

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## Minutes Conference Call No. 88

Tuesday, May 24, 2005; 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)

### Members and Staff Participating:

Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Nick Amautinuak	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:

Kevin McCormick	Member
Harry Flaherty	A/Chairperson
DIAND Member	Vacant

### 1. Appointment of Interim Chairperson

The COO advised Members that A/Chairperson Harry Flaherty was unavailable for the conference call and members would have to appoint an interim chairperson. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-039**) to appoint Nick Amautinuak as interim chairperson for Conference Call 88.

### 2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-040**) to approve the agenda with two additions to Other Business:

- Gill Net Issue
- Species at Risk Listings

### 3. Polar Bear MOU Review

The Chief Operating Officer noted that the GN Polar Bear Biologist had concerns about the upcoming IUCN Polar Bear Meeting. At Regular Meeting 41 staff were directed to get briefing notes from the Department of Environment on the polar

bear concerns, to invite Dr. Ian Sterling to the next NWMB meeting and to try and obtain copies of the PBTC Meeting. The NWMB Legal Advisor noted that the MOUs are separate from the TAHs that are required. It was noted that the Board would make TAH changes as required. It was agreed that if all the information was gathered, this item would be added to the June agenda.

### **3. Baffin Fisheries Coalition Request to Use Foreign Vessel**

Item deferred as there was no briefing note from DFO.

### **4. Northern Shrimp Research Foundation - Shrimp Survey in Davis Strait**

The COO gave a brief explanation of the proposed shrimp survey in Davis Strait. It was noted that the Board would have to make a decision on any inshore survey but advice only on the offshore portion. Concern was voiced that the Northern Coalition would gain history in the Nunavut area by doing this test fishery. It was suggested that it might be better if the Baffin Fisheries Coalition would carry out this survey rather than southern owned boats. It was noted that there was not a briefing note and insufficient information to make a decision and that this item should be deferred.

### **5. Nunavut Wildlife Regulation Consultations**

Michael d'Eça provided a brief update on the Wildlife Regulations consultations. It was noted that the Government wants to proceed with establishing the New Wildlife Act with the old regulations (NWT) until consultations occur on the new regulations. The GN is currently developing a press release and asking the NWMB and NTI to co-sponsor this release. Staff were to decide whether to co-sponsor this press release. It was further noted that the GN had accepted the recommendation of the NWMB to hold consultations later in the fall. The Board would then meet around the middle of November to make final decisions allowing the regulations into come into effect by January 1, 2006.

### **7. Other Business**

#### **A. Gill Net Issue**

Michael d'Eça noted that the Board directed that a letter be drafted to the Minister of DFO agreeing that restrictions should be placed on the gill net fishery in Division 0A. The Area Director for Nunavut had recommended that the letter should be handled internally in Nunavut rather than sending it to the Minister. Four conditions were discussed with the Department:

1. That no new licence conditions be established for the 2005 fishing season as there is no time to consult with industry.

2. That the Baffin Fisheries Coalition be requested to remove their nets earlier in the season before ice freezes.
3. That the Board will work with DFO to revise the current Turbot Management Plan
4. That Nunavut wants to see similar restrictions on other fishermen in other Areas before Nunavut is singled out.

The Area Director wrote back to the Board and advised that these conditions were workable. The Board directed staff to draft a letter with the four conditions back to the DFO Area Director for Nunavut.

## **B. Species at Risk Listings**

The NWMB Legal Advisor gave a brief update on the SARA listing of Peary Caribou and Dolphin/Union Caribou noting that this was contrary to the NLCA. NTI is considering a judicial review if the Minister takes this route. The Board decided that staff should draft a letter to the Minister for review by the Board.

## **8. Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes Approved by:   
Chairperson

July 6/06  
Date

## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2005-039:** RESOLVED that the NWMB appoint Nick Amautinuak as Interim Chairperson for Conference Call No.88.

Moved by: Paul Pemik  
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Date: 24 May 2005

**Resolution 2005-040:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda with two additions to Other Business.

- Gill Net Issue
- Species at Risk Listings

Moved by: Paul Pemik  
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak  
Date: 24 May 2005