

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 79

Friday, June 25, 2004

Members and Staff Participating

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

Not Available

Abraham Kaunak	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member

Other Participants

Joanne Rose	DFO
Martine Giangioppi	DFO
Bert Dean	NTI
Keith Pelley	DFO

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1. Opening by Chairperson

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-026**) to approve the agenda with the following additions under other business:

- Staff to provide short update on status of Sanikiluaq beluga hunt for Nunavik
- Approval of two test fishery licenses for Cambridge Bay area and Mansel Island

3. Review/Approval of Auditor's Report 2003/04

The Chief Operating Officer referred members to the Draft Audit Report for fiscal year 2003/04. It was noted that this report is to be provided to DIAND by the end of June each year as per the Contribution Agreement. The report is also required for finalizing the annual report. It was recommended that the Board could provide approval in principle pending receipt of the final report. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-027**) to approve-in-principle the Draft Audit Report for fiscal year 2003/04 subject to any comments prior to June 29, 2004.

4. Thelon Management Plan

This item was discussed during the previous Conference Call No.78 and a motion was passed to approve the management plan. The Board requested that this item be re-visited during this conference call. It was noted that the Board wrote a letter to both the Department of Environment Nunavut and to the Minister of DIAND. A response was received from DOE but nothing was received from DIAND. It was noted that the NWMB has not prepared recommendations on the NQL decisions required under the management plan. The Board decided to have the NWMB Legal Advisor draft a letter to both parties on the Board's decision on the Thelon and have members approve letter before it is sent.

5. Review/Decision on the New Polar Bear MOUs

The Director, Wildlife Management reviewed the briefing note with the Board members. Nine concerns with the MOUs were discussed. The Director provided the following recommendation:

- That the NWMB provide a limited approval of the MOUs, subject to certain conditions; and
- That the NWMB approve those Non-quota limitations and Total Allowable Harvest figures that have been justified to the Board's satisfaction.

It was noted that M'Clintock Channel and Davis Strait population MOUs do not have approval from the relevant HTOs and should not be approved.

The NWMB's Legal Advisor noted that he had prepared three draft resolutions for the Board members to consider. A review of these resolutions was conducted, and then members added their concerns in this matter. It was decided that the Board required

more information to make a decision and requested the Director, Wildlife Management to draft a letter asking for more information, and to circulate the letter for Board approval prior to sending it off to DOE.

6. Review/Decision on COSEWIC Request for Early Re-Assessment of Polar Bears

The Board reviewed the briefing note on COSEWIC's request for input on an early re-assessment of polar bears. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-028**) to recommend to COSEWIC that there is no need for an early re-assessment.

7. Review/Decision of the Cambridge Bay Exploratory Licence

The Director of Wildlife Management reviewed the briefing note with the members. This was a request for an exploratory quota for various species. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-030**) to approve the Cambridge Bay request for an exploratory quota of 1000 kg for each of the following target species:

- Starry Flounder *Platichthys stellatus*
- Scallop – no species identified but *Chlamys islandica* is the most likely target
- Toad Crab *Hyas coarctatus*
- Sea Cucumber – several species in the area – *Cucumaria frondosa* may be the largest and the most common species
- Whelk – no species identified – several species including *Buccinum* sp. occur in the area
- Cod – no species identified – several species may occur in the area including Greenland cod, *Gadus ogac* and saffron cod (*Eleginus gracilis*)

8. Review/Decision of Director of Finance and Administration Position

The Chief Operating Officer advised that the Board at the last conference call requested more information on the Director of Finance and Administration position. A spread sheet with the requested information was provided for member's review. Staff recommended the direct appointment of the Regional Resource Officer, Tom Demcheson to this position. The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-029**) to appoint Tom Demcheson to the position of Director of Finance and Administration from his position of RRO.

9. Other Business

Items deferred

10. Meeting adjourned

Minutes Approved by: _____

Chairperson	Date
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RESOLUTIONS: CONFERENCE CALL NO. 79

Resolution 2004-026: Resolved that the NWMB approve the agenda with the following additions under other business:

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- Approval of two test fishery licenses for Cambridge Bay area and Mansel Island

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
25 June 2004

Resolution 2004-027: Resolved that the NWMB approve-in-principle the Draft Audit Report for fiscal year 2003/04 subject to any comments prior to June 29, 2004.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
25 June 2004

Resolution 2004-028: Resolved that the NWMB recommend to COSEWIC that there is no need for an early re-assessment of polar bear.

Moved by: Nick Amautinar
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
25 June 2004

Resolution 2004-029: Resolved that the NWMB approve the Cambridge Bay request for an exploratory quota of 1000 kg for each of the following target species:

- Starry Flounder *Platichthys stellatus*
- Scallop – no species identified but *Chlamys islandica* is the most likely target
- Toad Crab *Hyas coarctatus*
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Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Nick Amautinar
25 June 2004

Resolution 2004-030: Resolved that the NWMB appoint Tom Demcheson, Regional Liaison Officer (RLO) to the position of Director of Finance and Administration effective immediately.

Moved by: Nick Amautinar
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
25 June 2004