

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## Minutes Special Meeting No. 13

Saturday, October 21, 2006; 7:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)

### Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Joe Justus	Director of Wildlife
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

**Guests:** Keith Pelley DFO Iqaluit

**Note:** NTI had been advised of this meeting but nobody came

### Not Available:

Kevin McCormick	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
DFO Nominee	Vacant

### 1. Opening by Chairperson

The Chairperson convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed the members.

### 2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Chief Operating Officer noted that there was no formal agenda; the topic for the evening session would be to review the Minister of Fisheries decision on the entrapped whales in Cumberland Sound.


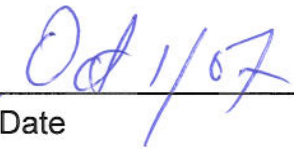
### 3. Entrapped Beluga Whales – Cumberland Sound

The Chairperson advised that the Board had met during a Conference Call October 16, 2006 and made a decision to write a letter to the Minister of DFO regarding the entrapped whales in the Cumberland Sound area. The decision of the Board was to have the Pangnirtung HTA harvest the whales to ensure the

whales did not suffer and that they could be utilized before the whales were in too poor condition. The Chairperson advised that the Minister had responded and rejected the Board's decision, and it was now up to the Board to make a final decision on this matter. The Members reviewed the information regarding these whales and after considerable discussion, made a final decision. The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-136**) to request that DFO provided funding assistance to have the Pangnirtung HTA members attempt to drive the entrapped whales from the area. It was further decided that if the attempt to drive the whales out of the area failed that they would be harvested and that samples would be collected for research purposes.

**11. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:    
Chairperson Date

## RESOLUTION

**Resolution 2006-136:** RESOLVED, that the NWMB requests that the Minister of DFO provide the Pangnirtung HTA authority to attempt to drive the entrapped beluga whales from Tajaqiaq Bay and if this is unsuccessful that the whales are harvested and that samples be collected for analysis.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok  
Date: October 21, 2006