

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 118

Monday, June 15, 2009 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

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| Willie Nakoolak | A/Chairperson |
| Joannie Ikkidluak | Member |
| Robert Moshenko | Member |
| Makabe Nartok | Member |
| Peter Awa | Member |
| Kevin McCormick | Member |
| Mikidjuk Akavak | Chief Executive Officer |
| Jim Noble | Chief Operating Officer |
| Joe Justus | Director of Wildlife |
| Michael d'Eça | NWMB, Legal Advisor |
| Evie Amagoalik | Interpreter |

Not Available:

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| Vacant | Chairperson |
| Harry Flaherty | Member |
| Pitseolak Alainga | Member |

1. Opening by A/Chairperson

Willie Nakoolak was nominated (**Resolution 2009-038**) as A/Chairperson for Conference Call No.118. The A/Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed members, staff and guests to the Conference Call.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-039**) to adopt the agenda with noted amendments;

- Deferral of minutes Item 3 (a,b,c & d)
- Re-numbering of Item 4 for 10

3. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

Item deferred to the next meeting.

4. Date of Next Regular Meeting No.61

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-040**) to hold the next regular meeting of the NWMB in Kugluktuk, September 25 to October 1, 2009 (Meeting No.61)

5. Quttinirpaaq Management Plan Approval Process

The NWMB approved the Quttinirpaaq Management Plan in October of 2006 and sent their decision to the Minister. At the end of the sixty days Parks requested an extension. Parks then came back to the NWMB with two further requests for extension (December 2007) and then (December 2008) followed by a request in September 2008 to extend to June 30, 2009. The Board is now being requested once again to extend the decision period for an indeterminate time period. It was noted that some government departments are not following Section 5.3.18 of the NLCA which states the Minister has sixty days to make a decision. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-041**) to offer Parks Canada and extension on the Quttinirpaaq Management Plan decision to September 30th, 2009, further advising the Minister that if there is no action taken is taken by September 30th, the decision will be deemed accepted.

6. Update on Schedule for Three Bowhead Whale Hunts

The Chief Operating Officer advised that the only announced hunt at this time was for Rankin Inlet. This hunt is planned for the middle of August. It was suggested that the Board consider dropping its approval of the hunt plans as this should be a community decision. The NWMB's legal advisor noted that there is no way the NWMB can drop this responsibility as we have approved hunt plans in the past and sent recommendations and decisions to the Minister of DFO. The Director of Wildlife Management advised that currently the hunt plans are not well developed and there are liability concerns. It would take considerably more effort on behalf of all parties to make these plans more complete. It was further noted that Baffin and Kitikmeot Regions have yet to announce which communities will be hunting. It was suggested that this is an issue that cannot be decided quickly and needs time for reviewing and making a good decision on how to proceed. It was noted that as per Section 5.2.39 if the Board is discharging their duty in good faith they have no concern with liability in these hunts. All the Board has to do is put in their decisions and recommendations wording to ensure compliance with other laws and regulations. It was decided that the NWMB should maintain the current system of approving bowhead hunt plans and then conduct a review of this issue at a later time.

7. Ross Tallman Char Research Project (NWRT) Decision

The Director of Wildlife Management reminded members that Ross Tallman, DFO Winnipeg was requested to provide an update on his project to establish char fisheries in the South Baffin area in March of this year. His project was approved for \$35,000 this year on approval of his report to the Board. Over the last ten years he has worked on fifteen water bodies, however only one stock status report was produced. The Board had questioned why five years of data was required for a stock status report. Mr Tallman had advised that five years data was necessary to get an accurate estimate of resources, he noted also that one year or staggered years data can be used but is less accurate. Tallman also noted that he had staffing problems and that this had now been resolved. When asked why the Board should continue to fund this project, no answer was forthcoming. It was however noted that this information is essential for ongoing management by the Board. The decision now rests with the Board to fund or not fund this project. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-042**) to have a committee of staff and Board members (Joe Justus, Mikidjuk Akavak and Robert Moshenko) call senior research staff of DFO to discuss this char research program and come to some resolve as to how to proceed. It was further moved that a letter be drafted to DFO regarding this issue and that it be circulated to members prior to release.

8. Update on NWMB Core Funding

The Chief Operating Officer advised the Board that the NWMB budget is currently \$40,000 overspent. DIAND Implementation Branch was contacted and advised that a cheque was already issued and is in the mail. The NWMB legal advisor noted that the Minister has still not responded to the letter sent to him on concerns with the 2009/10 Funding Arrangement.

9. Strategic Planning Update

Item deferred

10. Special Meeting No.12 Decision Making Sessions

The Board discussed scheduling of Decision Making Sessions for the Special 12 Wildlife Regulations. Concern was noted that some members would be completing their terms and there would not be quorums for these decisions. It was decided that several conference call decision making sessions would be required before the end of September 2009. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-043**) that the Board leave all Special Meeting 12 arrangements and scheduling to NWMB staff and legal advisor.

11. Meeting adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes approved by:


A/Chairperson


Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2009-038: RESOLVED that the NWMB nominate Willie Nakoolak as the A/Chairperson for Conference Call No.118.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: June 15, 2009

Resolution 2009-039: RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: June 15, 2009

Resolution 2009-040: RESOLVED that the NWMB conduct the next regular Meeting (Meeting No.61) of the NWMB in Kugluktuk, September 25 to October 1, 2009.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: June 15, 2009

Resolution 2009-041: RESOLVED that the NWMB offer Parks Canada and extension on the Quttinirpaaq Management Plan decision to September 30th, 2009, further advising the Minister that if there is no action taken is taken by September 30th, the decision will be deemed accepted.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Awa
Date: June 15, 2009

Resolution 2009-042: RESOLVED that a committee of staff and Board members (Joe Justus, Mikidjuk Akavak and Robert Moshenko) call senior research staff of DFO to discuss this char research program and come to some resolve as to how to proceed.

Further RESOLVED, that a letter be drafted to DFO regarding this issue and that it be circulated to members prior to release.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Awa
Date: June 15, 2009

Resolution 2009-043: RESOLVED that the Board leave all Special Meeting 12 arrangements and scheduling to NWMB staff and legal advisor.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: June 15, 2009