

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 97

Thursday, April 25, 2006; 1:00 p.m. (Eastern time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Erin Calder	Wildlife Biologist
Michael d'Eça	Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available:

DFO Appointee	Vacant
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member

Other Participants:

Gabriel Nirlungayuk	NTI
Glenn Williams	NTI
Drikus Gissing	DOE, Nunavut
Andrejka Lokar	DFO, Iqaluit
Ray Ratynski	DFO, Winnipeg
Keith Pelley	DFO, Iqaluit

1. Opening by A/Chairperson

The Chairperson convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed members.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The members decided (**Resolution 2006-086**) to approve the agenda with minor adjustments. Items No. 3 and No. 7 were to be dealt with first in the agenda.

3. Allocation of New 2500 MT Turbot Quota in Division 0A

The Wildlife Biologist reviewed the briefing note with the Members. The Chief Operating Officer provided a brief review of the current Allocation Policy for the Offshore Fishery. The NWMB's Legal Advisor noted concern that Clyde River and Pangnirtung HTOs had not been allocated quota as they were included in the Baffin Fisheries Coalition (BFC) application. It was further suggested that the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) drafted by BFC was not a good criteria for the Board factor in allocation of this quota. A question arose as to why BFC was recommended for more quota than Cumberland Sound. The COO responded that Cumberland Sound Fisheries had only applied for 500 MT whereas BFC had applied for the full quota. Gabriel Nirlungayuk questioned how much longer the NWMB would be involved in allocation of these resources. NWMB's Legal Advisor replied that the NLCA sets out that the NWMB should allocate the surplus of any species. It was further questioned as to when the NWMB would make these decisions in an open and transparent process. It was noted that the NWMB is aware of the call to be open and transparent in its decision making. However, this process is not a decision making process rather a recommendation to the Minister only. Joannie Ikkidluak questioned who was eligible to apply for this quota. The Chairperson advised that any person can apply for quota, but that the NWMB will be using its Allocation Policy in its recommendation. Joannie Ikkidluak further suggested that the allocation should go to the closest communities, to local boats and to companies that will keep the money in Nunavut. The Chairperson suggested that the MOU signed by various individuals, HTOs and Companies should not be considered in the decision. Harry Flaherty questioned whether the allocation for the inshore would be open to all fishers. The Chairperson suggested that it would be an open competition. Some discussion followed on conflict of interest. The Board decided **(Resolution 2006-087)** to approve the quotas as recommended and to have staff draft a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans with these recommendations.

4. SARA Listing of Fin Whale and Five Beluga Populations

The NWMB Legal Advisor advised the Board Members that DFO had recently advised the Board that fin whale and five species of beluga whales would be coming up for a SARA decision by the Board. This information was first presented at NWMB Regular Meeting No. 42 and it was suggested at that time that a decision would be required by the December 2005 meeting. These species were not presented at the December 2005 meeting as planned and now DFO is requesting an urgent decision. A recovery strategy for the Cumberland Sound beluga population was presented to the Board, but the Board advised that a listing request would have to be made before any action could occur on a recovery strategy. Michael d'Eça noted that the Minister cannot make a decision without the decision of the NWMB. It was noted that the Board took the same

position on the Peary Caribou decision. The time line submitted by DFO is insufficient for the Board to make a decision by April 28th. There is no time for procedural fairness or public consideration of this matter. Makivik members will have to be included in the decision. The Board decided to direct staff to write a letter to the Minister of DFO explaining the reasons for delay in making this decision.

5. NTI Delegate Travel Cost for Special Meeting No.12

Item deferred.

6. Nunavut Wildlife Harvest Study

Item deferred.

7. DFO Letter to NWMB on Research Trust Application Procedures

The Chief Operating Officer advised that a letter had been received from Bob Lambe, Regional Director General for Fisheries and Oceans, Central and Arctic Region. The letter was calling on the NWMB to reconsider some of the projects that were turned down by the Board. Harry Flaherty suggested that the Board's decision was clear based on the information provided in the applications. He suggested that the members could review the letter and discuss further but that it would not be appropriate to start reconsidering decisions already made.

8. Kingnait Fiord Judicial Review

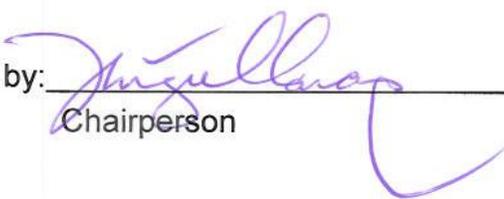
Item deferred.

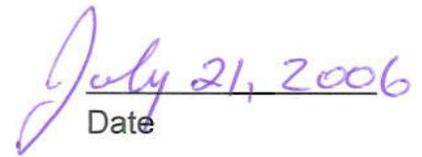
9. Other Business

No items.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:


Chairperson


Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2006-086: Resolved that the NWMB approve the agenda with noted changes.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: 25 April 2006

Resolution 2006-087: Resolved that the NWMB recommend the following allocations for the new 2500 MT quota in Division 0A to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans:

700 MT to the Baffin Fisheries Coalition
700 MT to Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Association
500 MT to Cumberland Sound Fisheries Ltd.
500 MT to Qikiqtaaluk Corporation
100 MT to the Inshore Fishery

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
1 abstained
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: 25 April 2006