

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 90

Monday, October 17, 2005; 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson/CEO
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Erin Calder	Wildlife Management Biologist
Michael d'Eça	Legal Advisor

Not Available:

Harry Flaherty	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
DIAND Member	Vacant

Advisors

Mitch Taylor	DOE, Polar Bear Biologist
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1. Opening by Chairperson

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members to Conference Call No. 91.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-097**) to approve the agenda as presented.

3. Review/Decision on Additional 200 Tonne Turbot Quota Division 0A

The COO reviewed the briefing note with the members, noting that this quota was originally 400 tonnes and that the Board had allocated 100 tonnes to Qikiqtarjuaq and 50 tonnes each to Clyde River and Pond Inlet. The purpose of the first allocation was to attempt an inshore test fishery in all three areas. 200

tonnes was held back to see if the inshore fishery would be successful. The balance of the 200 tonnes now needs to be allocated as the season is drawing to a close. The 200 mt quota was advertised and applications received and rated. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-098**) to allocate 100 tonnes to both Cumberland Sound Fisheries and Baffin Fisheries Coalition with the condition that these organizations use mobile gear due to the lateness of the season and ice conditions being a concern.

4. Final Approval of Polar Bear TAHs for 2005/06 Hunting Season

Mitch Taylor reviewed the briefing note provided with the members. Kevin McCormick questioned how the DOE planned to respond the questions asked at the Polar Bear Technical Committee meeting. Kevin further questioned whether the quotas would be remaining the same with this added concern from the PBTC meeting. Mitch Taylor advised that the Minister of DOE had committed to the current year quotas and there would be no changes until further consultations were carried out. The Minister fully supports the use of IQ in determining quotas.

Members questioned how the Government was doing with discussing interjurisdictional polar bear agreements. Mitch noted that little progress was being made, however there is some discussion on user to user agreements between NWT and Nunavut Inuit but these are not recognized by the NLCA, so they will have to be backed with Government to Government Agreements. Members noted that the Board would have to be ready for media attention on this issue and that a press release should be drafted and forwarded to the media on any decision the Board makes. A press release should include the Board's rationale for making these TAH decisions, especially for the Baffin Bay and West Hudson Bay populations.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-099**) to approve the Department of Environment's (Nunavut) recommendations for Polar Bear TAHs for the 2005/06 hunting season as amended. The Board further decided (**Resolution 2005-100**) to request that the Department of Environment (Nunavut) use the most recent scientific information, IQ and other jurisdictions harvest information and incorporate all this information prior to making a decision on polar bear TAHs for the 2006/07 hunting season.

5. Review/Decision on TAH and NQL Consultation Session for Regulations

The COO reviewed the briefing note on this issue with the Members. It was proposed that the NWMB conduct an informal hearing style meeting in Iqaluit, the third week of November, following the three regional meetings conducted by the Department of the Environment. This meeting would consist of representatives from all the HTOs and RWOs along with Government and Board staff. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-101**) to approve the Nunavut Wildlife Regulations,

TAH, NQL informal hearing style meeting in Iqaluit for the third week of November 2005 and to fund this meeting from the Board's hearings budget.

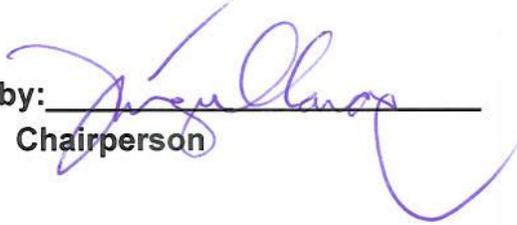
6. Other Business

No items.

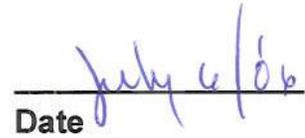
7. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Approved by: _____

Chairperson



Date



RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2005-097: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: 17 October 2005

Resolution 2005-098: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve 100 tonnes of turbot in Division 0A to Cumberland Sound Fishery and 100 tonnes to Baffin Fisheries Coalition with the condition that mobile gear be used due to the concern over possible icing conditions.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 17 October 2005

Resolution 2005-099: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the Department of Environment's (Nunavut) recommendations for Polar Bear TAHs for the 2005/06 hunting season as amended.

Moved by: Abraham Kaunak
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: 17 October 2005

Resolution 2005-100: RESOLVED that the NWMB request that the Department of Environment (Nunavut) use the most recent scientific information, IQ and other jurisdictions harvest information and incorporate all this information prior to making a decision on polar bear TAHs for the 2006/07 hunting season.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: 17 October 2005

Resolution 2005-101: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a Nunavut Wildlife Regulations, TAH, NQL informal hearing style meeting in Iqaluit for the third week of November 2005 and to fund this meeting from the Board's hearings budget.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: 17 October 2005