

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 91

Wednesday, October 26, 2005; 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson/CEO
Makabe Nartok	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Tom Demcheson	Director of Finance
Joe Justus	Director of Wildlife
Erin Calder	Wildlife Biologist
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Michael d'Eça	Legal Advisor

Not Available:

Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Paul Pemik	Member

1. Opening by Chairperson

The Chairperson opened the Conference Call and welcomed Members.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-102**) to approve the agenda as presented.

3. Review/Approval of 2005/06 Interim Financial Report/Request for Reallocation of Funds/Request to Carry Over Funds

The Director of Finance and Administration provided a brief review of the budgeting/reporting process required by the funding agent DIAND. A review of line item reallocations, budget variances and cash flow projections were reviewed. Three Variance Report options were offered on how to re-profile funds and projects suggested. The NWMB Legal Advisor noted that the Board has to ensure that funds will be spent by year end or DIAND will question the budgeting

process. Concern was raised with regards to the call for funds to assist the new Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat without a detailed budget proposal. The Director of Finance and Administration reviewed the briefing note submitted by NTI. Members felt the briefing note was deficient and that a detailed workplan was still required before any funding assistance is contemplated. The Chairperson noted that this issue was discussed at the regular NWMB meeting held in Igloolik and that specific requirements had to be provided. The COO recommended that it may be better to request carry over of funds rather than having a large surplus, funds can always be requested later in the year.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-103**) to not approve the request for funding assistance from NIWS and request a more detailed work plan. The Board further decided (**Resolution 2005-104**) to accept the Option 3 Variance Report with a provision that the NWMB not provide funding to the NIWS until an acceptable workplan is submitted. Further, the Board decided (**Resolution 2005-105**) to request that DIAND carry forward \$1,065,694 unused funds from 2004/05 and withhold the December disbursement of \$253,495 for future use within the contract period. Finally, the Board decided (**Resolution 2005-106**) to approve the October 31, 2005 Interim Activity Report with minor editorial changes for submission to DIAND Implementation Branch.

4. Recommendations to the Minister Re: Division 0A Turbot Allocation Increase

The COO advised that DFO has recently sent a letter requesting the NWMB's recommendations on a possible increase to Division 0A of approximately 2500 metric tonnes of Turbot. The Board discussed this possible increase and provided three recommendations:

1. That the NWMB agrees with the increase for Division 0A
2. That the NWMB recommends a 40% - 60% Split with Greenland as the majority of the biomass is in Canadian waters
3. That Nunavut receive the entire 2500 tonnes due to adjacency and economic dependence on this resource.

The Board directed staff to draft a letter to DFO with the three recommendations on the OA fishery. The COO noted that DFO advisors had suggested that there was heavy political pressure from southern interest to have this quota shared with southern interests. It was recommended that Nunavut make every effort to fight for this quota and use more than just the adjacency factor in there justification for this quota. Members noted that the NWMB is not a lobby group.

5. Discussion on Kingnait Fiord Charr Decision

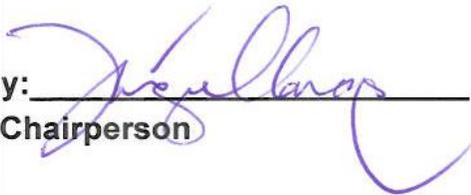
This was an in-camera item.

6. Other Business

A. NWMB's Fisheries Allocation Policy

The NWMB's Legal Advisor reviewed this item with the Members. The Board had their Legal Advisor prepare a revised Fisheries Allocation Policy as the plan was to have this policy ready for the 2006 fishing season. This process was delayed as the Offshore Review being conducted by the co-management partners was delayed and it was felt that Allocation Policy should be tied to the Offshore Review. Once the Review and Policy are completed, then consultation sessions with the parties/fishers need to be conducted. A letter was drafted to all partners trying to establish some time lines for this process. It was noted that the letter missed being sent out and was delayed, however with the Wildlife Regulation consultation process ongoing, there has been no time to work on the Allocation Policy. It was decided that the Allocation Policy would have to be deferred and put into effect in time for the 2007 fishing season.

Meeting Adjourned 2:00 pm

Minutes Approved by: 
Chairperson

July 6/06
Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2005-102: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: 26 October 2005

Resolution 2005-103: RESOLVED that the NWMB not approve the request for funding assistance from the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat (NIWS) and request a more detailed work plan.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 26 October 2005

Resolution 2005-104: RESOLVED that the NWMB accept the Option 3 of the Variance Report for October 31, 2005 with a provision that the NWMB not provide funding to the NIWS until an acceptable workplan is submitted.

Moved by: Abraham Kaunak
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: 26 October 2005

Resolution 2005-105: RESOLVED that the NWMB request that DIAND carry forward \$1,065,694 unused funds from 2004/05 and withhold the December disbursement of \$253,495 for future use within the contract period.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 26 October 2005

Resolution 2005-106: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the October 31, 2005 Interim Activity Report with minor editorial changes for submission to DIAND Implementation Branch.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: 17 October 2005