

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## Minutes Conference Call No. 86

Friday, April 29, 2005; 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)

### Members and Staff Participating:

Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Nick Amautinuak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Joe Tigullaraq	Chief Executive Officer
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Michael d'Eça	Legal Advisor

### Not Available:

Harry Flaherty	A/Chairperson
DIAND Member	Vacant

### 1. Decision on Interim Chairperson

The COO advised Members that Harry Flaherty was unavailable for the meeting and that Members would have to decide on an Interim Chairperson. The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-031)** to appoint Nick Amautinuak as Interim Chairperson.

### 2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided **(Resolution 2005-032)** to approve the agenda with two additions to Other Business;

- Staffing Update
- Makivik Request for Beluga Harvest in Nunavut

### 3. Use of Gill Nets in the OA Fishery

The NWMB Legal Advisor reviewed the issue of gill net use in Division OA. The NWMB had been on record as being concerned about use of gill nets and wrote numerous letters to the Minister of DFO on this concern. DFO brushed this

concern aside as it was felt by fishermen that this was a good method of fishing and the Minister agreed. The NWMB is currently concerned over DFO recommended restriction in OA when they are not discussing areas south of OA. There is a much bigger volume further south and they are also having trouble with by-catch. The Board wrote to the Minister and agreed to discuss restrictions in OA but find the recommendations to restrict the OA fishery only as discrimination towards Nunavut. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-033**) to direct staff to write another letter to the Minister advising of Board concerns and offering some restrictions to the OA fishery. Further that the letter be circulated to members for review before sending.

#### **4. Consultation Sessions on the Wildlife Regulations**

The COO and NWMB Legal Advisor reviewed the status of consultations on the new Nunavut Wildlife Regulations. Members were advised that Board has very limited time to conduct consultations and then make final decisions on the Regulations. It was recommended that due to the short period for consultations that the CEO, COO and Legal Advisor along with three Board Members, share the task of meeting with the various regions. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-034**) to have the CEO, COO and Legal Advisor along with three Members, share the workload of attending consultation session in the three regions.

The Board further decided (**Resolution 2005-035**) to direct staff to write a letter to the Premier and the Minister of DOE Nunavut advising of insufficient time for consultation with the public and that a new schedule be recommended of June 6-10, 2005 with decision making in September.

#### **5. A/Chairperson's Honoraria**

The NWMB Legal Advisor suggested that the NWMB does not have the mandate in the claim to change the chairperson remuneration. The only way for the Board to make a change is to write the Minister of DIAND and have him approach the Privy Council to make the amendment. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-036**) to direct staff to write a letter to the Minister of DIAND requesting an increase in the A/Chairperson's remuneration and reimburse the A/Chairperson for the time already spent.

#### **6. Other Business**

##### **A. NWMB Staffing**

The COO gave a brief update on the status of the Director of Wildlife position.

##### **B. Response to Makivik's Request for Beluga Hunt**

Members reviewed the Makivik request for a beluga hunt in Nunavut, it was suggested that NWMB staff get together with DFO staff and draft a good briefing note. Further that DFO fully inform the communities involved and then return to the NWMB for a decision.

#### **8. Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson

Date

## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2005-031:** RESOLVED that the NWMB appoint Nick Amautinuvar as Interim Chairperson for Conference Call No.86.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick  
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko  
Date: 29 April 2005

**Resolution 2005-032:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko  
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick  
Date: 29 April 2005

**Resolution 2005-033:** RESOLVED that the NWMB direct their Legal Advisor to draft a letter to the Minister of DFO regarding the Board's concerns and recommendations regarding gill netting in Division 0A.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick  
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak  
Date: 29 April 2005

**Resolution 2005-034:** RESOLVED that the NWMB direct the CEO, COO and Legal Advisor with three Board Members to cover the consultation sessions in the three regions.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko  
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak  
Date: 29 April 2005

**Resolution 2005-035:** RESOLVED that NWMB Legal Advisor be requested to draft a letter to the Minister of Environment, Nunavut and the Premier noting that there is insufficient time for consulting on the new Wildlife Regulation and suggesting new dates for completion of the consultation and decision making process.

Moved by: Abraham Kaunak  
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik  
Date: 29 April 2005

**Resolution 2005-036:** RESOLVED that the NWMB direct their Legal Advisor to draft a letter to the Minister of DIAND requesting that he amend the A/Chairperson's remuneration and that the A/Chairperson be compensated for his work as acting chairperson.

Moved by: Paul Pemik

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak

Carried

Date: 29 April 2005