercial quotas does not necessarily fit the provisions of the Agreement, but any major revision would need to be pursued in a systematic manner.

The Board decided to defer consideration of an increase in the commercial quota for arctic char at Naqsaarluk Lake pending confirmation of the request by the Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Association. In the interim, the quota should remain unchanged at 2300 kg, and DFO should be asked to provide the missing commercial harvest data for 1997/98. **(Resolution 99-095)**

8.C Walrus Management Plan

Gary Weber announced that the long-anticipated document has now been drafted, albeit without ever having benefit of any input from Makivik. It will be sent to NWMB imminently, with feedback invited.

8.D Walrus Sport Hunting: Update

Gary Weber advised that eight walrus were harvested at Igloolik and one at Coral Harbour in the course of the 1998 sport hunt. The communities of Salluit, Hall Beach and Cape Dorset did not conduct walrus sport hunts in 1998 although the NWMB had provided quotas. Makabe Nartok asked if the sex composition of the walrus sport harvest was known; Gary replied that it was not. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that communities be required to formally re-apply for walrus sport-hunting quotas if they wished to pursue such ventures next year, rather than simply referring to their previous applications.

8.E Narwhal Management: Proposed New System

Dan Pike noted that the DFO Minister had accepted the NWMB decision to revise the narwhal management system, on a three-year trial basis. It will be a major task to get the new system implemented, with all the incremental reporting and local regulatory requirements that are entailed.

8.F Southeast Baffin Beluga Management Proposal

Dan Pike noted that the DFO Minister had accepted the NWMB decision to approve the recommendations of the Board's Southeast Baffin Beluga Management Committee regarding management of the stocks of beluga whales hunted by the communities of Pangnirtung, Iqaluit and Kimmirut. Dan also advised that the Southeast Baffin Beluga Management Committee met last week in Winnipeg and drafted some further recommendations pertaining to beluga research and publicity under the new management regime. The Board deferred consideration of these recommendations.

8.G Information Requirements for Management of Bowhead Whales

Dan Pike reported that DFO has advised that they would not be able to provide the requested status report on the stock of bowhead whales inhabiting Foxe

Basin and Northern Hudson Bay on a formal basis prior to August 1999. In view of this, along with the fact that the Inuit Bowhead Knowledge Study has not yet been completed, the Board reiterated its earlier decision not to set a TAH in respect to bowhead whales for 1999. The Board also decided to seek assurance from DFO that their commitment to provide a bowhead stock status report by August is firm.

8.H Turbot Litigations

Michael d'Eça advised that NTI has withdrawn the second of its applications for Judicial Review of the DFO Minister's turbot allocation decisions, this on the premise that all the remaining concerns are embodied in the third application. The initial documentation for the third Judicial Review has now been submitted, and the cross-examinations are about to begin. It is expected that Ray Andrews will be asked to provide written answers to written questions, and Henry Copestake will likely be required to appear. No date has yet been set for the actual Review; hopefully it will be completed prior to the 1999 fishery.

8.I Turbot Research

Dan Pike gave a report on a meeting that was conducted in Iqaluit on October 16-17 to discuss the turbot fishery. It was noted at the meeting that the exploratory fishery in Division 0A has been providing good information on stock trends, and also that DFO is considering a Research Survey in Subarea O in 1999. Such a survey could be expected to cost in the neighbourhood of a half a million dollars. It seems probable that the NWMB would be invited to share substantially in the costs of such a survey.

The Board decided (**Resolution 99-096**) to convey to the Minister of DFO the following recommendations for studies pertaining to turbot in Baffin Bay in 1999:

- That a Research Survey be conducted in Subarea 0, in conjunction with the Greenlandic Survey in Subarea 1; and
- That the Exploratory Fishery be continued in Division 0A, and extended also into Division 0B.

Sunday, 6 December 1998

The Chairperson, Ben Kovic, re-convened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. Pauloosie Keyootak led the opening prayer.

9. GNWT Wildlife (RWED): Issues/Decisions

9.A Study of Handling Effects on Polar Bears

Joe Tigullaraq advised that this study is expected to be completed in January.

9.B Protection of Caribou Calving Grounds

Joe Tigullaraq reported that a meeting was held on November 23 to plan a workshop on this subject. The workshop will be sponsored by NTI and will be held later this winter in Inuvik.

9.C Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan: Update

Joe Tigullaraq stated that RWED is anxious to get this Management Plan completed. KIA will be taking the latest draft to Baker Lake for the consideration of the community before agreeing to it. Dan Pike noted that the key local concern has centred on the concept of contiguous areas as was proposed. There is concern about alienating additional lands, and a feeling that provisions under the NLCA are adequate to enable any further land protection that may eventually be identified. The consensus seems to be to identify these contiguous areas as important, but to identify their immediate designation as only one option for their protection. Under this arrangement, there would be no changes to any of the boundaries of the Sanctuary.

9.D Wildlife Resource Centre/Library: Update

See Agenda item 10.C (amalgamated).

9.E Polar Bear Management Issues

Joe Tigullaraq reminded the Board that the Clyde River polar bear quota (Baffin Bay population) was reduced from 21 to 8 for 1998/99. This reduction was consistent with the MOU, and related to an excessive harvest of females. Evidently the over-harvest of females stemmed mainly from defence kills at outpost camps. The HTO invited RWED to their AGM, and announced their intention to harvest no polar bears this year. They would also like some changes made to the MOU under which their polar bear harvest is managed.

The Coral Harbour HTO requested RWED to meet with them to explain their polar bear quota reduction (from 39 to 34) for 1998/99. The HTO expressed an interest in working to meet the requirements under US legislation that would permit the importation of polar bear trophies from Coral Harbour. It was noted that people from north-western Nunavik have also expressed a desire to sport-hunt the Foxe Basin polar bear population, and have suggested that the Foxe Basin polar bear management zone be split to accommodate them. They have been advised by RWED that the splitting of management zones is not feasible, and that they in any

event could not expect to conduct a polar bear sport-hunting venture because they do not have the necessary management system and regulations in place. Makabe Nartok stated that it would be useful for communities to be better informed as to which polar bear populations are permitted for importation into the USA along with the reasons for this.

Michael d'Eça enquired about the status of discussions regarding polar bears out on the sea ice. Joe was unable to provide any details at this time.

Joan Scottie advised that the Baker Lake HTO is dissatisfied with their small quota of two polar bears. Joe reported that it was explained at the KWF AGM that unless there is an observed change in population abundance or productivity, the only way the Baker Lake quota could be increased would be if some other communities hunting the same population agreed to have their quotas decreased. Gordon Koshinsky counseled that co-management partners must take care not to undermine wildlife management decisions once they are taken, while at the same time staying constantly alert to possible ways of building upon and improving those management decisions.

9.F Population Status of Arctic Wolves: Update

Joe Tigullaraq noted that the concern of COSEWIC on this subject, and their proposal to designate Arctic wolves as “threatened”, stemmed from the decline of High Arctic caribou and the anticipated impact of this on the wolf population. Joan Scottie noted that a changed abundance of wolves in a particular location often means that a wolf pack or packs has shifted territory rather than changed in numbers. Joe stated that RWED officials have suspected the existence of more than one Arctic wolf population, and wanted to assess the matter more explicitly. COSEWIC has agreed to await the results of this additional work.

The magnitude of the wolf harvest will be an important consideration for COSEWIC in making its final determination. The following Nunavut regional harvests were identified over a recent three-year period:

- Baffin region: average of 129 wolves per year
- Keewatin region: average of 291 wolves per year
- Kitikmeot region: average of 217 wolves per year
- Total: average of 637 wolves per year

The above figures were derived from fur auction records, wildlife export permits, Renewable Resource Officer reports, and the NWMB Harvest Study. They do not include the harvest by sport hunting nor the harvest destined for local consumption. RWED is currently conducting surveys in the Nunavut communities to obtain information that will include domestic uses. It already seems apparent that the High Arctic wolf population is distinct from that in the Baffin region per se.

9.G Peary Caribou Research and Management: Update

Joe Tigullaraq advised that RWED is still planning to conduct a 3- or 4-year research project on Peary caribou. Planning consultations still need to be done at Grise Fiord and Resolute, and it is expected to have the research plan completed by February. The 1998 caribou survey of the Queen Elizabeth Islands that was contemplated earlier did not in fact get done. Harry Flaherty noted that there are relationships between caribou and muskoxen, and suggested that this be taken into account in designing the study. Joe acknowledged that this idea merited consideration.

9.H Legislative Revisions

Joe Tigullaraq advised that the Department currently has two legislative reviews underway, in order to put in place legislation pertinent to the new incoming Nunavut Government. These initiatives are specifically in respect to:

- Legislation pertaining to conservation areas for the NSA. This initiative is in response to NLCA 9.3.1.
- Legislation pertaining to wildlife management in the NSA. This initiative is expected to culminate in the development of a *Nunavut Wildlife Act*. For the interim, the *NWT Wildlife Act* will be transferred to the Nunavut Government and the provisions of that Act will remain in effect until such time as the new government makes changes.

Michael d'Eça reiterated the long-standing contention of the Board based on previous experience that all interests are best served if close communication with the NWMB is maintained throughout any legislative initiatives pertinent to wildlife and habitat management in the NSA. Bert Dean stressed the importance of making funding available for community consultations pertaining to legislative changes.

9.I Shared Conservation-Education Position (RWED/NWMB)

Joe Tigullaraq stated that staffing efforts are ongoing. Jim Noble clarified that the staffing action is being pursued under the auspices of the NWMB in order to streamline the hiring process. Gordon Koshinsky urged that the framework of reporting relationships, assignment flows, evaluation procedures, and related administrative matters be made explicit prior to completion of the staffing action. The Board asked Jim Noble to clarify these matters and to document them by way of a letter of understanding between the two agencies.

9.J Traditional Polar Bear Hunt Proposal: Update

Joe Tigullaraq noted that the RWED Minister had decided to refer the NWMB's final decision in this matter to the new (incoming) Government of Nunavut. This was conveyed to the Board by way of letter dated 25 November 1998.

Dan Pike noted that the Board made its decisions with great care and attention, and suggested that this matter goes to the heart of the NWMB's mandated role. Dan also noted that the Minister disallowed the NWMB's decision in the first instance on the basis of safety concerns, in respect to and with reference to which the Board made its final decision. Dan questioned the validity of the Minister's most recent action (or deferral of action), taken without written reference to those original concerns. Dan suggested that the lack of prescribed time-lines for Ministerial action following a final decision of the NWMB seems to constitute a significant oversight in the NLCA as it is written.

Joe stated that the Department and the Minister are indeed concerned about the public-safety aspects of the proposed hunt, even though this is not made explicit in the most recent letter from the Minister. Ben Kovic expressed the opinion that the traditional polar bear hunt as proposed would not be inherently more dangerous than some other kinds of hunting activities in which Inuit hunters participate.

Joe stated that, in the view of his Department, implementation of the NWMB final decision would have required a statutory amendment. Kevin McCormick suggested that if such is the case, it would be prudent to include such provision in the new wildlife management legislation for Nunavut that is now under consideration. Michael d'Eça noted that the NWMB, in its initial decision, had conveyed to the Department that the Board believed this hunt could be authorized through a simple regulatory change only. Michael also expressed concern that the Minister, in his recent letter, referred in one instance to the "recommendation" from the Board, when the subject of reference was in fact a Board decision.

Meeka Mike suggested that it would be useful to invite the RWED Minister to the next regular meeting of the NWMB in order to pursue this matter further. The Board agreed to issue such an invitation.

10. NWMB Internal Items: Issues / Decisions

10.A Harvest Study: Update

Dan Pike advised that the Harvest Study database is now considered complete for the period June 1996 through December 1997, and for some communities it is operational through October 1998. It is now for the first time possible to process files as they are received. The number of external requests for data is steadily growing. Negotiations are continuing with a prospective contractor to conduct a technical review to evaluate the data collection, as well as the processing and validation procedures. Gordon Koshinsky noted that when the time arrives for applying the Harvest Study results, the Board will be required under the terms of the NLCA to work from data that have been gathered over a five-year period. Gordon requested that a community-by-community tally be prepared to

demonstrate the month-by-month Harvest Study coverage that has been achieved to date. Dan confirmed that it is already evident that the Study deadline will need to be extended for at least two of the communities.

Dan advised that the Harvest Study Coordinator recently enrolled in a university correspondence program and is studying on his own time, to enhance his credentials.

10.B Inuit Bowhead Knowledge Study: Update

Dan Pike advised that the contract with Keith Hay to complete the Study was formally terminated. Virtually all the Study materials have been translated into English, and the Board should give serious consideration to contracting a different party to complete the write-up. Dan suggested that it would be very useful to maintain some involvement by Dr. Hay, at least to the extent of providing some general insights and direction. Ben Kovic stated that David Aglukark has expressed concern about the recent lack of communication with the Committee regarding the Study.

Dan mentioned that he knew of at least two prospective candidates who might be contracted to complete the write-up. The Board directed the Executive Director to work with the incoming Director of Wildlife Management to try to arrange such a contract.

10.C Nunavut Wildlife Resource Centre: Update

Dan Pike reminded the Board that the purpose of this initiative is to catalogue fish and wildlife library materials held at each of the Nunavut locations represented by the "Coalition" (NWMB, DFO, RWED, and NRI), and to make this database accessible on the Internet through the NWMB website. Cataloguing of the NWMB and DFO collections was completed in September. The combined catalogue to date consists of 3064 records: primarily government documents, consultant reports, and journal articles. The database is already being accessed to a considerable extent, mainly by school and college students. The NRI collection is scheduled to be catalogued next.

Dan advised that work on the Stock Database project remains on hold, pending recruitment by RWED of a replacement for the staff member who had been identified to lead the initiation of this work. The Board reiterated its enthusiasm for this initiative, and looked forward to its early resumption.

10.D NWMB Public Hearing Process: Update

Michael d'Eça confirmed that he is finishing a draft of the Guidelines that will incorporate the Board's directives that were formulated subsequent to the previous draft. He suggested that the recent Decision of the Federal Court in the matter of *Qikiqtani Inuit Association v. Canada* in regard to a water licencing

issue provides some object lessons for the conduct of public hearings. The new draft Guidelines will be available for the next Board Meeting.

10.E Establishing Qualifications for Big-Game Hunting Guides

Jim Noble introduced Glenn Williams of Tukturnuk Outfitting. Mr. Williams gave a summary overview of the report that was prepared by him and Marc Stevenson titled *An Assessment of Big Game Hunting Guide Qualifications for Nunavut*, dated July 1998. He noted that there are basically two categories of guides in the NSA: those who work with high-paying sport hunters, and those who accompany novices out on the land. He concluded by elaborating the three options for the consideration of the NWMB that are contained in the report.

Discussion focussed initially on the respective roles and expectations of communities (as represented by HTOs), and of booking agents and outfitters, in the selection and deployment of guides. Mr. Williams noted that the role of booking agents in the NWT tends to be quite different from their role in other Canadian jurisdictions. Joan Scottie observed that an HTO will naturally tend to favour using lowest-cost guides in order to maximize the net returns to the HTO. Meeka Mike, in her capacity as a booking agent and outfitter, declared that local HTOs try to interfere too much in how someone like herself and her partner conduct polar bear sport hunts, including in the selection of guides.

Mr. Williams noted that guides who were interviewed invariably linked the concept of certification with the needs and opportunities for training. This view was consistent among experienced, novice, and even prospective guides, although the expressed priorities for training content varied considerably. If a system of qualifications were established for guides, this could be a catalyst for training. The Federal Government at the present time seems to interpret guide training as a make-work endeavour rather than as preparation for a viable occupation. In this model, candidates for training tend to get selected on the basis of their employment status rather than on their aptitude or aspirations for an actual career in guiding. Pauloosie Keyootak stated that in his community, the biggest problem in this area is that guide's helpers are not adequately trained. These are the people who cook the meals, take care of the equipment, etc., and have much of the actual interaction with the sportsman. Pauloosie also noted that sport hunters are usually surprised if/when they learn how small a percentage of their cash outlay goes to the guides and outfitters.

Harry Flaherty spoke in favour of establishing at least minimum qualifications for big-game hunting guides. He pointed to the tragic boating accident at Clyde River in 1995 as an indication of the need for standards in the tourism industry. Michael d'Eça counseled that in respect to big-game hunting guides, NLCA 5.6.41 identifies licencing (by government), approval (by HTOs), and establishment of qualifications (by the NWMB) as parts of an overall equation. Michael indicated that liability concerns for the NWMB do exist, but are not central. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that the moment an agency (such as the NWMB) establishes guidelines or qualifications (such as for guides), that agency can expect to be held accountable for

those guidelines. Gordon indicated preference for a course of action that involved the least possible NWMB intervention in the actual process, but that maximized the role of local and/or regional groups and agencies. Jim Noble suggested that the matter would benefit from consultation, both locally and with others, especially in the context of any new and pertinent legislation that is being developed.

The Board decided to accept the report by G. Williams and M. Stevenson pertaining to the establishment of qualifications for big-game hunting guides, and directed staff to prepare a discussion paper pertaining to its implementation (or not) for the next Board Meeting. **(Resolution 99-097)**

10.F Implementation of NWMB Strategic Plan: Update

Jim Noble referred the Members to the summary of progress on implementing the Strategic Plan contained in the briefing binder. Jim noted that several of the outstanding items in the Plan also constitute particular items in the current meeting agenda, and he predicted that this material would be relevant to the forthcoming NWMB mid-term review.

Specific discussion ensued on Critical Objective 2.1 of the Strategic Plan, the development of a policy paper on the relationship between NWMB and the RWOs/HTOs as co-management partners. Several recent and ongoing initiatives by the Board that should constitute input for this item were identified. These include efforts to clarify the role of Board Members vis-a-vis other agencies, efforts to establish a schedule for personal contacts, preparations for developing local regulations to govern harvesting practices, and consideration about the meaning of “adequate funding” as prescribed in NLCA 5.7.13.

The Board reached no new conclusions about the schedule of priorities for implementing the Strategic Plan. The Board decided to charge the Executive Committee with the task of developing a coherent proposal for consideration.

10.G NWMB Training Policy Proposal: Update

Jim Noble reminded the Board that this item has been under consideration for some time. On a related matter, the Executive Committee recently instructed staff to begin preparations for a contract to assess NWMB staff compensation and benefits in relation to other agencies. Jim noted that he has come to the realization that while compensation must be linked to job descriptions, it is work requirements that must dictate the content of job descriptions, and training needs are intimately linked to work requirements. He interpreted that it would be most logical and cost-effective to let a contract for an integrated assessment of all these areas of NWMB personnel management. Jim estimated that this task could be contracted for approximately \$30,000.

Some Board Members expressed the opinion that any examination that focussed on compensation and benefits should not be confined to NWMB staff, but should also encompass Board Members. Harry Flaherty expressed surprise about the contention that NWMB compensation practices in particular could benefit from a contracted review.

Kevin McCormick made a motion, seconded by Gordon Koshinsky, that the NWMB negotiate a contract to provide an integrated assessment of work requirements, job descriptions, compensation, benefits, and training needs pertaining to NWMB staff; and that this assessment also address rates of honouraria and expense allowances for NWMB Board Members. The Motion was defeated.

10.H Policy for Wildlife Research Trust: Revision

Consideration of this item was deferred.

10.I Policy for Establishing Research Priorities

Consideration of this item was deferred.

10.J Policy for Allocating Shrimp and Groundfish: Revision

Consideration of this item was deferred.

In-Camera Session

The Board decided to go *in-camera* to consider some matters of a confidential nature. No decisions were made *in-camera* that required subsequent referral to the open Board Meeting.

Resolutions were passed in connection with this *in-camera* session as follows:

- To go *in-camera* (**Resolution 99-098**)
- To close the *in-camera* session (**Resolution 99-099**)

11. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) Wildlife Division

11.A Compensation for Polar Bear Defence Kills

Bert Dean referred the Board to the MOUs governing polar bear management. These MOUs contain provisions for paying compensation to HTOs for polar bears that are killed as objects of research or in the course of self defence. The MOUs

are not consistent in their wording on this matter. The most common wording is to the effect that compensation is to be paid at the prevailing market value of a 10-foot bear hide or \$1500, whichever is greater. These MOU provisions really apply only to incidents involving RWED personnel. Environment Canada has recently made individual compensation settlements on a different and more costly formula. Bert also noted that Parks Canada appears to have negotiated a provision in the yet-uncompleted Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement for Wager Bay for the purchase of advance credits to cover such contingencies. The aim will be to purchase a total of twelve such credits from the communities of Repulse Bay, Chesterfield Inlet, and Coral Harbour, at a cost of \$5,000 per credit.

Jim Noble expressed concern about the piecemeal manner in which compensation for polar bear defence kills is being addressed in the NSA. Michael d'Eça recalled that the Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement that was recently negotiated between the Government of Canada and QIA does incorporate the same basis (\$5,000 for each tag reduction) for providing compensation as appears inherent in the system described by Bert for Wager Bay. Bert noted that the powers of the Surface Rights Tribunal established under the NLCA may also be pertinent to this subject. Kevin McCormick noted that RWED had at one time agreed to lead the preparation of a discussion paper on this matter. The Board agreed that it was important that there be a consistent approach for authorizing and calculating compensation.

11.B RWO Development and Implementation Responsibilities

Bert Dean briefed the Board on the recent (November 5-8) workshop in Iqaluit on this subject. The workshop was facilitated by Consilium, who have produced an Action Plan and Summary Report. Everyone who participated was pleased and encouraged by this initiative. A strong realization is emerging in NTI that wildlife matters warrant greater attention and priority. Plans are underway to staff two more positions in this area by April 1. The RWOs will be working to develop a budget that will be referenced to the Action Plan developed at the workshop, for submission to the NWMB. Regardless of the immediate funding outcome, the exercise will provide useful input to the next phase of implementation planning and contract development under the NLCA.

Mr. Dean introduced Mary Pameolik, Executive Director of the Keewatin Wildlife Federation, to brief the Board on funding and other administrative matters that were covered at the workshop. Ms. Pameolik outlined work that is planned or underway to develop project descriptions, standardized job classifications, equipment inventories, etc.

Mr. Dean introduced Ida Ayalik-McWilliam, Executive Director of the Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Association, to brief the Board on communications issues that were examined at the workshop. Ms. Ayalik-McWilliam reported on a number of matters that are under consideration, and in particular on matters that are

expected to have an impact in empowering and upgrading the work of the HTOs. These items include obtaining speakerphones for HTO offices, implementing conference calls, introducing e-mail, and training the HTO secretary-managers in the use of these systems. It is also proposed to implement a system of regular conference calls involving the RWOs and NTI.

Mr. Dean reported that the KWF transmitted a resolution to NTI, requesting to be designated as the DIO that appoints the Keewatin regional Board Member to the NWMB. A similar resolution is expected from the KtHTA, and probably also from the QWB. NTI appears to be receptive to this concept. The RWOs are also considering requesting the transfer to them of some other responsibilities under the NLCA. Also under consideration is a proposal to change the term of HTO Directors to four years.

11.C RWO Presentations

Bert Dean advised that it is the intention of NTI that the RWOs participate more actively in the affairs of the NWMB, including the adoption of a more active profile at NWMB meetings.

11.C.1 Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Association

Ida Ayalik-McWilliam provided an overview of current issues and priorities at each of the Kitikmeot HTOs. All HTO accounting systems are now in order, and all core funding for the present fiscal year has been received. The Kurtairojuark HTA at Pelly Bay is attempting to be innovative in its administration of the Hunter Support Program. By requiring recipients to have a sizeable equity of their own, they are able to assist more harvesters. A continuing communication problem pertains to Bathurst Inlet and Bay Chimo, which have only intermittent telephone service.

11.C.2 Keewatin Wildlife Federation

Mary Pameolik reviewed recent staffing and other developments in the RWO office, as well as administrative highlights for the HTOs in the Keewatin region. These HTOs are considering the adoption of a centralized accounting system. Ms. Pameolik also tabled a summary of capital construction and research projects undertaken or planned under the KWF Resource Development Program in 1998/99.

11.C.3 Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board

Joanasie Akumalik briefed the Board on a number of items, including:

- The final meeting of the Bowhead Hunt Planning Committee, held last weekend in Pangnirtung. DFO chartered an aircraft to enable the

participants to attend. The Committee finished its report on the 1998 bowhead hunt.

- The recent workshop on Northern Contaminants.
- The simplified accounting program being introduced to Baffin HTOs. Five HTOs are now enrolled, and Kimmirut will go on the new system next week.
- The continuing efforts by Tom Demcheson to encourage hunters to participate responsibly in the Harvest Study.

Mr. Akumalik also noted that:

- Administration of the outpost-camp funding program that was recently taken over by the RWO from RWED is working well.
- The one-window core-funding program for RWOs and HTOs, recently implemented by NWMB/RWED, is working well.
- The working relationship between the RWO and DFO has shown a great deal of recent improvement.

Mr. Akumalik requested/suggested that:

- The NWMB provide Highlights of its Meetings on a more regular and timely basis.
- RWED take an initiative comparable to that taken by DFO in deploying a Land Claims Liaison Officer.

11.D Assignment of Harvesting Rights by Inuit

Bert Dean tabled a copy of the form that NTI has developed for administering assignments of harvesting rights.

11.E Marine Mammal Protection Act (USA): ITC Initiative

There was no treatment of this subject at the meeting.

12. Applications for NWMB Funding: Reviews and Decisions

12.A Proposals for NWMB Research Funding

12.A.1 Community Consultations on New Narwhal Management System

Dan Pike reminded Members about the proposal for a new narwhal management system that was recently put forward by the NWMB and accepted by the DFO Minister. It will be of utmost importance to implement the new system very purposefully and very carefully. HTOs will need to be very aware of their

responsibilities under the new system, and very diligent in exercising those responsibilities. In particular, the HTOs will be required to make local bylaws to control narwhal hunting, and the hunters will be required to report accurately all narwhals struck, landed and lost.

Ben Kovic asked Glenn Williams to present his proposal to the Board. Mr. Williams began by suggesting that the proposal for a new narwhal management system is perhaps the most positive and refreshing initiative in wildlife management that he has seen in many years. The proposal has stirred much interest, both inside and outside the NSA. It seems to represent a new way of returning to some of the best of the old and traditional ways of local decision-making and management practice.

Mr. Williams went on to explain his proposal for community consultations in some detail. According to preliminary contacts made by DFO, not all communities are equally enthusiastic about the new system. Resolute Bay has expressed a desire to retain the present quota system at least for now, and Repulse Bay has reservations about changing lest other communities gain access to what they deem to be their resource. Some communities, however, are clearly eager to begin implementing the new system. Four communities were selected to be initially targeted for this project, based on a consistent record of harvesting at or near their narwhal quotas. These communities are Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet, Repulse Bay, and Qikitarkjuak. The community of Arctic Bay has already expressed interest to serve as a pilot. The total estimated cost for the various meetings, workshops, consultations, and other deliverables as proposed is \$61,000. The “other deliverables” would include the drafting of appropriate local bylaws, the preparation of monitoring systems, and the development of training plans as may be required. DFO and NTI have already committed \$42,000 toward the identified costs. Mr. Williams stated that he would be assisted in the work by Abraham Tunraluk of Arctic Bay. The contract would be undertaken on a cooperative basis with DFO, NTI, the RWO, and NWMB.

Dan Pike predicted that the experience and material generated through this effort as proposed would streamline the introduction of the new narwhal (or other) management system(s) in other communities at a later date. Gordon Koshinsky noted that several different initiatives were now underway with regard to the development of HTO local bylaws in the context of hunting rules, and urged that these various efforts be coordinated. Michael d’Eça offered that a certain amount of preliminary interpretation about hunting rules and bylaws was required; for instance it may not even be appropriate to refer to local hunting rules as “local by-laws”. It might be better to consider enacting such rules pursuant to HTO by-laws. Rules set out in this manner would be less cumbersome to enact and to amend than by-laws. In fact, they would be comparable to regulations, enacted under legislation. Harry Flaherty noted that such rules do already exist in some instances, and are referred to locally as bylaws. For example, Grise Fiord has a “local bylaw” requiring that narwhal be harpooned prior to being shot with rifles.

The Board decided to approve Glenn Williams' request for conservation-education funding in the amount of \$19,000 to enable Mr. Williams and his associates to participate in and facilitate inter-agency community consultations pertaining to the proposed new narwhal management system. **(Resolution 99-100)**

12.A.2 Caribou Range Mapping: Production of CD (B/QCMB)

Jim Noble introduced Lesley Wakelyn, contract biologist for the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board. Ms. Wakelyn referred to the B/Q's "Important Habitats Project" aimed at protecting caribou range. This is fundamentally a GIS-based mapping project, but it also incorporates a considerable amount of text material. The project is based on a long historical record of information held by a number of agencies, which information has not otherwise been readily accessible. The longest-running data sets are for the Qamanirjuaq herd. The information has been compiled and mapped in GIS format under Part I of this initiative. Sensitivity ratings have been developed for habitat at different times of the year. Part I also includes the production of a summary report containing a series of black-and-white maps, which is yet to be completed. Also planned (Part II) is the production of a CD-ROM, containing colour maps along with more detailed information than is available in the summary report. It is anticipated that the information, and especially the CD-ROM, will find application in caribou management, land-use planning, impact assessment, and public education. Ms. Wakelyn explained the B/Q request for a contribution of \$9,000 from the NWMB to assist with completion of this work.

Dan Pike asked if it was planned to make the material available in CD-ROM format in the Inuktitut language. Ms. Wakelyn replied that this was ultimately intended, but could not be accommodated in the present phase of the project. Production in the Dene language(s) would also be a legitimate consideration. Ben Kovic noted that there were in fact two Inuit dialects that were relevant to the project, but agreed that it was appropriate to complete the first run in English. Kevin McCormick applauded the overall initiative. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that the B/Q Board look to other agencies such as NPC or NIRB for any future funding requirements, such as for transcription to other languages or dialects. Makabe Nartok asked about mortality among the radio-collared caribou which contributed so much of the information being compiled and assessed. Ms. Wakelyn replied that she was not aware of any significant mortality problems.

The Board decided to approve the request from the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board for research funding in the amount of \$9,000 to assist the B/Q Board's caribou-range-mapping project, and specifically to culminate in the production of a compact disc. **(Resolution 99-101)**

12.B Requests for Donations and Other Miscellaneous Support

12.B.1 Travel Assistance: David Kritterdlik (B/QCMB)

Dan Pike referred to the request from the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board, endorsed by the University of British Columbia and by Dartmouth College, for the NWMB to pay the travel costs for B/Q Board member David Kritterdlik to participate in a workshop on *The Human Role in Caribou/Reindeer Systems*, to be held in Rovaniemi, Finland in February 1999.

The Board decided to approve the payment of Mr. Kritterdlik's travel costs to participate in the Finland workshop in February. **(Resolution 99-102)**

13. Other Presentations

13.A Beverly/Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board

See agenda item 12.A.2 (amalgamated)

13.B World Wildlife Fund: Proposal to Monitor Abnormalities in Wildlife

Jim Noble tabled a proposal by World Wildlife Fund Coordinator Stephanie Meakin, dated 20 November 1998. The Board decided to defer examination of this item to a later date.

13.C Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board: 1998 Bowhead Hunt

Joanasie Akumalik tabled the final (November) report of the Hunt Planning Committee on the 1998 bowhead hunt at Pangnirtung. The hunt was judged to be an overwhelming success by all measures. All those involved (the Hunt Planning Committee, DFO officials, hunt participants, and community members) worked very effectively together to bring this about. There was extensive media coverage of the event, and there have been numerous follow-up enquiries. Donations that have been received to date toward the costs of the hunt total about \$57,000, and about \$50,000 has so far been spent. About \$30,000 in additional costs are still anticipated. About 3,000 pounds of product was distributed out of Pangnirtung, mainly to other communities in the NSA.

The hunt commenced by driving the whale to a small cove at Kekerten Island where it was secured by striking it with a harpoon. The whale was then disabled with a 50-calibre cannon. It was eventually killed with an exploding projectile fired

into its head from a shoulder gun. It is believed that the wounds inflicted by the 50-calibre weapon would have sufficed to kill the whale.

The report contains 35 recommendations, arranged under four separate headings. Many of the recommendations that are recorded corroborate details of the 1998 hunt as it actually unfolded. It is recognized that at least 6 months, and more reasonably 12 months, are required to properly plan a bowhead hunt. The Hunt Coordinator should be dedicated to the task full time. There needs to be good and continuous communication between the Hunt Coordinator and the actual hunters at all times. The Committee concluded that the NWMB made a wise and appropriate decision in assigning responsibility for the hunt to the RWO.

14. Executive Committee Report and Recommendations

Gordon Koshinsky reported to the Board in his capacity as Chairperson of the Executive Committee. Gordon explained that the Committee had transacted no business since the last meeting that required the attention of the Board.

15. Meetings, Workshops and Other Pertinent Events

15.A Reports and Briefings: Past Events

Jim Noble referred the Members to the notes contained in the briefing material pertaining to events that Board Members and/or staff attended since the last Board Meeting in August. These items included:

- International Conference, Coastal Zone Canada 1998: 31 August through 03 September, Victoria. (Attended by Gordon Koshinsky)
- Annual General Meeting of the High North Alliance: 01 September, Oslo. (Attended by Dan Pike)
- Meeting of the North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission: 1-4 September, Oslo. (Attended by Dan Pike)
- Forum on DFO's Oceans Strategy initiative: 07 October, Iqaluit. (Attended by Dan Pike and Rebecca Mike)
- DOE Workshop on Essential Elements for Endangered Species Legislation: 22-23 October, Hull. (Attended by Michael d'Eça)
- South Baffin Land-Use Planning Workshop: October, Iqaluit. (Attended by Ben Kovic)
- National meeting of the Canadian Marine Advisory Council (CMAC): 3-5 November, Ottawa. (Attended by Michael d'Eça)
- Workshop on Implementation Planning (re NLCA) and Organizational Development of RWOs: 5-8 November, Iqaluit. (Attended by Jim Noble)

15.B Review and Participation: Upcoming Events

Detailed consideration of Board participation in forthcoming events was deferred. Dan Pike drew attention to a workshop on hunting methods that NAMMCO is sponsoring in Greenland early in the new year. Part of the workshop will be devoted to methods for hunting marine mammals. Dan will attempt to reserve space at the workshop for any delegates from Nunavut who might wish to participate.

16. New List of Assignments

Jim Noble announced that the list of tasks arising from this meeting would be completed and distributed within the next couple of days.

17. Date and Location of Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the next (21st) regular meeting of the NWMB at Iqaluktuutiak (Cambridge Bay) the week of 08 February 1999. **(Resolution 99-103)**

18. Adjournment

The 20th meeting of the NWMB adjourned at 8:30 p.m. **(Resolution 99-104)**

Minutes Approved by: _____
Chairperson Date

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NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLUTIONS: MEETING No. 20

Yellowknife, 5 - 6 December 1998

Resolution 99-089

Resolved that the agenda for NWMB Meeting No. 20 be accepted with noted amendments.

Moved by: Joan Scottie
Carried

Seconded by: Harry Flaherty
Date: 5 December 1998

Resolution 99-090

Resolved that the minutes for NWMB Meeting No. 19 conducted at Baker Lake on August 25-27, 1998 be adopted as amended.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: 5 December 1998

Resolution 99-091

Resolved that the minutes for NWMB Conference Call No. 41 conducted on 2 November 1998 be adopted amended.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok
Carried

Seconded by: Joan Scottie
Date: 5 December 1998

Resolution 99-092

Resolved that the NWMB Financial and Variance Reports as at 30 November 1998 be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Harry Flaherty
Date: 5 December 1998

Resolution 99-093

Resolved that the NWMB write to NTI and to the Member of Parliament for Nunatsiaq, with a copy to the Minister of DIAND, expressing concern about the continuing lack of attention by DIAND officials to the matter of establishing appropriate terms for the NWMB funding arrangement.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Meeka Mike
Carried Date: 5 December 1998

Resolution 99-094

Resolved that the NWMB approve the recommendations of the Canadian Wildlife Service (Environment Canada) for Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations for the Northwest Territories for 1999, explicitly with reference to the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky Seconded by: Harry Flaherty
Carried Date: 5 December 1998

Resolution 99-095

Resolved that the NWMB defer consideration of an increase in the commercial quota for arctic char at Naqsaarluk Lake pending confirmation of the request by the Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Association.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Joan Scottie
Carried Date: 5 December 1998

Resolution 99-096

Resolved that the NWMB convey to the Minister of DFO the following recommendations for studies pertaining to turbot in Baffin Bay in 1999:

- That a Research Survey be conducted in Subarea 0, in conjunction with the Greenlandic Survey in Subarea 1; and
- That the Exploratory Fishery be continued in Division 0A, and extended also into Division 0B.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: Harry Flaherty
Carried Date: 5 December 1998

Resolution 99-097

Resolved that the NWMB accept the report by G. Williams and M. Stevenson titled *An Assessment of Big Game Hunting Guide Qualifications for Nunavut*, dated July 1998.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Pauloosie Keyootak
Carried Date: 6 December 1998

Resolution 99-098

Resolved that the NWMB meet *in-camera*.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Carried Date: 6 December 1998

Resolution 99-099

Resolved that the *in-camera* session be closed.

Moved by: David Tagoon Seconded by: Meeka Mike
Carried Date: 6 December 1998

Resolution 99-100

Resolved that the NWMB approve the request from Glenn Williams for conservation-education funding in the amount of \$19,000 to enable Mr. Williams and his associates to participate in and facilitate inter-agency community consultations pertaining to the proposed new narwhal management system.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: Gordon Koshinsky
Carried Date: 6 December 1998

Resolution 99-101

Resolved that the NWMB approve the request from the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board for research funding in the amount of \$9,000 to assist the B/Q Board's caribou-range-mapping project, and specifically to culminate in the production of a compact disc.

Moved by: Joan Scottie Seconded by: Harry Flaherty

Carried Date: 6 December 1998
Resolution 99-102

Resolved that the NWMB approve the request from the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board to pay the travel costs for B/Q Board member David Kritterdlik to participate in a workshop on *The Human Role in Caribou/Reindeer Systems*, to be held in Rovaniemi, Finland in February 1999.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Pauloosie Keyootak
Carried Date: 6 December 1998

Resolution 99-103

Resolved that the next (21st) regular Meeting of the NWMB be conducted in Ikaluktutiak (Cambridge Bay) the second week of February 1999.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: David Tagoona
Carried Date: 6 December 1998

Resolution 99-104

Resolved that the 20th Meeting of the NWMB be adjourned.

Moved by: David Tagoona Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Carried Date: 6 December 1998

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