

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 78

Monday, June 14, 2004

Members and Staff Participating

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Robert Moshenko	Member
Nick Amautinuar	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Jim Noble	COO
Michelle Wheatley	Director Wildlife Management
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available

Harry Flaherty	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
DOE Nunavut	Member Vacant

Other Participants

Karen Ditz	DFO
Joanne Rose	DFO
Martine Giangioppi	DFO
Paul Irngaut	NTI

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1. Opening by Chairperson

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

The Board approved **(Resolution 2004-017)** the agenda with the deferral of Item 8, as no translation was provided.

3. Review and Approval of Various Issues

- The Chief Operating Officer noted that Board members were consulted by phone for approval of an urgent QWB request for advance on their contribution funding to cover a \$50,000 overdraft at the Royal Bank. It was noted that a formal motion was required to cover this request. The Board decided **(Resolution 2004-018)** to approve an advance to QWB for \$50,000.
- The Chief Operating Officer also noted that the Board members were consulted on a request from NTI for a contribution of \$30,000 to assist with three projects directed to assist with the Community Based Management of narwhal and beluga. Again it was noted that approval of this contribution required a formal motion of the Board. The Board decided **(Resolution 2004-019)** to approve a contribution of \$30,000 to NTI to assist with three projects related to developing the Community Based Management of narwhal and beluga project.

4. Review of NWMB Staffing Requirements/Job Descriptions/Salaries

The Director of Wildlife and Chief Operating Officer reviewed the briefing note on various staffing issues with the Board members. The Board decided **(Resolution 2004-020)** to accept the following recommendations concerning staffing:

- That the Board accept the new job description for a Conservation/Management Biologist position;
- That the Board accept the revised job description for the Director, Wildlife Management; and
- That the Board approve the transfer of the current Wildlife Management Assistant to the position of Conservation/Management Biologist effective immediately.

The decision on the Director of Finance and Administration was deferred to the next conference call.

5. Decision on SARA Listing of Wolffish

The Director, Wildlife Management and Biologist for DFO, Iqaluit reviewed the briefing note with Board members, noting that DFO realizes that this approval is after the fact as SARA has already listed this species. Considerable discussion followed on the Species at Risk listing process and how the NWMB can assist the Government departments to understand that the NWMB is a decision-making body

rather than just an approval/recommendation body. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-021**) to approve the Wolffish listing noting to the Minister that the NWMB is the decision making authority under the NLCA.

6. Decision on SARA Listing of Bluewhales

DFO staff reviewed the briefing note with the members, noting that there is little impact on Nunavut residents. Once again there was considerable discussion on the process of designating species-at-risk and how consultation should be conducted. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-022**) to approve the listing on bluewhale, again noting to the Minister of DFO that consultations need to occur on the process of designations.

7. Decision on Makivik Request for Beluga from the Sanikiluaq Area

DFO Staff reviewed the briefing note with the Members on the Makivik request for beluga from the Sanikiluaq area. It was noted that DFO Science thinks that the belugas passing by Sanikiluaq in June and early July each year are probably from the Western Hudson Bay population. In light of this it may be safe to allow an additional harvest in the area. Concerns were raised that the NWMB does not have any current scientific or IQ information on the WHB stock. A suggestion that the Board could put a season restriction (NQL) on the Sanikiluaq hunt to ensure that the 15 whales requested come from the WHB stock was one possibility. It was further noted that Sanikiluaq had advised that they would hunt for Makivik rather than having Nunavik hunters coming to the Sanikiluaq area to hunt. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-023**) to approve the community of Sanikiluaq hunting fifteen extra beluga for Nunavik, on the agreement that these whales be harvested during June and the first week of July and that there be no commercial sale of the muktuk or meat.

8. Review/Decision on the New Polar Bear MOUs

Item deferred with the request that the NWMB Director, Wildlife Management and NWMB Legal Advisor provide a briefing note to members outlining concerns about the MOUs.

9. Review/Approval of the Thelon Management Plan

Staff reviewed the briefing note provided on the Thelon Management Plan decision required. There was some concern that the NWMB should take more time to make this decision. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-024**) to approve the Thelon Management Plan as presented and advise the appropriate Ministers as such.

10. Review/Decision on New Office Space for the NWMB

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the briefing note provided on this issue. Staff

advised that there was an offer from the Nunavut Construction Corporation for new office space in their new complex (Inuksugait Plaza). Permission was requested by staff to look into this possibility, negotiate a price and return to the Board with the results. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-025**) to direct the Chief Operating Officer to look into the possibility of leasing new office space for the NWMB in the new Inuksugait Plaza Complex and advise the members of the outcome at the next conference call.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: _____	_____
Chairperson	Date

RESOLUTIONS: CONFERENCE CALL NO. 78

Resolution 2004-017: Resolved that the NWMB approve the agenda as presented with the deferral of Item 8 due to no translation.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuvar
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Resolution 2004-018: Resolved that the NWMB to approve an advance of \$50,000 to QWB from their contribution funding to cover an overdraft at the Royal Bank in Iqaluit.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuvar
14 June 2004

Resolution 2004-019: Resolved that the NWMB approve a contribution of \$30,000 to NTI to assist with three projects related to developing the Community Based Management of narwhal and beluga project.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
14 June 2004

Resolution 2004-020: Resolved that the NWMB to accept the following recommendations concerning staffing:

- That the Board accept the new job description for a Conservation/Management Biologist position;
- That the Board accept the revised job description for the Director, Wildlife Management; and
- That the Board approve the transfer of the current Wildlife Management

Assistant to the position of Conservation/Management Biologist effective immediately.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
14 June 2004

Resolution 2004-021: Resolved that the NWMB approve the Wolffish SARA listing noting to the Minister of DFO that the NWMB is the decision making authority under the NLCA.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuak
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
14 June 2004

Resolution 2004-022: Resolved that the NWMB approve the SARA listing of bluewhale, noting to the Minister of DFO that consultations need to occur on the process of designations.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuak
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
14 June 2004

Resolution 2004-023: Resolved that the NWMB approve the community of Sanikiluaq hunting of fifteen extra beluga(one time only) for Nunavik, on the agreement that these whales be harvested during June and the first week of July and that there be no commercial sale of the muktuk or meat.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Opposed (1) Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuak
14 June 2004

Resolution 2004-024: Resolved that the NWMB approve the Thelon Management Plan as presented and advise the appropriate Ministers as such.

Moved by: Ben Kovic
Opposed (1) Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
14 June 2004

Resolution 2004-025: Resolved that the NWMB direct the Chief Operating Officer to look into the possibility of leasing new office space for the NWMB in the new Inuksugait Plaza Complex and advise the members of the outcome at the next conference call.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Abstention (1) Robert Moshenko

Seconded by: Nick Amautinuak

Carried

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