NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 82

Friday, January 28, 2005; 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Harry Flaherty A/ Chairperson

Nick Amautinuar
Paul Pemik
Kevin McCormick
Joannie Ikkidluak
Abraham Kaunak
Johnny Peters

Member
Member
Member
Member
Makivik

Jim Noble Chief Operating Officer Josée Galipeau A/Director of Wildlife

Tom Demcheson Director of Finance & Administration

Evie Amagoalik Interpreter Michael d'Eca Legal Advisor

Not Available:

Robert Moshenko Member DIAND Appointee Vacant

Advisors:

Stas Olpinski Makivik

1. Opening by A/Chairperson

Harry Flaherty A/Chairperson welcomed the members to the conference call.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

Members decided (**Resolution 2005-001**) to approve the agenda with the following items added to Other Business:

- Discussion on drafting a letter to NTI regarding their concerns about the NWMB decision on polar bear TAHs
- Response to the Minister of DOE on Polar Bear, Grizzly and Wolverine
- Decision on the Chairperson's position

3. Walrus Sports Hunt Quota (Salluit)

Jim Noble reviewed the briefing note with the members, noting that Willie Keatainak had requested that his brother Adamee be approved for the hunts. Adamee is requesting eight (8) walrus sport hunts for the 2005 hunting season. Members asked numerous questions on the status of the hunt and equipment. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-002**) to approve the request of Adamee Keatainak for eight (8) walrus sport hunts for the 2005 hunting season with noted conditions.

4. 2005 Offshore Fisheries Allocations

Josée Galipeau reviewed the briefing note provided and three tables of data with the Members. There was discussion of concerns about non-applicant HTOs adjacent to fishing zones. It was recommended that Board consider accepting the status quo for the fishery until such time as a new Allocation Policy can be developed for the NWMB. The Board decided (Resolution 2005-003) to accept the status quo for the 2005 season, allowing time for the Board to develop a new Allocation Policy prior to the next season December 31, 2005. All fishers were to be advised of this decision.

5. 500 Metric Tonne In-Shore Turbot Quota

The NWMB Legal Advisor reviewed the briefing note provided with the members. Considerable discussion followed on how this process should be developed, as the BNL figures arrived at from the Harvest Study are low and the formula suggested for adjusting the BNL needs consultation; it was decided to defer parts of the plan. The Board decided (Resolution 2005-004) to recommend that the draft letter without Decision No.3 be sent to the Minister of DFO and that consultation with the community and NTI follow on how best to proceed with establishment of the BNL.

6. FDDIPI (Cost of Living) Adjustment 2004-2005

The COO advised members that DIAND had sent a letter to the Board asking if they wished to use the FDDIPI available to all Boards for the 2004/05 fiscal year or whether they would rather carry over these funds for future use. The Board decided (Resolution 2005-005) to not request the FDDIPI for the current fiscal year, but rather opted for carrying over the funds for use in future years.

7. JNCB Commissioner

The COO advised members that the Board had been approached by DFO staff regarding the Board's appointee to the Canada Greenland Joint Commission on Conservation and Management of Narwhal and Beluga. The NWMB is being asked if they wish to have Mr. Ben Kovic continue this position or recommend a new Commissioner. The Board decided (Resolution 2005-006) to direct staff to write to DFO informing them that

as soon as a new NWMB Chairperson is appointed, DFO will be informed of the decision.

8. Other Business

- a) Polar Bears Deferred to February
- b) Species at Risk Deferred to February
- c) Discussion on the Chairperson's Position
- C. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-007)** to nominate Joe Tigullaraq for the position of Chairperson/CEO for the NWMB to the Governor-in-Council and the NWMB Legal Advisor be requested to draft a letter to DIAND regarding this nomination; and to direct Acting Chairperson Harry Flaherty to negotiate a remuneration package with Joe Tigullaraq for the position of CEO with the NWMB.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Approved by:

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2005-001: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda as presented with the following additions to Item 8, Other Business:

- Discussion on drafting a letter to NTI regarding their concerns about the NWMB decision on polar bear TAHs.
- Response to the Minister of DOE on Polar Bear, Grizzly and Wolverine
- Decision on the Chairpersons position

Moved by: Nick Amautinuar Seconded by: Kevin McCormick

Carried Date: 28 January 2005

Resolution 2005-002: RESOLVED that NWMB approve eight (8) Walrus Hunts with the following conditions/NQLs:

- That these hunts will take place in the Area of Equal Use and Occupancy around Nottingham and Salisbury Islands;
- That the total walrus harvested by the community of Salluit in 2005, should not exceed the average harvest by the community in that Area over the last 5 years:
- That the allocation of the right to sport-hunt each walrus be made by way
 of assignment, executed in writing;
- That the number of walrus landed and the number struck and lost are to be reported at the time of the next application for a sport hunting quota;
- That the hunts be conducted according to the hunt plan as submitted by the applicant; and
- That a rifle of 243 calibre or larger be used to harvest the walrus.

Moved by: Johnny Peters Seconded by: Paul Pemik. Carried Date: 28 January 2005

Resolution 2005-003: RESOLVED that NWMB maintain the status quo for the fisheries allocation for 2005 season for both turbot and shrimp, providing sufficient time for the NWMB to revise their Allocation Policy for the new fishing season 31 December 2005.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak Seconded by: Nick Amautinuar

Carried Date: 28 January 2005

Resolution 2005-004: RESOLVED that the Board draft a letter without an adjusted BNL to the Minister of DFO and that consultation with the community and NTI follow on how best to proceed with establishment the Adjusted BNL for turbot in the new zone.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak Seconded by: Kevin McCormick

Carried Date: 28 January 2005

Resolution 2005-005: RESOLVED that the Board have staff send a letter to DIAND advising that the Board does not want the 2004/05 FIDDIPI for the current fiscal year and requests that this amount be carried over for use in future years.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: Nick Amautinuar

Carried Date: 28 January 2005

Resolution 2005-006: RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to write to DFO informing them that as soon as a new NWMB Chairperson is appointed, DFO will be informed of the decision regarding an appointment to the JCNB.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak Seconded by: Nick Amautinuar

Carried Date: 28 January 2005

Resolution 2005-007: RESOLVED The Board decided to nominate Joe Tigullaraq for the position of Chairperson/CEO for the NWMB to the Governor-in-Council and the NWMB Legal Advisor be requested to draft a letter to DIAND regarding this nomination; and to direct Acting Chairperson Harry Flaherty to negotiate a remuneration package with Joe Tigullaraq for the position of CEO with the NWMB.

Moved by: Nick Amautinuar Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak

Carried Date: 28 January 2005