

# **NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

## **MINUTES: MEETING NO. 35**

### **ARVIAT**

**3 – 5 JUNE 2003**

#### **Members and Staff Participating**

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Nick Amautinuvar	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Michelle Wheatley	Director of Wildlife Management
Gordon Tomlinson	Director of Finance and Administration
Michael d'Eça	Legal Counsel
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Leetia Janes	Interpreter

#### **Not Available**

Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Meeka Mike	Member
DSD Member	Vacant

#### **Other Participants**

Brian Wong	DFO, Ottawa
Karen Ditz	DFO, Fisheries Mgmt Biologist, Iqaluit
Winston Fillatre	DFO, C&P Area Chief, Iqaluit
Ingrid Anand	DFO, Land Claims Liaison Officer
Mike Papst	DFO, Science Manager, Winnipeg
Catherine Hood	DFO, SAR Coordinator. St. John's, Nfld
Chris Nichols	DSD, Land Claims Liaison, Iqaluit
Mitch Campbell	DSD, Regional Biologist, Arviat
Dan Shewchuck	DSD, Manager of Wildlife, Arviat
Bert Dean	NTI, Rankin Inlet
Benoit Paradis	

McLean Budden  
Bill Healy  
Jim Edwards  
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**Tuesday, 3 June 2003**

**1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries**

The Chairperson called the 35th Regular Meeting of the NWMB to order at 1:10 p.m.

**2. Agenda for Regular Meeting No. 35**

The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-011**) to accept the agenda for Meeting 35 as presented.

**3. Minutes: Review and Approval**

**3.A.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2003-012**) the minutes for Regular Meeting 34, conducted at Iqaluit on 10-12 December, 2002 with minor revisions.

**3.B.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2003-013**) the minutes for Conference Call 64, conducted 21 February 2003 with minor changes.

**3.C.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2003-014**) the minutes for Conference Call 65, conducted 10 March 2003 with minor changes.

**3.D.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2003-015**) the minutes for Conference Call 66, conducted 18 March 2003 with minor changes.

**3.E.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2003-016**) the minutes for Conference Call 67, conducted 24 March 2003 as presented.

**3F.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2003-017**) the minutes for Special Meeting 10, conducted 3-4 April 2003 as presented.

**3.G.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2003-018**) the minutes for Conference Call 68, conducted 10 April 2003 with minor changes.

**3.H.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2003-019**) the minutes for Conference Call 69, conducted 5 May 2003 with minor changes.

**4. Financial and Administrative Business**

**4.A Variance Report as at 31 March 2003**

Members reviewed and accepted (**Resolution 2003-020**) the draft auditors report as presented.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-021**) to appoint Mackay Landau as auditors for the fiscal year 2003/04.

#### **4.B Review of 2003/04 Budget Submission to DIAND**

Members were informed that this budget was discussed earlier, but the final version had not been seen by the members. This item was for information only.

### **1 5. Chairperson, Senior Staff, Advisors' and Members' Reports**

#### **5.A Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson referred members to his report in the binder.

#### **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

#### **5.F Members' Reports and Concerns**

No reports presented.

### **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.

### **7. Environment Canada (CWS): Issues and Decisions**

#### **7.A Ivory Gulls: Update**

Kevin McCormick noted that a letter was sent to Minister regarding concerns with Ivory Gulls; the response was that the Department was interested, but want more research completed before making a decision.

## **7.B CWS/COSEWIC Meeting: Whitehorse, Yukon**

Kevin noted that the Species at Risk Act (SARA) will come into effect at the beginning of June 2003. The meeting held in Whitehorse on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April was a meeting between the Wildlife Boards and COSEWIC. The purpose of this meeting was to try and bring the COSEWIC process in line with the various Board processes and land claim agreements. Michelle Wheatley reviewed the steps in the COSEWIC process, where the Boards will have a chance to comment and be involved in the process. Kevin noted that the Boards had some concern with the IQ Committee established by the Act. It was agreed that it was at each Board's discretion as to how involved they wished to be in any review and in any recovery strategy.

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

### **2 8.A Presentation on Nunavut Fisheries**

Brian Wong gave a presentation on Nunavut fisheries; Brian noted that management of the various fisheries is a very complex issue. Management of rivers and streams are probably the most simple, as there are no worries about allocations. The next step up is large lakes such as Great Slave Lake where the fishery is fully subscribed and there is limited entry. In this situation, there are more rules and conditions to the fishery. The next area is the marine or offshore fishery which is a very complex fishery. In this area you can be working with up to eighteen species, and fifty or more stocks of fish. At this point even the boats are divided into fleet sectors which include small, medium and large boats; they can be further divided into different gear sectors such as mobile and fixed gear. As the fishery becomes more complicated, there is a need for policies to deal with fishermen, access and allocation of the resources. Access is newcomers to the fishery and allocation is taking the existing quota and deciding how to divide it among the fishermen. As the industry grows, there are problems with fishermen's unions, fish plants and external factors such as politics to deal with. Other concerns are historic participation in a fishery and adjacency to the resource. All these issues have to be considered before a Minister will make a decision. When the Minister has to make a decision, he has one staff person look at all the issues and advise him what direction to take. Canada also has to follow the *Law of the Sea* which calls on fishing countries to provide surplus fish to foreign vessels. Up to 18% of Canada's resources still go to foreign interests. The science advice for DFO is provided by the North Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO), Canada also has a sharing arrangement with Greenland and try to avoid controversy in setting quotas. The NLCA has made things more difficult for DFO because there are two different procedures, one for the offshore and one for the inshore areas. The NWMB recently requested a briefing from DFO on the offshore turbot management plan and this was rejected by the Department, but when it comes to the inshore, then DFO has to provide the NWMB with the required briefings.

In summation, Brian recommended that the NWMB leave the politicking to NTI and the Government of Nunavut. Brian suggested that if Nunavut wants to increase its

turbot quota, then it should attempt to reach its current quota and then request more. DFO Science warned that this approach might not be supported by the Science Department. Brian further recommended that the NWMB has gone about as far as it can in developing the fishery; it is now time for NTI and the Government of Nunavut to take a major role in the political area. Michael d'Eça noted that the Board is more than just a regulator, it is involved with the development of policy also, and the Board needs to continually refer to the mandate under the NLCA.

### **8.B Greenland Halibut (Turbot) Integrated Fisheries Management Plan**

Ingrid Anand noted that the Turbot Management Plan was sent out for comments to industry and the co-management partners. Final comments from both parties still need to be incorporated in the Plan and the revised Plan will then be presented to the NWMB for approval at a conference call or at the September NWMB meeting. Michael d'Eça asked if the new management area for Cumberland Sound would be included in this plan. Karen Ditz noted that the plan is for five years and if the Board want to make a decision on the Cumberland Sound area, then this could be included in the Plan. She noted that it is not clear if NAFO or DFO science will support this request. Ingrid outlined the various recommendations or decisions (NQL's) the Board may need to consider in approving the Management Plan.

### **8.C 0A/0B Management Measures / Quotas**

Ingrid Anand reviewed the DFO briefing note on Cumberland Sound, recommending that a separate quota of 500 tonnes, with a separate management area be developed for this fishery. Karen Ditz noted that it appears that the fish stay in Cumberland Sound however, DFO science is still not totally convinced. Discussion followed on whether the Board should make such a decision without sufficient data or having NAFO recommendations. It was further suggested that there be consultations with Pangnirtung prior to making this decision. It was decided (**Resolution 2003-022**) that the NWMB, with reference to the turbot fishery in NAFO Division 0B:

1. Approve the continuation of the 1000 MT inshore quota, with any inshore quota not fished to be transferred to the offshore; and
2. Request DFO and NAFO to do an assessment re: separate stock in Cumberland Sound, leading to a separate management area and an initial separate additional 500 MT quota; and
3. That DFO consult with Pangnirtung re:
  - a. 500 MT limit (and report to NWMB);
  - b. Possible restrictions on a summer fishery (and report to NWMB); and
  - c. Inform them re: separate and additional quota of 500 T.

### **0A + 1A Decisions/Recommendations Regarding Turbot Quotas**

Ingrid continued with a short briefing on the NAFO Scientific Council recommendations on an overall quota for 0A+1A of 8000 MT. It was noted that

during the Canada/Greenland bilateral meetings, Canada had stated that they would take a major share and Greenland stated they intended to take 50%. It was noted that DFO Science suggested it would be useful to establish an exploratory fishery in OA north of 71° 30' and recommends a harvest up to 500 MT with a 30 day limit. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-023**) to accept the DFO recommendations of a 4000 MT quota and a 500 MT exploratory quota north of 71° 31' of 500 MT for a period of 30 days and that any inshore fishery come off this limit.

### **Wednesday, 4 June 2003**

The Chairperson reconvened the Meeting at 8:45 am.

#### **8.D Turbot Quota Request NSA: Various**

Karen Ditz advised that Pond Inlet and Clyde River have requested quotas for inshore turbot test fisheries. Karen noted that these quotas would have to be transferred from the Baffin Fisheries Coalition (BFC) quota in OA. It was noted that BFC would have to be contacted to confirm this request. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-024**) to approve a quota of up to 1000 kg each of turbot inside the NSA as part of the larger OA turbot quota already established, subject to confirmation of support from the Baffin Fisheries Coalition.

The Board discussed a further request for 100 kg of Greenland Halibut in the Rankin Inlet area, but decided no quota was required as an Inuk does not require a licence.

#### **Commercial Charr Quota Request: Various**

Karen Ditz noted that there were two arctic charr experimental licence requests from Gjoa Haven for the Rasmussen Basin and Simpson Strait areas. Karen noted that both these areas have significant domestic fisheries and the request is for 2000 kg for each location. The recommendation from DFO was to defer these requests until we have the TAH/BNL system. Members suggested that it would be better to have test fishery information available to make decisions on the various fisheries. Mike Papst suggested that another method would be to consider community monitoring, he cautioned doing a commercial fishery before knowing what the domestic take might be. Keith Pelly suggested that the current domestic harvest would be close to 5000 kg. Kevin McCormick suggested that the Board defer making a decision and have the community approach DFO to do a stock assessment.

#### **8.E Transfer Inshore Quota Offshore**

Michelle Wheatley advised the Board that the remaining 755 MT of turbot quota from the inshore fishery is required for the offshore fishery and requires a Board decision. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-025**) to transfer the remaining 755 MT in the inshore turbot quota to the offshore for the summer fishery.

## **8.F Shrimp Management Plan**

Brian Wong advised that the new Integrated Management Plan for Northern Shrimp was being submitted to the Board, however DFO is not really seeking the NWMB's approval. Michael d'Eça suggested that DFO cannot just say that it is not looking for the Board's approval. Brian noted that the Board wrote a letter to the Minister asking for a summary of the Plan, he suggested that the response will be no. Brian noted that the only time the department will provide briefing notes or summaries is when a decision of the Board is required. Michael agreed with Brian's explanation but suggested 5.2.34c & d suggest otherwise, the Board has a constitutionally protected role to approve this plan for the NSA.

## **8.G Inshore Shrimp Quota 2500MT**

Michelle Wheatley advised the Board that an exploratory quota (inside the NSA) of 2500 MT of Shrimp was allocated to BFC for the 2002 fishing season. Michelle noted that it now time for the Board to decided whether to renew this exploratory quota for the 2003 fishing season and how it would be allocated. After some discussion it was decided to notify all interested parties by letter and to do a radio announcement advising of the exploratory fishery.

## **8.H Wolffish Recovery Plan: Presentation**

Karen Ditz and Catherine Hood of DFO reviewed the Draft Wolffish Recovery Plan (note: first plan under SARA) with the Board and noted that they were looking for approval in principle. Catherine noted that since wolffish do occur in Nunavut waters they want to have NWMB's approval and support. SARA is supposed to be proclaimed this week. Catherine explained purpose of SARA and noted that it is a proactive bill. Catherine noted that there are three species of wolffish in eastern Canadian water. Northern and Spotted are threatened and Striped is special concern. These fish seem to be declining and this may be due to bycatch. Wolffish do not appear to migrate very far. Catherine noted that incidental harm permits (SARA) are being issued to allow incidental harm so long as it does not allow ultimate extinction of the species. There is a need to assess how much mortality can be allowed. Two threatened species occur sparsely in Nunavut waters. Bycatch is not of major concern here, but is part of the picture.

Catherine explained that the recovery plan goal is to improve understanding and management, conserve and protect the two threatened wolffish species in eastern Canadian waters to the level where they are no longer considered threatened by COSEWIC. The following are the main objectives and recommendations:

### **Objectives:**

1. Enhance understanding of the biology and life cycle of wolffish
2. Identify, conserve and protect wolffish habitat required for viable population sizes and densities.
3. Reduce the potential of wolffish population declines



4. Promote wolffish population growth and recovery
5. Develop communication and education programs to promote the conservation and recovery of wolffish populations.

Main recommendations:

1. Release of wolffish at site of capture
2. Issuance of incidental harm permits
3. Define wolffish habitat

Catherine noted with Incidental Harm Permits, all reasonable alternatives have to be considered (gear types, management alternatives, etc.). SARA is to be proclaimed soon, but nothing will be in effect until June 2004. Details of permitting will need to be worked out. Michael d'Eça noted that within the Act it is Section 73 that deals with these permits; however they still need to develop regulations. Within the NSA the government would have to consult with NWMB before issuing permits. Any recovery strategy has to include addressing all the threats. The members thanked Catherine for her presentation and suggested that the Board would require further time to consider this plan for approval-in-principle.

### **8.I Charr Test Fishery Requests**

Karen Ditz reviewed the briefing note with the members; this test fishery request is for various water bodies in the Kimmirut area. 2000 kg was requested for each of the following water bodies:

- Unnamed lake – Ava Inlet – 63, 54N, 71, 53W - no concerns
- Unnamed lake - Anaqtuaquarjuk – 62,18N, 68,21W -recommend less than request (0 to 500 kg)
- Unnamed lake – North of Pritzler Harbour – 62,18N,68,16W - no concerns.

Discussion followed on whether Inuit require licences in this circumstance. Until the TAH/BNL system is in place there is some confusion. Members recommended needs to look at the whole issue of Experimental licences in more detail.

A similar approach to the Gjoa Haven request for test fishery permits for Rasmussen Basin and Malerualik Lake/River was taken and no decision was made.

### **8.J Community Based Management Review**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note with the members. Michelle noted that a Community Based Management Review Committee was formed to review all aspects of the first three-year trial CBM system. A questionnaire was developed and sent around to communities and relevant agencies dealing with CBM. Michelle noted that a working group of the committee had visited the CBM communities to consult and gather information for this report. The information was then consolidated and the following recommendations were presented:

- Continue CBM for a new trial period of 5 years
- Help identify additional resources for the HTO's
- Allow for more flexibility in the quota allocations
- Harvest limits should continue to be in place
- Development of a training plan
- Develop of a communication plan
- Follow up on reporting systems
- Develop a set of frequently asked questions
- Review Committee member organizations continue to work together

The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-026**) to accept the recommendations of the Community Based Management (CBM) Review Committee and have staff prepare a letter to the Minister of DFO outlining these recommendations.

### **8.K Stock Status Report Beluga/Walrus**

Karen Ditz reviewed the briefing notes on beluga and walrus with the members and noted that Stock Status Reports (SSR) were provided for both species. The SSR's details the status of the population and provides information on stock delineation and trend, sources of uncertainty, management considerations and other considerations (e.g. contaminants, development, traditional knowledge etc.) Both these reports were for information only.

### **8.L Conservation and Protection Division DFO**

A short briefing noted was provided for Board review.

### **8.M Oceans Update/ Issues Scan**

A briefing note was provided for Board review.

### **8.N Habitat / Licensing: Update**

A briefing note was provided for Board review.

## **9. Nunavut Wildlife (DSD) Issues and Decisions**

### **9.A Wildlife Act: Update**

Michael d'Eça provided a brief overview and history of wildlife act. Michael noted that numerous meetings have occurred over the past year. Bill 35 was introduced in the Legislative Assembly this past spring, in May the NWMB was asked to appear before the Standing Committee. Michael noted that Subsection 157(4) had caused some concern but has since been removed; there are however still some NQL concerns outstanding. The Board is still waiting for some responses from the Minister's office.

## **9.B Thelon Sanctuary Management Plan**

Chris Nichols, DSD reviewed the briefing note provided on the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary Management Plan. Chris noted that the Thelon is a 52,000 square km area of Thelon Basin, 250 km from Lutsel'ke and 200 km from Baker Lake. This is a huge area, the fifth largest sanctuary in the world. Development of this Plan has been an eight year process. The long range plan is to define the values to be protected in the sanctuary; the Plan explicitly recommends that the NWMB undertake to determine what harvesting restrictions are warranted in Nunavut areas of concern. Chris suggested that there is general support of the plan. DSD believes harvesting concerns of the Denesuline are addressed in Management Plan. If the Plan was approved, the next stage would be development of an IIBA.

Mitch Campbell noted that there are problems with counting of some species in the sanctuary. Mitch noted that a lot of work has been done on muskox and caribou. The latest survey on muskox was completed in 1998. The Thelon has been studied to a similar extent of other parts of NWT. Carnivores are the more difficult to survey and unlikely we will have information on those. IQ has been collected on grizzlies from Baker Lake.

Kevin McCormick suggested that the Harvest Study should give us some indication on harvesting in the sanctuary area, which may provide some idea if any restrictions might be required. Mitch Campbell noted that there are no sedentary populations of caribou, only muskox and moose. The Beverly caribou herd moves through the area, but does not stay. Michael d'Eça noted that Article 40.5, deals with requirement for the NWMB to consult with bands on areas of interest to those bands. The NWMB may have a duty to consult with those bands prior to approval.

Much discussion followed on various aspects of the Thelon Plan. Members requested more time to discuss this issue at the end of the Board meeting. The Board decided to not approve the plan until a letter is written to the parties to clarify some issues.

## **9.C Polar Bear MOU Working Group**

No report provided

## **9.D M'Clintock Channel Polar Bear**

No report provided

## **9.E Commercial Caribou Quota Requests: Various**

Mitch Campbell reviewed the briefing notes with the Board members. Baker Lake HTA is requesting 75 sport hunting tags and Rankin Inlet is requesting 1500 commercial tags. Sport hunting is normally a male only harvest and males are spread out during the rut, thus having limited impact on the population. A commercial

harvest (1500) however, can have an effect, especially on movement of caribou out of preferred habitats and may impact on subsistence hunters. The community is requesting the 1500 tags in order to make a commercial abattoir viable. The concern is not the number of tags but rather the effect it may have on caribou movements. There is also a concern that if a commercial plants starts up, it will continue to require more animals for viability. DSD has requested more information prior to making a decision and is therefore recommending deferral until they can assess potential impacts. However, the request for 75 sport hunting tags from the Qamanirjuaq herd is approved by DSD. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-027**) to support the request from Baker Lake for 75 new caribou tags for outfitting and defer the Rankin Inlet request for 1500 commercial tags until receipt of a more complete proposal and confirmation of support from the Rankin HTA.

#### **9.F King William Island Muskox Seasons**

Mitch Campbell reviewed the briefing note with the Board. Mitch was concerned that his item is premature, the biologist and the manager have only recently been consulted on this issue. Mitch requested that the Board defer this item to another meeting. Mitch advised that August 15 is the middle of the rut, and April 15 is the beginning of the calving season. Hunting at either time could disrupt the herd, Mitch suggested that these details need to be worked out and confirmed with the HTA. Mitch advised that this request would be re-submitted at the next NWMB meeting.

#### **9.G Zone MX/17 Muskox Quota Increase**

There was no briefing note for this item; Mitch Campbell provided a brief update on information available. 2000 was the first real survey of MX/17; earlier estimates were based on information from caribou surveys. The survey in 2000 showed that the densities were actually much lower than thought. Mitch suggested that hunters are reporting that numbers are low and harvests too high, the recommendation coming, will likely recommend a quota reduction.

### **10. NWMB Internal Items: Issues / Decisions**

#### **10.A Nunavut Wildlife Harvest Study**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note with the members. Michelle noted that Heather Priest (Harvest Study Coordinator) had completed twenty-five community visits and conducted 21 community meetings. Two major issues are a factor in the study:

- Incomplete registration of hunters in some communities: and
- Low response rates by hunters in some months

Michelle noted that the first four sections of the report are written, but a significant amount of work still remains. A request is being made to have a Statistics Canada

employee assist with a review of the analysis of the data. The Board is also being requested to approve a contract with Dr. Peter Usher for assistance with the editing and writing of the Harvest Study Final Report. The Board decided (**Resolution 2003-028**) to approve and extension of Peter Ushers contract to assist with writing and editing of Harvest Study up to \$10,000.00.

### **Thursday, 4 April 2003**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

## **11. NTI Wildlife Division**

### **11.A NTI Wildlife Department: Update**

Bert Dean (NTI) provided a brief update on changes in the Wildlife Division staff. Bert noted that the current priorities are changing of the departmental plan and budget. Gabriel Nirlungayuk became Director of the Department effective April 1, Bert takes on the position of Associate Director for 1 year. Glenn Williams is no longer on staff but is working on a contract basis on specific files. Stephan Kilabuk has decided to join the RCMP. Paul Irngaut has transferred into our department from his previous position as Executive Liaison his main file will be looking after Community Based Management. The vacant positions will be advertised shortly and we have requested one position be staffed as a fisheries advisor. The hope is that one new position will be tasked to assist the WPAC / RWO working group get up and running.

### **11.B RWO and HTO Funding**

Bert Dean provided a brief update on the 10-year negotiations with regards to RWO's and HTO's. Bert noted that a new negotiator was appointed for DIAND and the hope is that negotiations will continue soon. Bert advised that they are trying to get the RWO's together on a conference call to develop a counter offer and try to get things moving. The budgets requested are not exorbitant, but reasonable. Bert noted that there were discussions about the possibility of amalgamating the RWO's into the RIA's as a new department. It was felt this would provide support to the RWO's and would provide financial accounting assistance and provide for better communication. The RWO's however, are not happy with this option and there seems to be resistance.

### **11.C Taloyoak Narwhal Court Case**

Bert noted the Taloyoak case is before the courts at present. Three hunters are charged with hunting with tags and court case goes next week. NTI is concerned and there is a lot of concern in the community. NTI Legal Department met with the lawyer, there had been a guilty plea, but the judge didn't accept it, so the case was deferred. Two weeks ago there were indications the case would go to court. One

concern is that the community just does not understand. Taloyoak has developed rules for CBM and forwarded them to the NWMB. NTI recognizes that there has to be a system that works and the HTO's play an important part. Bert suggested that there is a need for a concentrated effort on CBM.

#### **11.D MC Polar Bear Moratorium**

Bert Dean noted that when meetings were held in Kugluktuk there were discussions with the communities about the M'Clintock Channel (MC) polar bear moratorium. The communities involved wanted another meeting in Gjoa Haven. They felt that they had to deal with this situation first, before going into discussions about MOU's.

Bert discussed the current suggestions from DSD with the members; he noted that NTI would like to see a better presentation of all points of view. Bert suggested that NTI might come to the point where they consider calling in their own biologist to review the DSD findings and conclusions. Members questioned whether the communities understand the risk management approach, Bert suggested that they may be having difficulty with this concept. Kevin McCormick suggested that this concept may not serve the communities very well. Michael d'Eça recommended that the Board should have a chance to review the MOU's so that input can be provided. Kevin recommended that the Board needs to send a message to DSD indicating we want a full briefing on the issue and that we see a lot more work being required prior to any signing.

### **12. Applications for Funding**

#### **12.A. NWRT and NWMB Funded Projects**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note provided on "Reconsideration of Project 5120-03-3 Pangnirtung Arctic Charr. Michelle noted that the Board had requested clarification of several points prior to approval of this project. Michelle reviewed the clarification requests and the responses from the researcher and asked if the Board was sufficiently satisfied to proceed with approval of the project. The members felt that there needed to be a community plan for fishing and discussion on possible TAH. The Board approved (**Resolution 2003-029**) to approve project 5120-03-3 with the condition that a plan be drafted for what is expected at the end of the three-year project.

#### **12.B. Conservation Education Fund**

Item was deferred to next meeting.

#### **12.C. Safety in Polar Bear Country Video**

Jim Noble reviewed the project outline and briefing note provided in the binder. Jim noted that Andy McMullen had requested funding assistance for production of a new "Safety in Polar Bear Country" video which would be used as a training tool for

mining companies and tourists. The Board requested that a copy of the first Safety in Bear Country video be requested from Andy. The Board decided **(Resolution 2003-030)** to approve a contribution of \$10,000 for production of the video, "Safety in Polar Bear Country."

### **13. Other Presentations**

#### **In Camera Session**

Motion to go in camera **(Resolution 2003-031)**.

Motion to come out of camera **(Resolution 2003-032)**.

#### **Motions from in camera session.**

The Board decided **(Resolution 2003-033)** to provide the Harvest Study Coordinator with a 3.5% bonus on termination of her regular employment.

The Board decided **(Resolution 2003-034)** to provide the contactor for legal services with a 4% bonus for services provided in 2002/03.

The Board decided **(Resolution 2003-035)** to change its banking operations from the CIBC to the Royal Bank.

The Board decided **(Resolution 2003-036)** to provide up to \$10,000 to assist in the hiring of a consultant in conjunction with NTI, to review the management of the HTO's and RWO's.

The Board decided **(Resolution 2003-037)** to approve the preparation of an RFP for rendering the NWMB filing system into an electronic format.

### **14. Meetings, Workshops and Other Pertinent Events**

#### **14.A Past Events: Reports and Briefings**

Nil report

#### **14.B Upcoming Events: Review and Participation**

The members reviewed the upcoming meeting list and decided who would attend the required meetings.

### **15. Date and Location of Next Meeting**

The Board decided **(Resolution 2003-038)** to conduct its next (36th) Regular Meeting in Kugluktuk the week of September 15, 2003 with a Strategic Planning meeting to be conducted the weekend prior in Yellowknife.

### **16. Adjournment**

The Chairman thanked members, translators and NWMB staff for their work in preparation for and at the meeting. The 35th Meeting of the NWMB was adjourned.

Minutes Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson Date

## NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

### RESOLUTIONS: MEETING NO. 35

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