

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 46 MONDAY, 17 JANUARY 2000

Participants:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Kevin McCormick	Member
Moses Koonoo	Member
Joan Scottie	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
Johnny Peters	Member for Makivik*
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Rebecca Mike	Interpreter

*Johnny Peters participated for Agenda item 3.5 only

Not Available:

Meeka Mike	Member
David Alagalak	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member

1. Call to Order

Ben Kovic opened the Conference Call at 11:10 a.m. He thanked the Board Members and staff for standing by to participate in the call.

2. Agenda for the Conference Call

The Board adopted the Agenda as presented, with the addition of three items of Other Business for which Members requested updates only:

- Five-year independent review of the NLCA and Implementation Contract;
- NWMB work plan/budget to the end of the present Planning Period; and
- The Nunavut Implementation Panel's new operating procedures.

3. Walrus Sport Hunts 2000

Jim Noble reviewed the briefing note that Michelle Wheatley had prepared in respect to this matter. Applications for authorization to conduct walrus sport hunts in 2000 were received from five communities. The applications were reviewed as per the criteria contained in the "Interim NWMB Policy for Walrus Sport Hunts" of 17 May 1999. The Board decided as follows:

1. For Aiviq HTO: Five walrus sport hunts approved for the 2000 season (**Resolution 2000- 085**), with the following conditions:
 - That the total walrus harvest by the community of Cape Dorset in 2000 not exceed the average annual total walrus harvest by the community over the last five years;
 - That assignment of the right to sport-harvest each walrus be made in writing;
 - That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year; and
 - That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by the HTO for the 2000 season.

2. For Igloodik HTO: Twelve walrus sport hunts approved for the 2000 season (**Resolution 2000- 086**), with the following conditions:
 - That the total walrus harvest by the community of Igloodik in 2000 not exceed the average annual total walrus harvest by the community over the last five years;
 - That assignment of the right to sport-harvest each walrus be made in writing;
 - That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year;
 - That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 1999 be submitted immediately; and
 - That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by the HTO for the 2000 season.

3. For Hall Beach HTO: Three walrus sport hunts approved for the 2000 season (**Resolution 2000- 087**), with the following conditions:
 - That the total walrus harvest by the community of Hall Beach in 2000 not exceed the average annual total walrus harvest by the community over the last five years;
 - That assignment of the right to sport-harvest each walrus be made in writing;
 - That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year;
 - That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by the HTO for the 2000 season.

4. For Aiviit (Coral Harbour) HTO, on behalf of Coral Harbour Tourism Association: Five walrus sport hunts approved for the 2000 season (**Resolution 2000- 088**), with the following conditions:

- That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year;
 - That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by the HTO for the 2000 season.
5. For Willie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec: Eight walrus sport hunts approved for the 2000 season (**Resolution 2000- 089**), with the following conditions:
- That these hunts will take place in the Area of Equal Use and Occupancy around Nottingham and Salisbury Islands;
 - That the total walrus harvest by the community of Salluit in 2000 not exceed the average annual total walrus harvest by the community in that Area over the last five years;
 - That assignment of the right to sport-harvest each walrus be made in writing;
 - That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year;
 - That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 1999 be submitted immediately; and
 - That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by Mr. Keatainak for the 2000 season.

4. Nunavut Sivuniksavut Donation Request

Jim Noble reviewed the letter from Nunavut Sivuniksavut requesting funding assistance to send students to Australia to meet with the Aborigines who are still struggling for their land rights. The request is presented as an opportunity for the students to share information on history and culture and to raise the profile of Nunavut. The Board noted that this group was funded in previous years for similar projects and that it would be appropriate to assist them again. The Board approved a donation of \$3,000 to the Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program for their class trip to Australia. (**Resolution 2000- 090**)

5. Traditional Bear Hunt (Coral Harbour): Update

Jim Noble reminded the Members that NTI has formally challenged the decision of the Nunavut Minister of Sustainable Development to set aside the final decision of the NWMB in this matter. A three-member arbitration board will be named to decide the issue, with the aid of an independent chairperson. The hearings will be conducted in an open forum, and the NWMB will likely be called to testify.

6. Developing a new Funding Agreement with DIAND: Update

Jim Noble advised that DIAND recently provided the Nunavut IPGs with a draft “template” of a new instrument to replace the contribution agreement that has been a matter of considerable contention between the Nunavut IPGs and DIAND. Michael d’Eça led a review of this draft document by the IPGs in concert, and comments were forwarded to DIAND last week. The present schedule calls for a meeting of the parties by the end of January to finalize the new funding agreement, subject of course to approval by the DIAND Minister and Treasury Board.

7. Participation at Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

Jim Noble led the Board through the most recent (as at January 14) tabulation of announcements and invitations. The following decisions were reached regarding attendance and participation:

- CWS, Species at Risk Meeting in Ottawa, January 24-28: Ben and Michael to attend.
- DFO, Atlantic Fisheries Policy Review Committee, Halifax, January 25: No one to attend. Request information from meeting.
- KHTA Meeting, Kugluktuk Feb 1-3: Ben and Makabe to attend
- CWS, Polar Bear Technical Committee Meeting, Quebec City, February 5-7: Michelle and Harry to attend.
- Environment Canada, Impacts and Adaptations to Climate Change, Yellowknife, February 27-29: Kevin to sit in on some sessions.
- CITES, 11th meeting, Nairobi, Kenya, April 10-20: No one to attend.
- DFO Science Advisory Council, April/May, location TBA: Ben to attend.
- Environment Canada, National Millennium Conference, Guelph, June 3-6: No one to attend.

8. Other Business

Jim advised that the Five-Year Independent Review has not yet been completely translated and accordingly has not been distributed. Jim also advised that Michael d’Eça will start by the first of February to co-ordinate development of the NWMB’s workplan and budget to the end of the first Planning Period as required by the Implementation Panel and DIAND. Michael will also be drafting a response to the recent declaration by the Implementation Panel of its new modus operandi.

9. Adjournment

The Conference Call adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: _____
Chairperson Date

RESOLUTIONS: CONFERENCE CALL 46

Resolution 2000- 085: Resolved that the NWMB approve a total of five walrus sport hunts for the Aiviq (Cape Dorset) HTO for the 2000 season, subject to the following conditions:

- That the total walrus harvest by the community of Cape Dorset in 2000 not exceed the average annual total walrus harvest by the community over the last five years;
- That assignment of the right to sport-harvest each walrus be made in writing;
- That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year; and
- That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by the HTO for the 2000 season.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: 17 January 2000

Resolution 2000- 086: Resolved that the NWMB approve a total of twelve walrus sport hunts for the Igloodik HTO for the 2000 season, subject to the following conditions:

- That the total walrus harvest by the community of Igloodik in 2000 not exceed the average annual total walrus harvest by the community over the last five years;
- That assignment of the right to sport-harvest each walrus be made in writing;
- That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year;
- That the total numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 1999 be submitted immediately; and
- That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by the HTO for the 2000 season;

And further that the Igloodik HTO be commended for the effective working relationship that they appear to have developed with Igloodik Outdoor Adventures with respect to walrus sport hunting, but be advised that the Board is concerned about the struck-and-lost information or lack thereof in respect to the 1999 hunts.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky
Carried

Seconded by: Joan Scottie
Date: 17 January 2000

Resolution 2000- 087: Resolved that the NWMB approve a total of three walrus sport hunts for the Hall Beach HTO for the 2000 season, subject to the following conditions:

- That the total walrus harvest by the community of Hall Beach in 2000 not exceed the average annual total walrus harvest by the community over the last five years;
- That assignment of the right to sport-harvest each walrus be made in writing;
- That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year;
- That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by the HTO for the 2000 season;

And further that the Hall Beach HTO be asked to advise the Board on who they intend to use as a booking agent for the 2000 season, and also to provide the Board with their rationale in applying for approval to sport-hunt 15 walrus.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: 17 January 2000

Resolution 2000- 088: Resolved that the NWMB approve a total of five walrus sport hunts for the Aiviit (Coral Harbour) HTO for allocation to the Coral Harbour Tourism Association for the 2000 season, subject to the following conditions:

- That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year; and
- That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by the HTO for the 2000 season; and

Further that the Aiviit HTO be asked to explain why they have designated the Coral Harbour Tourism Association to administer these hunts.

Moved by: Moses Koonoo
Carried

Seconded by: Joan Scottie
Date: 17 January 2000

Resolution 2000- 089: Resolved that the NWMB approve a total of eight walrus sport hunts for Willie Keatainak of Salluit, Quebec for the 2000 season, subject to the following conditions:

- That these hunts will take place in the Area of Equal Use and Occupancy around Nottingham and Salisbury Islands;
- That the total walrus harvest by the community of Salluit in 2000 not exceed the average annual total walrus harvest by the community in that Area over the last five years;

- That assignment of the right to sport-harvest each walrus be made in writing;
- That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 2000 be reported to the NWMB and to DFO at the time of application for walrus sport hunting next year;
- That the numbers of walrus landed and walrus struck-and-lost in 1999 be submitted immediately; and
- That the walrus sport hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted by Mr. Keatainak for the 2000 season.

Moved by: Johnny Peters
Carried

Seconded by: Moses Koonoo
Date: 17 January 2000

Resolution 2000- 090: Resolved that the NWMB approve a donation of \$3,000 to the Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program to support a class trip to Australia in April 2000.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Moses Koonoo
Date: 17 January 2000
