

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING NO. 10

IQALUIT, 3 - 4 APRIL, 2003

Members and Staff Participating

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Kevin McCormick	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Nick Amautinuar	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Meeka Mike	Member
Okalik Eegeesiak	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Michelle Wheatley	Director of Wildlife Management
Mary Nashook	Interpreter
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available

Other Participants

Ingrid Anand	DFO Liaison
Siu-Ling Han	DSD Research Manager, Iqaluit

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1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

The Chairperson called the 10th Special Meeting of the NWMB to order at 10:00 am. Ben Kovic noted that this meeting would be devoted almost entirely to reviewing the NWRT Funding proposals and NWMB Study Fund proposals. Ben Kovic welcomed all the participants and asked Joannie Ikkidluak to lead an opening prayer.

2. Review of NWRT Funding Proposals

The Director of Wildlife Management reviewed the briefing note and the funding that had been provided by NWMB for 2002/03. The total estimated expenditures for 2002/03, based on interim financial reports, is \$584,800. Researchers identified \$74,300 for return to NWMB and requested carry forwards of \$13,888 in addition to already approved 2003/04 funding.

Five projects had previously been approved by NWMB for multi-year funding, including 2003/04 for a total of \$152,000. One project (5130-02-3) reduced their funding request for 2003/04 from the previously approved \$15,000 to \$12,000. There were 17 new applications for NWRT funding for 2003/04, 4 from DSD, 9 from DFO and 4 from CWS. The total request for new funding for 2003/04 was \$643,300, bringing the total in combination with the previously approved projects to \$795,300 K. These projects were reviewed and evaluated according to the policy approved in June, 2002 by the NWMB.

After reviewing each of the projects, the Board decided (Resolution 2003- 005 Special) to approve \$677,600 in funding for 5 ongoing and 15 new projects. One project was requested to provide additional information for the June Board meeting when the project will be reconsidered.

3. Review of NWMB Study Fund Proposals

The Director of Wildlife Management reviewed the briefing note and the funding that had been provided by NWMB for 2002/03. In April, 2002, the NWMB approved \$123,300 in funding from the NWMB Study funds. All projects except one have submitted interim reports and financial reports at the time of writing this briefing note. However some of the financial reports still need to be clarified. It is expected that the total expenditures will be close to \$116,000, with approximately \$7,000 to be returned to NWMB.

Seven projects were submitted for NWMB Study Funding for 2003/04, totalling \$174,600 K. These projects were evaluated using the criteria outlined in the NWMB Study Funding policy approved by the NWMB in June, 2002. The Board began reviewing the projects but were unable to complete the review prior to the departure of one member, when quorum was lost. The review will be completed during a conference call.

Minutes Approved by: _____
Chairperson _____
Date _____

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RESOLUTIONS: SPECIAL MEETING NO. 10

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Resolution 2003- 005 Special: Moved to approve \$677,600 in funding from the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust Fund for 5 ongoing and 15 new research projects according to the proposals presented by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canadian Wildlife Service and Department of Sustainable Development. The approved projects as follows (with conditions):

5110-03-1	Vegetation Mapping in the Kivalliq using Digital Landsat TM Data	\$ 40,000
5110-03-2	The Seasonal Distribution and Herd Delimitation of Northeastern Mainland Caribou	\$ 50,000
5110-03-3	The monitoring of Qamanirjuaq caribou using satellite telemetry and spring composition surveys	\$ 20,000
5110-03-4	Cooperative Population Status and Winter Ecology Research of Peary Caribou and Muskoxen on the south-central Queen Elizabeth Islands of Nunavut	\$ 75,000
5120-02-1	Whale sampling and stock identification	\$ 27,100
5120-03-1	Ringed seals in western Hudson Bay	\$ 10,000
5120-03-4	Greenland Halibut survey in Baffin Bay, NAFO Division 0A	\$ 50,000
5120-03-5	Nelson River beluga movements and dive behaviour study by satellite telemetry	\$ 25,000
5120-03-6	North Baffin narwhal movements and dive behaviour study by satellite telemetry	\$ 35,000
5120-03-7	Bowhead Whale movements and stock range	\$ 26,100
5120-03-8	Walrus Capture / Recapture Methods	\$ 22,500
5120-02-9	Walrus Tagging	\$ 49,000
5130-01-6	Reproductive ecology and survival of the Pacific common eider in central arctic Canada	\$ 53,000

5130-02-1	Survival and Population Dynamics of the Northern Common Eider in Nunavut, Canada (Includes funding for 2004/05 also at \$20,000)	\$ 20,000
5130-02-3	Population trends and habitat requirements of Ivory Gulls breeding in Nunavut	\$ 12,000
5130-02-4	Duckling Survival and Population Biology of King Eiders	\$ 39,000
5130-03-1	Common eiders in the High Arctic – preliminary study	\$ 8,000
5130-03-2	Population re-assessments of polar bears in western and southern Hudson Bay (Includes funding for 2004/05 and 2005/06 also at \$30, 000 per year)	\$ 30.0
5130-03-3	Studies of seabirds at Cape Vera, Western Jones Sound	\$ 10.0
5130-03-4	Use of satellite telemetry to locate migration routes and wintering areas of common eiders breeding in Nunavut	\$ 75.0
Moved by: Robert Moshenko Seconded by: Nick Amautinuvar		
Carried		