

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: MEETING No. 33

IKALUKTUTIAK, 17-19 SEPTEMBER 2002

Members and Staff Participating

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Kevin McCormick	Member
Moses Koonoo	Member
Nick Amautinuvar	Member
Okalik Eegeesiak	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Michelle Wheatley	Director of Wildlife Management
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Counsel
Mary Nashook	Interpreter
Henry Ohokannoak	Interpreter

Not Available

Harry Flaherty	Member
David Alagalak	Member
Meeka Mike	Member

Other Participants at Various Times

Ed Lewis	DFO A/Area Director, Iqaluit
Karen Ditz	DFO Fisheries Mgmt Biologist, Iqaluit
Brian Wong	DFO, Ottawa
Winston Fillatre	DFO, Iqaluit
Bert Dean	NTI Director of Wildlife, Rankin Inlet
Glen Williams	NTI Wildlife Advisor, Iqaluit
Raymond Ningeochak	NTI 2 nd Vice President, Rankin Inlet
Gabriel Nirlungayuk	NTI, Rankin Inlet
Stephan Kilabuk	NTI, Iqaluit
Attima Hadlari	NTI, Cambridge Bay
Stephen Pinksen	DSD, Senior Advisor, Legislation
Guy L'Heureux	DSD, DSD, Iqaluit
Dan Shewchuk	DSD, Wildlife Manager, Kivalliq
Philip Kadlun	KHTA President, Kugluktuk

Tuesday, 17 September 2002

1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

The Chairperson called the 33rd Regular Meeting of the NWMB to order at 9:20 am. Ben Kovic noted that much of the week's meeting may be in camera due to discussions on the draft Wildlife Act, draft Fisheries Regulations and implementation contract negotiations. Ben Kovic welcomed all the participants and asked Moses Koonoo to lead an opening prayer.

2. Agenda for Regular Meeting No. 33

The Board decided (**Resolution 2002- 076**) to accept the agenda for the Meeting as presented, with the following changes/additions:

- Item 7.B CWS Northern Conservation Division – Strategic Plan
- Item 7.C Issue of migratory bird hunting – Greenland
- Item 9.E Muskox Regulation changes - Various

3. Minutes: Review and Approval

3.A. The Board adopted (**Resolution 2002- 077**) the minutes for Regular Meeting 32, conducted at Rankin Inlet on 4-6 June, 2002.

3.B. The Board adopted (**Resolution 2002-078**) the minutes for Conference Call 61, conducted 27 June 2002 with minor changes. Michael d'Eça noted that he was present for only a part of that conference call – item 6 only.

3.C. The Board adopted (**Resolution 2002-079**) the minutes for Conference Call 62, conducted 16 July 2002, as presented.

4. Financial and Administrative Business

4.A Variance Report as at 31 March 2002

The Executive Director referred members to the Director of Finance and Administration's Variance Report in their binder. Jim Noble summarised the areas of major variance in the report. It is anticipated that the NWMB will be \$47,000 under-spent at year-end. Members accepted (**Resolution 2002-80**) the variance report as presented.

4.B Implementation Contract Negotiations: Update

The Executive Director provided the members with a brief update on the status of Implementation Contract negotiations. The Board made its first presentation in October, 2001, with more information requested and provided in December, 2001.

The parties met on August 20-21, 2002, at this time it was planned that the NWMB would hear a presentation from the DIAND Chief Negotiator, this did not occur. Budget was finally received on September 11, 2002. There is a bit of a dispute between the DIAND and other negotiators in this matter. At the time of this meeting it was not clear when the NWMB would hear the DIAND rebuttal to the NWMB's budget submission.

5. Chairperson, Senior Staff, Advisors' and Members' Reports

5.A Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson referred members to his report in the binder. Robert Moshenko asked about Ben's role in the wildlife act public meeting.

5.B Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director referred members to his report.

5.C Wildlife Management Director's Report

The Director of Wildlife Management referred members to her report.

5.D Finance and Administration Director's Report

The Executive Director referred members to the Director of Finance and Administration's report.

5.E Legal Advisor's Report

The Legal Advisor referred members to his report in the binder. Michael d'Eça noted that one interesting item in his report was to do with fingerprinting of IPG appointees. NPC's recent appointees were required to provide fingerprints. It was noted that this was a common requirement for some Federal Government appointees.

5.F Members' Reports and Concerns

The Chairperson encouraged all the Members to provide reports on any functions that they attend or in which they participate on behalf of the NWMB.

Kevin McCormick advised that he had found out through his Department about work on negotiations with the Denesuline in Northern Manitoba on an overlap agreement. Kevin suggested that there may be some issues of interest to the Board and that the Board staff should track these issues and follow up on them.

The Executive Director advised that the NWMB was approached by the IPGs to have a meeting with the Denesuline in Ikaluktutiak a few months ago. At that time NTI suggested proceeding with caution. The NWMB was asked to attend another meeting more recently. The NWMB Legal Advisor had suggested there might be legal implications and requested more time to discuss this matter with NTI.

Michael d'Eça advised that under article 40, the Dene have rights to harvest in the NSA in areas that they have traditionally used and continue to use in the NSA. However, there is the subject of litigation on what the Dene have used and continue to use. The NWMB needs to be cautious in setting any TAH until there is more detail. The last request for a meeting had no agenda, no list of participants etc. We want to ensure that all the parties involved in the litigation are present at the meeting. Michael advised that a letter was sent to the Denesuline asking them to give us proposed dates, agenda and participants before we would commit to a meeting. Michael advised that he had still not been able to reach NTI with regards to the status of the litigation.

Kevin McCormick questioned if the litigation is with NTI.

Michael d'Eça advised that it was with NTI, and possibly the Government of Canada. He noted however, that it is legitimate for the Dene to follow up on their rights under the land claim, but we need to be aware of the litigation that is underway.

Nick Amautinuvar asked NTI whether they support the 3 communities of Kugaaruk, Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. It is very hard to get a sense of direction since there has been no KHTA meeting. Some residents have told me that either NWMB or NTI should make sure that KHTA holds more frequent meetings as many KHTA meetings have been cancelled or delayed. Nick noted that he would ask NTI tomorrow how we can resolve this situation.

Jim Noble suggested that the HTAs of the region make up the RWO. The HTAs have to sort this concern out. The NWMB can not put pressure on RWOs to hold meetings. The concerns are internal to the RWO and your HTAs have to resolve the issue.

Nick Amautinuvar advised that next week KIA will be holding the AGM in Kugluktuk. Nick suggested that some HTO members will be attending and will likely bring up this issue. Some HTAs feel that the head office of KHTA should be moved to another location where they could hold more frequent meetings.

Ben Kovic noted that it can be tough to organize a meeting like this. It is important that all Board members let the staff know if you will be attending ahead of time. When there is a change at short notice, it can be difficult for staff to adjust and make changes. It is important when you commit to the meeting that you attend. Ben also thanked the staff for their work.

6. Completion of Assignments and Implementation of Resolutions

The Executive Director referred members to the task list in the binder. Items not completed or ongoing were reviewed with the members. Michael d'Eça referred members to Item 4 "To draft letter to DIAND Minister and IPGs re 10-Year Contract negotiations," was not completed as further developments made it unnecessary."

7. Environment Canada (CWS): Issues and Decisions

7.A SARA Legislation: Update

Kevin McCormick advised that the situation right now is that the Act has passed through to second reading in the Senate. If there is a speech from the throne this fall, then the current session is terminated and it will need an all party agreement to reinstate the review of the legislation again. There seems to be agreement with all parties to reinstate this legislation. Kevin noted that it looks like this act will go through relatively unchanged, he suggested that it will probably take longer than planned, possibly the spring of 2003. There was general discussion on the progress towards the new *Species at Risk Act* (SARA).

Kevin advised that CWS met with various wildlife boards earlier this year to deal with some of the operational relationships with COSEWIC and CWS. There has been some interest within CWS to hold a meeting with partners to follow up. CWS is looking at the second week of January to follow up on these issues. Kevin noted however that there is a need to resolve a number of issues in the department first.

Michelle Wheatley noted that there is a NAMMCO meeting planned for the 4th to 7th of January.

Kevin McCormick also noted that Canada shares a number of populations with Greenland. CWS has some particular concerns about harvest of thick billed murres and common eiders, as the majority of Canadian eiders winter in Greenland. At current harvesting levels we may lose that population within 10 years due to high harvest levels. On Greenland side wildlife officials are aware, and are trying to deal with it, but there seems to be lack of good communication. Kevin noted that there are no co-management organizations in Greenland. A set of regulations were put in place over last year that would limit harvesting significantly but Interest Groups reacted strongly and the regulations were revoked. CWS received a request from the head of the Greenland wildlife section requesting some expressions of concern / support from the Canadian side. We need to make them aware that these are concerns that we share. CWS will be corresponding directly with the appropriate minister and may request that the Board also consider sending comments.

Michelle Wheatley suggested that there is a similar situation with the beluga harvest in Greenland.

Kevin McCormick suggested the challenge is to be seen to be playing a positive role, not interfering with another country, but rather voicing a concern about a shared population of wildlife.

Kevin McCormick noted one final item, that being the delivery of northern wildlife programs. Kevin advised that he would not go through the program in any great detail and would try to answer any questions people might have.

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

8.A Nunavut Fisheries Regulation Presentation: Decision

Winston Fillatre introduced the overall process taken in developing the Regulations. Winston noted that Brian Wong in this session will describe the challenges that remain and the steps to be taken. Michael d'Eça will then do a general review (Power Point Presentation) of the Fisheries Regulations followed by Glenn Williams who will do a brief review of the treatment of Inuit rights. These presentations will be followed by a question period. The Nunavut Fishery Regulations Regulatory Review Committee (NRRC) included NWMB, NTI, DSD and DFO and started back in December 1999. The goal was to make the legislation compatible with the NLCA, compatible with Marine Mammal Regulations and user friendly. A further goal was to have ticketable offences rather than using the court process. Winston noted that DFO is looking for Board input after hearing the presentations. The next step will be to request NWMB approval in principle so that we can make some minor changes and then put this document into legal language. Winston noted that the draft is still confidential and has not gone out for consultation.

Brian Wong noted that officially the reason for amending the NWT Fishery Regulations is that the NLCA, the co-management regime and NWT Regulations are not in compliance. Brian also noted that there is anticipation of a Nunavik Offshore Claim. and most tools in the current Regulations depend on the Minister's discretion not the Board, the language needed to be rewritten to meet the requirements of the new Territory. The third reason is to consolidate everything in one set of fisheries regulations rather than having several different sets of regulations (e.g. marine mammal, Atlantic Fishery Regulations etc.) Brian noted that it is not the intention to put in many new prohibitions but rather to make regulations to fit the needs of the new Nunavut territory. Regulations will explain the administration of the Nunavut fisheries. These are drafting instructions, not a draft.

Michael d'Eça presented his PowerPoint presentation to the members.

Michael recommended that Board approve in principle but with the following conditions:

- NRRC hold at least one more session;

- that NRRC continue to be involved in drafting throughout the rest of the process;
- all proposed non-quota limitations be subject to consultations with harvesters before the NWMB is asked to formally endorse the regulations.

Glenn Williams noted that the easy part is over; the hard part now is to get DOJ and DFO legal to share our views. Glenn noted that the committee had to find ways to recognize and put Inuit rights into the regulations. Glenn reminded everyone that this draft is drafting instructions for regulations and not the actual Fisheries Act. One of the most innovative approaches was in how to deal with HTO and RWO bylaws. The Committee put in section 4 (2), if an Inuk harvests outside the rules of the HTO / RWO. Glenn noted that there was a strong attempt not to add any new limitations on harvesting. The regulations allow for harvest of whale calves if there is a community desire (40 (2)). There is also a big issue of how to handle arctic char stocks and how to regulate them. Glenn noted that it is now time for feedback and that we must listen to the communities.

Nick Amautinuak asked how the community consultation will happen, should the NWMB set up a committee to review this?

Winston Fillatre on the 3 recommendations from Michael – hope to have NRRC meeting in November, second recommendation – I agree that Michael, NTI lawyer and Brian Wong continue to do work. On community consultations – want to consult with the committee on how we will do it. Understand that DSD did a good job. Not sure how and when it will happen, but hopefully between now and early next summer will have the opportunity. Any decisions will be taken with our co-partners.

Robert Moshenko suggested that the NRRC has done a good job, he questioned whether the NRRC had discussed how the Board would publish or show the TAHs / BNLs in the new regulations.

Brian Wong advised that the Committee had discussed the need to have that information somewhere. The limitations of the regulations mean that most of the administration is accomplished through closure. One option that was considered was to utilize the gazette process, this process has not been finalised.

Nick Amautinuak noted that the NWMB is three members short during this meeting. It would be ideal to have a full Board membership to come to a decision. I am not trying to oppose the draft fisheries regulations, but I am trying to make a decision that is good for Nunavut.

Kevin McCormick suggested that one option for consultation might be to have a web based system which has the regulations available and allows for people to send in their comments and concerns. With respect to deferring the decision, Kevin suggested that the legislation is at a preliminary stage and that it will be with

us for many more months and other members will have the opportunity to make comments. I think we are at the stage that we can provide that approval in principle.

The Chairperson acknowledged the idea of having all Board members present, but noted that there was a quorum present and this makes the decision making process legal.

Brian Wong noted that the Board is being requested to endorse taking the draft to the communities for consultation.

Michael d'Eça agreed that there is a need for approval to consult with the public, but we are also seeing it handed on to the next stage where we will have less involvement. The Committee is requesting that the NWMB use its authority to ensure that the draft regulation is changed as little as possible, as it move on to the Department of Justice for their review.

8.B Community Based Narwhal Management System: Update

Michelle Wheatley summarised her briefing note with the members.

8.C Community Based Management Beluga: Update

Karen Ditz advised that this is the third year of the CBM system in Iqaluit and Kimmirut and the first year in Pangnirtung. Pangnirtung has a set quota (increased from 35 to 41). Iqaluit and Kimmirut do not have traditional quotas. Karen noted that there have been some growing pains, but most activity has been positive. Annual reviews continue to be conducted for each of the three communities.

8.D Bowhead Hunt: Update

Winston Fillatre provided a brief report on the fourth bowhead hunt. The hunt was conducted the first week of August between Hall Beach and Igloolik. There was good weather for the hunt and both communities participated well. There were about 150 people at the whale camp. This was the first year that a female was harvested. Winston noted that he would have a couple of recommendations to provide the next hunt planning committee. He suggested that some new technology with regards to the gun and harpoon would be beneficial and the current equipment is not reliable. Winston noted that NTI is working on this aspect; he also suggested that perhaps we could ask other countries for ideas on how to package whale meat to ensure all is used. Overall, the hunt was a success.

Discussion followed on utilization of the meat from the hunt and how it might be handled more efficiently. Okalik Eejeesiak noted that there was discussion regarding a community report on the hunt and asked about its status. The Chairperson noted that no report was received to date.

Nick Amautinuvar noted that a dead bowhead whale was found beached near Kugaaruk. Nick asked if DFO would be investigating and trying to determine how the animal died.

Karen Ditz advised that DFO has a program set up that when reports of dead animals are received, sampling kits are sent out to get samples. Karen promised to follow up on this report and make sure sample kits are sent out. If the carcass is fresh enough, we can get samples, but we cannot always determine cause of death.

Nick Amautinuvar noted that Kitikmeot had requested to hunt bowhead and wanted to know when they might be able to hunt. The Director of Wildlife advised that DFO would be contacted and answer provided to the member.

8.E Oceans Program: Update

Ed Lewis reviewed the briefing note with the members on the Oceans program. Ed noted that a WHB working group was established and will meet again in September. In the Baffin area the Department hired a consultant to collect issues. The consultants held public meetings and then held a workshop in Iqaluit. Ed reported that there is an interest in seeing the Nunavut Marine Council (NMC) formed and need for capacity building. The Oceans Strategy was released on July 12, 2002 and has been distributed to our partners.

Kevin McCormick asked about the WHB Program and what is the time line for completion, he also asked what was expected from the program and its future.

Ed Lewis advised that he was not sure of the exact timeline but would try and find more information. He suggested that the product of the study would be an integrated management plan that will consist of policies and procedures.

Michael d'Eça noted that this plan may fall under the jurisdiction of the NWMB and the Board may have to approve of the strategy itself.

8.F Habitat: Update

Ed Lewis noted that there are a few issues such as the closures of Polaris and Nanisivik mines. Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project and Doris Hinge Gold Mine are both new projects that may require some work.

Kevin McCormick noted that the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road project will raise a number of significant wildlife concerns. Kevin suggested the Board may want to think about the NWMB's role in any assessment that may come from this project.

8.G Live Capture – Quebec Aquarium: Update

Karen Ditz reviewed her briefing note with the Board. The Quebec Aquarium wants to harvest walrus and ringed seal (live capture). Karen noted that the proposal from the Aquarium has just been received.

Michael d'Eça noted that at last meeting we said send us a letter to get the ball rolling. The veterinarian has also forwarded a number of other background documents.

Robert Moshenko questioned if the Board would have to determine the basic needs level for walrus if such a live capture was considered.

Michael d'Eça advised that actually the Board was under such an obligation within 12 months of its formation. However, I don't think that would be a pre-condition to this proceeding. However, there are a number of questions that would need to be worked through. Does the NWMB have the authority to prohibit the live-capture of a walrus? There is also the matter of the policy for live-capture etc.

Nick Amautinuvar advised the members that during the wildlife act tour of the communities, there was much opposition to keeping animals in captivity and this should be considered with this issue. Okalik Eejeesiak noted that 10 out of 14 communities in Nunavik were also opposed to this live capture and this must be considered.

Michael noted all these issues add to the difficulty of making the decision. This is a matter that is a great significance at the matter of policy. It should not be left to an individual to decide to live-capture an animal. There is also the added complication that the harvest is proposed to be in the areas of equal use and occupancy.

Kevin McCormick suggested that the Board needs to come up with a policy for live capture. However, the Board needs to think beyond this particular case and consider what will be best for the future of Nunavut.

Karen Ditz advised that DFO has received the licence application from the aquarium and DFO has advised them to contact NWMB.

Brian Wong noted that it is the Minister of DFO who issues the permit in the end. The Minister will have to consider the wishes of both Makivik (Nunavik) and Nunavut in making his decision. Brian suggested that the Board should direct its comments to the Minister and not the aquarium. There was some question as this being a Zone II recommendation or an overlap area decision by the NWMB.

It was decided that a letter should be written to the Aquarium advising them that the NWMB will be dealing with this at a policy level and the Board will advise them when the issue is resolved.

8.H Nunavik Request to Harvest Beluga in Western Hudson Bay

Karen Ditz reviewed her briefing note with the Board. Karen noted that a letter was sent to Makivik from the NWMB requesting time for consultation. In the mean time there have been discussions about Nunavik buying beluga muktuk from Arviat or a hunt in the Coral Harbour area. Arviat HTA indicated that they have muktuk available for sale. Karen noted that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) may have some restrictions for transporting food outside the territory. DFO science is advising that there will be no scientific benefit from a hunt in the Coral Harbour area. Makivik may be requesting that they be allowed to hunt in Coral Harbour.

Karen Ditz suggested that moving from one community to another in Nunavik will not reduce the harvest of the Eastern HB stock. Harvesting from the Western HB Stock without a review of the stock status will also not be beneficial. The best option is for Nunavik is to harvest from the James Bay stock appears to be sustainable.

Discussion followed on whether Nunavik hunters would be allowed to hunt in Nunavut. The possibility of assignment was discussed, but without a TAH this is not possible. It was decided that Michael d'Eça with others will review this issue and get back to the NWMB with a recommendation.

8.I 2002 OA Fishery: Update

Jim Noble reviewed the briefing note from the Baffin Fisheries Coalition which included updates on the OA turbot fisheries, shrimp fishing and exploratory work ongoing.

Winston Fillatre reviewed the DFO Licencing Report for 2002. Winston advised that 22 scientific licences and 12 experimental licences were issued, which cover experimental fishing of shellfish, groundfish and emerging fisheries such as the clam fishery. Winston also noted that work is ongoing on improving the databases for licences.

Michael d'Eça noted the fact that the NWMB is a groundfish licence holder and suggested that the NWMB should review this situation prior to the 2003 fishing season.

The members decided **Resolution 2002-081** to move to an in-camera session.

The members decided **Resolution 2002-082** to move out of in-camera session.

A number of resolutions relating to issues discussed in camera were presented.

The Board decided to approve in principle the new (draft) Nunavut Fisheries Regulations and move them on to the next step in the regulatory process. **Resolution 2002-083**

The Board approved the transfer of up to 18,200 kg of turbot from the offshore to the inshore for the purpose of Pangnirtung HTA conducting an exploratory longline fishery in the summer of 2002. **Resolution 2002-084**

The Board approved an exploratory crab fishery permit for the Pangnirtung HTA. This fishery is to be conducted inside Cumberland Sound during the summer of 2002. **Resolution 2002-085**

The Board approved a salary increase for the Director of Wildlife Management retroactive to April 1, 2002. **Resolution 2002-086**

The Board approved a bonus for the Legal Advisor for 2001/02 contract period. **Resolution 2002-087**

Wednesday, 18 September, 2002

The Chairperson reconvened the Meeting at 08:40 a.m.

9. Nunavut Wildlife (DSD) Issues and Decisions

9.A Wildlife Act Presentation

Stephen Pinksen provided a brief update on progress towards development of a new wildlife act. Work on the new wildlife act began in 1998 the Nunavut Wildlife Legislation Working Group was established by MOU in 1999/00. This current year, the process has moved very fast. A four month community consultation process was initiated with the final meetings held in Iqaluit in June 2002. In early 2002, the Working Group began meeting monthly. A draft Nunavut Wildlife Act has now been developed. The Working Group has worked well together and is a model of how GN, NTI and IPGs should work together. The schedule for completion has been moved to February 2003. Stephen noted that during this Board meeting the draft act will be introduced. The Working Group and Government of Nunavut are seeking approval in principle and confirmation that development of the act is moving in the right direction.

Michael d'Eca provided a PowerPoint presentation on development of the draft Nunavut Wildlife Act. Michael noted the working group has identified 17 outstanding issues that need to be addressed. Some of these issues are; language, assignment of rights, community justice, education, interpretation clause, reporting requirements, record keeping, NSRRC, role of NWMB in development of the act, further consultations. Michael noted that the Working Group needs more time for development of the act.

Kevin McCormick suggested the Board write a letter to the Minister acknowledging the work that has been done, but pointing out that subject to further discussions we have some concerns. Kevin also suggested that the Board indicate we recognize the timelines, but that these issues need to be addressed if the Board is to give approval.

Michael noted that Stephen has suggested a working group conference call next week. It was agreed that Stephen would try to get the DOJ restriction lifted so that the NWMB members can see a copy of the draft act and become more involved in its development.

9.B Polar Bear MOU Working Group: Update

Michelle Wheatley provided an update on the status of the Polar Bear MOU Working Group.

9.C Polar Bear 2002 Quota: Decision

Stephen Pinksen reviewed the polar bear briefing note with the Board members. Stephen noted that all communities stayed within the sustainable harvest limits except for Igloolik in the Foxe Basin, and Taloyoak in the Gulf of Boothia. There were two reductions for the upcoming season, Igloolik to be reduced from 9 to 0 in Foxe Basin due to over harvest of females and Taloyoak to be reduced from 15 to 9 in the Gulf of Boothia due to over harvest of females. Stephen noted that both of these communities are still trying to negotiate exchange of credits with other communities. The Board decided to approve the quota changes for Igloolik and Taloyoak understanding that any negotiated exchange of credits may alter this decision and that a decision on M'Clintock Channel to be covered under a separate resolution. **Resolution 2002-088**

9.D M'Clintock Channel Polar Bear: Decision

Stephen Pinksen noted that the moratorium was for one year only which means that the quota is technically back to 32 for this year. The communities have agreed to stay with the moratorium until the MOU discussions are completed (January 2003). Michelle Wheatley noted that there is nothing in writing from the communities. The Board decided to extend the moratorium subject to receipt of written support from the three HTOs. **Resolution 2002-089**

9.E Muskox Quotas Various Locations: Decision

Stephen Pinksen noted that the briefing notes in the binders were for information only as some back up information was not provided and DSD will not be asking for a decision at this meeting. Stephen gave a brief summary of what muskox zones would be affected:

MX11 – final report is coming
MX22 – quota increase request is coming
MX20 / 21 – still at consultation with the communities – boundary and quota changes – upcoming KWB meeting will be final consultation
MX01 – upcoming quota changes – likely substantial reduction in quota and community has already reduced their harvest there voluntarily
MX05 – possible transfer of quota from Resolute to Grise Fiord or Arctic Bay
MX06 – was for decision, but don't have back up support of request from community, so it is for information only, DSD supports changing geographic and seasonal restrictions. Nick Amautinuak noted that Kugaaruk and Kugluktuk were also requesting some changes to muskox zones. Members discussed various issues with these regulations.

9.E Feasibility of transplanting caribou to Nottingham Island

Stephen reviewed the briefing note with the Board members. Stephen noted that this is a follow up to our promise from last Board meeting on what it would take to establish a caribou herd on Nottingham Island. Cost estimate would be close \$750,000 and this may be a low estimate.

10. NWMB Internal Items: Issues / Decisions

10.A Nunavut Wildlife Harvest Study: Update

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note with the Board members. Michelle reviewed the highlights of the report: Data verification and status of the main database, Five-year preliminary reports, Preparations for the final report, Community visits and Progress on scanning of data sheets. Glenn Williams recommended that during community visits, the communities should be advised that Basic Needs Levels (BNLs) will be set from the harvest study data. Glenn noted that NTI will try to advise all the HTOs at the upcoming symposium about BNLs. Glenn also noted that NLCA 5.4.5(b) requires the NWMB to review all scientific data at the same time. Michelle advised that the NWMB is aware of this requirement.

10.B Transfer of Tags Policy: Update

Michelle reviewed the briefing note with the Board members, noting that the main task is for this information to be incorporated in the new Nunavut Wildlife Act and Nunavut Fisheries Regulations being drafted. Michelle noted that the original briefing may need reviewing, and if this material is not included in the two new regulations, then the Board will have to ensure that the policy covers this issue.

10.C Live Capture Policy: Update

Michelle Wheatley noted that the Board gave direction at the March 2001 meeting for development of the Live Capture Policy. Feedback from the RWOs and other

organizations has been slow. With the apparent interest in live-capture in Nunavut, there may be a need to ensure completion of this policy. Michelle presented three options for the Board to consider. The Board decided that the NWMB Legal Advisor should review policy and legal implications and the Director of Wildlife should proceed with a consultation process to try and finalize the policy.

10.D NWMB Board Members Remuneration: Update

This item was moved to in-camera session.

Thursday, 18 September, 2002

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

11. NTI Wildlife Division: Issues / Decisions

11.A Nunavut Wildlife Act: Update

This item was completed during the earlier discussion on the draft Wildlife Act.

11.B Wildlife Symposium: Update

Glenn Williams advised that the 2002 wildlife symposium is planned for Cambridge Bay for the week of the 20th of October. Glenn noted that NTI is trying to hold this event every two years. It was made clear from the last symposium that there was not a clear invitation to the co-management partners. Glenn noted that the participation of all partners would be appreciated as this is an important event. He noted that group facilitators and note takers are always required for such a large meeting. Bert Dean provided a summary of plans for the meeting along with draft agenda items. There was considerable discussion on the status of the RWOs and HTOs, and the ongoing funding negotiations with DIAND for the next contract period. Much discussion centred on capacity building for these organizations.

12. Matters of Funding: Status Reports on Programs

12.A. NWRT: Update

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the NWRT briefing note with the members, noting that 20 projects totalling \$809,700 had been approved for the current year. Michelle noted that \$99,181 was returned from projects either cancelled or over funded. A bar graph was provided, showing the funds contributed to the various departments over the last nine years.

12.B NWMB Study Fund: Update

Michelle also reviewed a briefing note provided for the NWMB Study Funds program. She noted that \$113,130 was approved in April 2002 for 7 projects. Six projects have signed contribution agreements and have received funding; one has asked the NWMB to hold the funds until they are ready to start the project.

13. Other Presentations

13.A KHTA Presentation

Item deferred to next visit to Kitikmeot region.

14. Meetings, Workshops and Other Pertinent Events

14.A Past Events: Reports and Briefings

14.B Upcoming Events: Review and Participation

The list of upcoming meetings was reviewed and decisions were made with regards to members and staff that would attend various meetings.

15. Date and Location of Next Meeting

The Board decided (**Resolution 2002-90**) to conduct its next (34th) Regular Meeting in Cape Dorset the week of December 9, 2002

16. Adjournment

The Chairman thanked members, translators and NWMB staff for their work in preparation for and at the meeting. The 33rd Meeting of the NWMB was adjourned. (**Resolution 2002-91**)

Minutes Approved by: _____
Chairperson Date

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLUTIONS: MEETING No. 33

IKALUKTUTIAK, 17-19 SEPTEMBER 2002

Resolution 2002- 076: Resolved that the NWMB accept the agenda for Meeting No. 33 as presented, with the following additions:

- Item 7.B. CWS Northern Conservation Division-Strategic Plan
- Item 7.C.Issue of migratory bird hunting – Greenland
- Item 9.E. Muskox Regulation Changes-Various

Moved by Okalik Eegeesiak Seconded by Nick Amautinuak

Carried

Date: 17 June 2002

Resolution 2002- 077: Resolved that the NWMB adopt the minutes for Meeting No. 32 conducted at Rankin Inlet on 4-6 June 2002, as presented.

Moved by Moses Koonoo Seconded by Robert Moshenko

Carried

Date: 17 June 2002

Resolution 2002- 078: Resolved that the NWMB adopt the minutes for Conference Call No. 61 as presented.

Moved by Nick Amautinuvar

Seconded by Robert Moshenko

Carried

Date: 17 June 2002

Resolution 2002-079: Resolved that the NWMB adopt the minutes for Meeting No.62 with a minor revision.

Moved by Robert Moshenko

Seconded by Nick Amautinuvar

Carried

Date: 17 June 2002

Resolution 2002- 080: Resolved that the NWMB accept the Variance Report for the period ending 31 August 2002 as presented.

Moved by Nick Amautinuvar

Seconded by Kevin McCormick

Carried

Date: 17 June 2002

Resolution 2002- 081: Resolved that the NWMB go in camera.

Moved by Kevin McCormick

Seconded by Nick Amautinuvar

Carried

Date: 17 September 2002

Resolution 2002- 082: Resolved that the NWMB come out of camera.

Moved by Moses Koonoo

Seconded by Robert Moshenko

Carried

Date: 17 September 2002

Resolution 2002- 083: Resolved that NWMB approve in-principle the new (draft) Nunavut Fisheries Regulations with the understanding that the draft regulations need further work, but are sufficiently developed to permit the NWMB to move them on to the next step of the regulatory process, subject to the following conditions:

- That the NRRC hold at least one further drafting/revision session before the regulatory processing of the draft regulation commences;
- That the NRRC continue to be involved throughout the development of the regulations; and
- That all proposed non-quota limitations be subject to consultations with harvesters before the NWMB is asked to formally endorse the regulations.

Moved by Kevin McCormick

Seconded by Moses Koonoo

Carried

Date: 17 September 2002

Resolution 2002- 084: Resolved that the NWMB permit the transfer of up to 18,200 kg of turbot from the offshore allocation to the inshore for the purpose of

Pangnirtung HTO conducting an exploratory long-line fishery in the summer of 2002.

Moved by Moses Koonoo Seconded by Kevin McCormick
Carried Date: 17 September 2002

Resolution 2002- 085: Resolved that the NWMB permit the exploratory crab fishery by Pangnirtung HTO to take place inside Cumberland Sound, using crab pots.

Moved by Moses Koonoo Seconded by Kevin McCormick
Carried Date: 17 September 2002

Resolution 2002- 086: Resolved that the NWMB approve a salary increase for the Director of Wildlife Management to Step 8 of the pay scale, retroactive to April 1, 2002.

Moved by Robert Moshenko Seconded by Okalik Eegeesiak
Carried Date: 17 September 2002

Resolution 2002- 087: Resolved that the Board approve a bonus for the Legal Advisor of 4% as per the contract.

Moved by Moses Koonoo Seconded by Okalik Eegeesiak
Carried Date: 17 September 2002

Resolution 2002- 088: Resolved that, in accordance with recommendations presented by DSD, the NWMB establish quota changes for polar bear harvesting for the 2002/03 season as follows:

- For Igloodik (Foxe Basin polar bear population): A decrease from 9 to 0 bears, subject to adjustment if other communities supply credits to Igloodik.
- For Taloyoak (Gulf of Boothia polar bear population): A decrease from 15 to 9 bears, subject to adjustment if other communities supply credits to Taloyoak.
- All other community quotas remain the same as 2001/02 except for M'Clintock Channel, which is covered in a separate resolution.

Moved by Moses Koonoo Seconded by Kevin McCormick
Carried Date: 17 September 2002

Resolution 2002- 089: Resolved that the NWMB approve the continuation of the moratorium for the M'Clintock Channel polar bear population until completion of the Polar Bear IQ study and the MOU, subject to confirmation of support from the three communities (Ikaluktutiak, Taloyoak, and Oqsuqtooq)

Moved by Kevin McCormick Seconded by Moses Koonoo
Carried Date: 17 September 2002

Resolution 2002- 090: Resolved that NWMB conduct the next regular scheduled Board meeting in Cape Dorset , the week of December 9, 2002.

Moved by Moses Koonoo Seconded by Nick Amautinuak
Carried Date: 18 September 2002

Resolution 2002-091: Resolved that the 33rd Regular Meeting of the NWMB be adjourned.

Moved by Moses Koonoo Seconded by Okalik Eegeesiak
Carried Date: 19 September 2002