

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## Minutes Conference Call No. 100

Thursday, August 31, 2006; 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)

### Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Joe Justus	Director of Wildlife
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

### Guests:

Drikus Gissing	A/Director, GN-DOE Wildlife
Gabriel Nirlungayuk	Director, Wildlife, NTI

### Not Available:

Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
DFO Nominee	Vacant

### 1. Opening by Chairperson

The Chairperson convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed the members.

### 2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-119**) to accept the agenda with the following changes:

- That item 3 be deleted.
- That item 6 Website Upgrade be replaced by an update on the Harvest Study.

### 3. Request for Funding Insects Book Production

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the briefing note with the members.

The NWMB had previously contributed funds to other books in the Nunavut wildlife and plants series. In the 2004/05 fiscal year the Board contributed \$10,000 to research and writing of the Insect Book. The Nunavut Bilingual Education Society is now requesting further funding from the co-management partners to cover the final costs of the book. The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-120**) to approve an additional \$20,000.00 contribution towards production of the insect book for 2006/07.

#### **4. Request from NIWS for Additional Delegates for Special Meeting No. 12**

The Chief Operating Officer advised that the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat (NIWS) has requested funding support to send three extra delegates to the two upcoming Special Meeting 12A&B. These delegates would be elders from various communities in the three regions. The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-121**) to agree to fund two extra delegates to attend both sessions of Special Meeting 12 A&B.

#### **5. Harvest Study**

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the briefing note provided on the Harvest Study. During the beginning of the year Nunaworks completed Phase 1 and 2 of the implementation plan adopted by the Board on March 22, 2006. The next step is to decide how to proceed with phase 3 of the plan. Nunaworks recommendation is to now carry out an assessment of potential partners and contributors to the Study. This assessment would occur over the summer and then would be brought to the Board at its November regular meeting. Nunaworks was requesting a budget of approximately \$400K to begin this assessment and move on to other preliminary assessments. After careful consideration of this initiative, the Board decided that it would be better to work with the current budget provided rather than looking for outside funding. It was felt that bringing in new partners might cause the project to loose sight of the main goal of collecting harvest data. Nunaworks was therefore directed to develop a new study to fit the current budget.

#### **6. Wildlife Administrative Biologist Position**

The Chief Executive Officer reviewed the briefing note regarding a new job description for a "Wildlife Administrative Biologist" with the members and described the timing and need for this position. It is suggested that this be a 1-year contract advertised in the North initially and if not successful then look further a field. Kevin McCormick noted that the job description included land and water permits which he thought the Board had agreed to not to invest time on these activities. The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-122**) to approve the Job Description as presented and the advertising for the position of "Wildlife Administrative Biologist."



## **7. Policies and Procedures Manuals**

The Chief Operating Officer explained that the Board has had Stephen Atkinson working on revising the NWMB Policy Manuals. Some of the manuals are near completion, others are not. Stephen Atkinson is heading back to school in September and won't be available until the December break. It was recommended that Stephen Atkinson be kept on contract to complete the manuals and that a committee of the Board be formed to assist with reviewing and editing the manuals. The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-123**) to extend Stephen Atkinson's contract to December 2006 and that staff deal with the formation of a Board committee to review the manuals.

## **8. Information items**

### **8.A DIAND Request for Indication of Carry-Over of Funds at End of Year**

The Chief Operating Officer noted that DIAND Implementation Office had called to ask if there was any indication of surplus funds for the current year. There was some concern as there was no indication as to why DIAND was looking for this information prior to the normal reporting period at the end of October as per the contract.

### **8.B Offshore Allocation Policy Development**

The Chief Operating Officer gave a brief report on progress towards development of an Offshore Allocation Policy. It was noted that the Department of Economic Development, Fisheries and Sealing Division would be contracting a consultant to prepare Terms of Reference for an Advisory Committee as recommended in the Offshore Review of the Fishery. The NWMB's Legal Advisor reviewed the next steps for development of the Allocation Policy:

1. Letter to be drafted and sent out to the public along with the draft;
2. Conduct meeting with co-management partners after comments received from Public;
3. With public input, revise Allocation Policy over the summer;
4. Plan a consultation session with Industry in the fall to review the Policy;
5. Revise policy from comments at consultation session;
6. Final approval of Policy by the NWMB at November meeting in time for release in December for start of fishing season.

Michael d'Eça noted that there would be requirements to have outside advisors/contractors such as Ray Andrews and Doug Brubacher assisting with development of Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee and Templates for reporting by the Fishing Industry.

### 8.C Report on TAH/BNL Working Group

Joe Justus explained that on June 20<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with co-management partners (DOE-GN, CWS, Parks and NTI). NWMB provided an overview of the requirements on TAH/BNL under the NLCA. Joe gave explanations of doing this work, it was clear that there is a different understanding of requirements under this section of the NLCA. The Co-management partners agreed to work together. The next step is to have a mini-workshop to help understand terms of the NLCA. Joe Justus noted that he was pleased with the participation and that the parties should be able to move forward in a constructive manner.

### 8.D IQ Workshop in February 2007

Joe Tigullaraq noted that the staff held an IQ workshop on June 21, 2006 to discuss IQ requirements for wildlife. Staff met with NTI, DOE-GN, DFO and INAC during this meeting. It was decided that an IQ workshop would be held in February 2007. Six main issues were decided on and the next step is to decide who will develop papers on each of these issues/themes. The co-management partners will be called on to assist with funding for this workshop. Minutes of the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were drafted and circulated to the partners. The next step will be to hold another planning meeting prior to Special Meeting No. 12 or just after. Gabriel Nirlungayuk explained that there is no IQ information out there when government is asked to establish limitations. We need to find methods to provide this information.

### 8.E Special Meeting No. 12

The Chief Operating Officer gave a brief update on Special Meeting No. 12, advising that due to lack of translations for crucial documents, it was necessary to postpone Special Meeting No.12 to a later date. This date will be decided in consultation with the co-management partners. The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-124**) to postpone the Special Meeting No. 12 due to a lack of translations for crucial documents.

### 9. Other Business

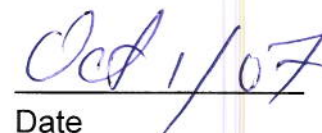
No other business.

### 10. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:

  
Chairperson

  
Date



## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2006-119:** RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok  
Date: 31 August 2006

**Resolution 2006-120:** RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve a \$20,000.00 contribution towards production of the Insect Book for 2006/07.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak  
Date: 31 August 2006

**Resolution 2006-121:** RESOLVED, that the NWMB agree to fund two extra delegates to attend both sessions of Special Meeting 12 A&B.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok  
Date: 31 August 2006

**Resolution 2006-122:** RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the Job Description and Advertising for the new position, Wildlife Administrative Biologist.

Moved by: Abraham Kaunak  
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Date: 31 August 2006

**Resolution 2006-123:** RESOLVED, that the NWMB extend Stephen Atkinson's contract to December 2006 and that staff deal with the formation of a Board committee to review the manuals.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok  
Date: 31 August 2006

**Resolution 2006-124:** RESOLVED, that the NWMB postpone Special Meeting No.12 due to lack of translations for crucial documents and that a new date be established for the meeting to proceed.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick  
Date: 31 August 2006