

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## Minutes: Regular Meeting No.59

Iqaluit, March 21-27, 2009

### Members and Staff Participating:

Harry Flaherty	A/Chairperson
Robert Moshenko	Member
Peter Awa	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Willie Nakoolak	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Mikidjuk Akavak	Chief Executive Officer
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Tom Demcheson	Director of Finance and Admin
Joe Justus	Director of Wildlife Management
Charlotte Sharkey	Wildlife Management Biologist
Adam Schneidmiller	Wildlife Admin Biologist
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Leetia Janes	Interpreter
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor

### Not Available:

Kevin McCormick	Member
Chairperson	Vacant

### Other Participants at Various Times:

Siu-Ling Han	CWS
Adrianne Sinclair	CWS
Carla Baker	DFO, Iqaluit
Amanda Currie	DFO, Iqaluit
Mathieu Dumont	DOE, Cambridge Bay
Glenn Williams	NTI, Iqaluit
Bert Dean	NTI, Rankin Inlet
Bruce Uviluq	NTI, Iqaluit
Harry Ittinuar	HTA, Rankin Inlet
Norman Ford	HTA, Rankin Inlet
Jayko Aooloo	QWB, Pond Inlet
Attima Hadlari	KRWB, Cambridge Bay
Willy Aglukkaq	HTA, Gjoa Haven
Peter de Groot	Researcher, Queens University

Saturday and Thursday, March 21 and 26, 2009

## 1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

The A/Chairperson called the meeting to order, welcomed Board Members, staff, and guests to the 59<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the NWMB. Peter Awa was called on to open the meeting with a prayer.

## 2. Opening Remarks

The A/Chairperson reviewed the schedule for the week:

- Saturday morning to be a Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust Meeting, afternoon Regular Meeting 59 and Executive Committee Meeting;
- Sunday – Day off;
- Monday and Tuesday have been set aside for review of the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust Applications for 2009/10;
- Wednesday – CWS Presentation on CITES – Continuation of NWRT and NWMB Studies Fund Applications;
- Thursday continuation of Regular Meeting No.59; and
- Friday – Travel Day.

## 3. Agenda: Review and Approval

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-003**) to adopt the agenda as amended; With the addition of one NWMB Item under Item 12.B.

## 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No declarations.

## 5. Minutes of Meetings: Review and Approval

- 5. **A** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2009-004**) the minutes of Internal In-camera Conference Call No.INT10, conducted June 24, 2008 as amended.
- 5. **B** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2009-005**) the minutes of Internal In-camera Conference Call No.INT14, conducted December 2, 2009 as presented.
- 5. **C** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2009-006**) the minutes of Regular Meeting No.58, conducted December 3-4, 2008 as presented.
- 5. **D** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2009-007**) the minutes of In-camera Conference Call No.IC6, conducted January 9, 2009 as amended.
- 5. **E** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2009-008**) the minutes of Internal In-camera Meeting No. INT16, conducted February 11, 2009 as presented.
- 5. **F** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2009-009**) the minutes of Internal In-camera Meeting No.INT17, conducted February 20, 2009 as amended.
- 5. **G** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2009-010**) the minutes of Internal In-camera Meeting No. INT18, conducted March 2, 2009 as presented.

## **6. Financial and Administrative Business**

The Director of Finance and Administration reviewed the Variance Report for March 16, 2009 with the Members. It was noted that there had been a correction made the Harvest Study budget line and this had dropped the estimated year end variance to \$107,259. It was agreed that \$50K would be moved from the Harvest Study to Meetings and Workshop to cover the Community Based Management tour. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-011**) to approve the March 16, 2009 Variance Report as amended.

## **7. Chairperson, Staff and Members' Reports**

All staff reports were accepted as presented. Board Members and CEO attending the Wildlife Symposium in Rankin Inlet, March 16-19, 2009 provided the Board with a brief overview of the Symposium. Members noted that there were points in the discussions that tempers flared a bit, often obvious that there are large gaps between Inuit ideas and researchers' views. Overall, it was a good meeting and NWMB Board Members and staff felt positive about the Symposium.

## **8. Assignments: Progress, Review and Discussion**

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the Task List provided with the Members, highlighting the *Outstanding* and *High Priority* items on the list.

## **9. Environment Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service/Parks**

### **Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS): Issues/Decisions**

### **9. A Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement for creation of new National Wildlife Areas**

CWS advised that through an IIBA signed in 2008, the federal government and Inuit committed to creating 3 new National Wildlife Areas (NWAs) established under the *Canada Wildlife Act*:

- 1) Ninginganiq NWA – located south of Clyde River and is an important habitat for bowhead whales
- 2) Qaulluit NWA – located south of Qikiqtarjuaq and is Canada's largest colony of northern fulmars
- 3) Akpait NWA – located south of Qikiqtarjuaq and is one of Canada's largest colonies of thick-billed murre. It is also an important habitat for black-legged kittiwakes and for black guillemots.

Environment Canada will request NWMB approval for the creation of the new NWAs, consistent with NLCA 5.2.34 (establishment of Conservation Areas). This briefing was an opportunity for the Board to advise on what further information they would like to receive before the formal request for decision is made.

### **9. B Incidental Take of Migratory Birds**

Other than under permit or aboriginal peoples exercising aboriginal or treaty rights, the current Migratory Bird Regulations prohibit the damage or destruction of migratory birds or their nests and eggs. However, many are inadvertently damaged or destroyed by commercial or industrial activities such as mining, agriculture, forestry, electrical

generation and transmission, fishing, and urban development. This unintentional destruction of birds, nests or eggs is called "incidental take" and is illegal.

Environment Canada is proposing to amend the Migratory Birds Regulations under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 to introduce new policy tools to improve our approach to managing incidental take of migratory birds and conserving migratory bird populations.

This new approach to managing incidental take is to support the long-term conservation and protection of migratory bird populations with clear, effective and enforceable regulations. These should provide practical compliance alternatives for those conducting activities and projects on lands and seascapes across Canada.

This briefing was for information only; implementation of these regulations is expected in 2012.

## **9. C Review/Decision of Polar Bear National Standing Non-Detriment Finding**

Environment Canada is leading on the development of a national non-detriment finding (NDF) report for polar bear, which, when completed will state and explain a decision to allow or not allow issuance of CITES export permits for international trade. Options currently under consideration include:

- (1) export from all populations and decreased harvest in Kane Basin and Baffin Bay
- (2) export for all populations except Kane Basin and Baffin Bay
- (3) export for all populations except Kane Basin, Baffin Bay, Western Hudson Bay, and Southern Beaufort Sea

It was decided that more time would be required to review this information.

## **10. Fisheries and Oceans**

### **10. A Review/Decision on Commercial Licence Conditions for Cumberland Sound Turbot**

This year, the ice conditions have been favourable and Pangnirtung Fish Plant advised DFO of the community's desire to start fishing activities in mid January. At that time, the NWMB had not announced allocation of the 500t in Cumberland Sound. To not delay the progress of this fishery, DFO consulted with the NWMB staff, and was advised to proceed with the issuance of a commercial fishing licence to the Pangnirtung HTO with a preliminary quota of 50t. DFO is now requesting the NWMB approve the non-quota limitations on the 2009 Commercial Fishing Licence issued to the Pangnirtung HTO. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-012**) to approve the non-quota limitations in the 2009 Commercial Fishing Licence for the Pangnirtung HTA.

In addition, the NWMB indicated that the forwarding letter to the DFO Minister should:

- Address the need for the Board and DFO to soon deal with unresolved problems associated with the Cumberland Sound 500 tonne community TAH - including the need to complete the (adjusted) BNL (and potential Surplus) establishment process; and

- Point out that condition no.2, page 1 of the licence needs to be corrected, by changing the word “*recommendation*” to “*decision*,” since the fishery takes place with the NSA – an area where the NWMB exercises a decision-making jurisdiction, not an advisory one.

## **10. B Conservation Harvesting Plans for NAFO Division 0A and 0B**

DFO develops Conservation Harvesting Plans (CHPs) in consultation with co-management partners and the Nunavut fishing industry. CHPs summarize management measures specified in the 2006-2008 NAFO Subarea 0 Greenland halibut fishery management plan. DFO is currently consulting with industry and partners regarding this year's CHPs and will be providing them to the NWMB for approval at a later date. This item was for information only.

## **11. Department of Environment (DOE Nunavut): Issues/Decisions**

No submissions

## **12. NWMB: Issues/Decisions**

### **12. A Review/Approval of 2009 Walrus Sport Hunts**

Hunters and Trappers' Organizations (HTOs) and other interested organizations apply to the NWMB for allocation of sport hunts. At the NWMB meeting in Ekaluktutiak in May 1999, the Board approved an interim policy for evaluating request for sport hunts. Applications for the 2009 harvest season are summarized and consideration is given as to whether they fit the requirements of the interim policy approved by the Board. The Board reviewed 5 applications for walrus sport hunts for the 2009 season. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-013**) to approve walrus sport hunts for the following:

1. Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Association (10)
2. Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association (10)
3. Patterk Netser, Coral Harbour - Allocation to be determined by Coral Harbour HTA
4. Aaron Emiktowt, Coral Harbour - Allocation to be determined by Coral Harbour HTA
5. Luke Eetuk, Coral Harbour - Allocation to be determined by Coral Harbour HTA (Note: Coral Harbour has a community quota of 60 walrus)

With the following general conditions:

1. That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit. If such information is not reported, future sport hunts may not be approved.
2. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO.
3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing.
4. That there be no more than 2 strikes per walrus landed. However, should the applicant wish to further limit the number of strikes allowed to only 1 strike per walrus landed, as identified in the submitted hunt plan, they may do so.



### 13. NTI Wildlife Division: Issues/Decisions

No Submissions

### 14. Applications for Funding: Review/Decision

#### 14. A Review/Decision 2009/10 NWRT Applications

The Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust funds wildlife management research projects carried out by Government departments. In the fiscal year 2008-2009, \$741,000 was allocated to 18 projects, 8 from the GN, 8 from DFO and 2 from CWS. Three projects funded last year required either an NWMB decision as to whether these projects should continue to be funded, or the approval of carry-over requests. The NWMB has received all of the reports required as per the NWRT policy. Researchers' progress reports were provided for Board Members to review, and staff had prepared a one-page summary for each project with comments and recommendations.

The Board received 22 new applications for NWRT funding this year, 9 from the GN, 12 from DFO, and 1 from CWS. These proposals had requested a total of \$678,850. When considered with the \$344,300 for previously approved multi-year projects the total requested for 2009-2010 was \$1,023,150. These projects were evaluated according to the policy approved in December 2007 by the NWMB. For evaluating priority, the wildlife priority results from the 2007 workshops were used.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-014**) to provide a total \$601,700 from the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust as the NWMB's funding commitment for the 19 government research proposals (see table) approved by the NWMB for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

New Research Trust Projects for 2009-2010*			
Project #	Title	Amount Requesting	Amount Approved
3-09-05	Community-based monitoring of ice-breeding seals <sup>a</sup>	\$50,000	\$50,000
2-09-02	Population ecology of raptors	\$36,000	\$36,000
3-09-01	Stock delineation of narwhal using genetics	\$25,000	\$25,000
2-09-10	Southampton caribou condition	\$20,000	\$20,000
4-09-01	Community-Based Monitoring of sea ice and eider ducks <sup>b</sup>	\$25,000	\$25,000
2-09-06	Aerial survey Foxe Basin polar bears <sup>c</sup>	\$75,000	\$75,000
3-09-03	Stock assessment of Coppermine River char <sup>d</sup>	\$22,500	\$34,350
2-09-01	Southampton caribou population estimate	\$69,450	\$69,450
3-09-07	Sylvia Grinnell char	\$20,000	\$20,000
3-09-11	Development of southern Baffin Island char fisheries <sup>e</sup>	\$35,000	\$35,000
3-09-13	Assessment of narwhal hunting losses from Admiralty Inlet and Repulse Bay <sup>f</sup>	\$50,000	\$50,000
3-09-10	Multi-species stock assessment surveys of NAFO OA and SFA3	\$15,000	\$15,000
2-09-03	North Baffin caribou health monitoring	\$35,400	\$35,400
2-09-17	Wolverine carcass collection	\$5,000	\$5,000
2-09-07	Polar bear prey sampling	\$7,500	\$7,500

3-09-08	Photo-identification of bowhead whales in FB	\$30,000	\$30,000
3-09-16	Bowhead whale movements and stock range	\$35,000	\$35,000
2-09-04	Inuit and public knowledge of Foxe Basin polar bears <sup>g</sup>	\$20,000	\$20,000
2-09-05	Kivalliq Inuit and public knowledge of WH polar bears <sup>g</sup>	\$14,000	\$14,000

\*Funding for all projects is conditional on other funding, as identified in the proposal, being approved.

<sup>a</sup> Project 3-09-05 had requested multi-year funding for 3 years. One year of funding only (for \$50,000) was approved. Because this project has been ongoing for a number of years already, a condition was attached that the Board would like a full report on the project, prior to considering further funding after 2009-10.

<sup>b</sup> Project 4-09-01 had requested multi-year funding for 2 years. One year of funding only (for \$25,000) was approved.

<sup>c</sup> Project 2-09-06 had the funding conditions attached that 1) the Board would like a full presentation on the results and validation methodology (perhaps in December 2009); and 2) evidence of community support be provided.

<sup>d</sup> Project 3-09-03 had the funding condition that DFO, Golder Associates and the Kugluktuk HTO develop a joint proposal for this study and re-submit it to the NWMB. This was because a very similar project had been submitted to the NWSF by Golder Associates and the Kugluktuk HTO, and both DFO and Golder asserted that the other organization was a partner in their project.

<sup>e</sup> Project 3-09-11 had the funding condition that a full report (e.g. a stock status report) and a presentation on where this work is going, be provided to the Board. Specific questions that the researcher must address in the report/presentation include: 1) What data has already been collected and what is its utility for char management decisions by the Board; 2) What contingencies are in place to ensure that five years of consecutive data will be successfully gathered?; Is there any utility in the data that is or has been collected in the past but has not been consecutive?

<sup>f</sup> Project 3-09-13 had the funding condition attached that a satisfactory 2008-09 interim financial report be received.

<sup>g</sup> Projects 2-09-04 and 2-09-05 had the funding condition attached that additional information regarding the research methodology would be provided to the NWMB. It was also noted that both of these management units had Inuit polar bear knowledge studies taking place already (led by a graduate student in Foxe Basin; and led by the Rankin Inlet HTO and other partnering Kivalliq HTOs in Western Hudson Bay [proposal to the NWSF]).

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-015**) to provide a total of \$241,200 from the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust for the final year of 5 multi-year (2007-08 to 2009-10) government research projects (see table) approved by the NWMB, for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Previously Approved for Multi-year Funding					
Project #	Year #	Title	2007-08 \$	2008-09 \$	2009-10 \$
<b>GN</b>					
2-07-02	3	Space use north Baffin caribou telemetry	\$75,000	\$51,300	\$51,300
2-07-13	3	West Kitikmeot wolverine and grizzly bear status	\$64,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>DFO</b>					
3-07-06	3	Climate variation and health of the eastern arctic aquatic ecosystem	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
3-07-07	3	Killer whale monitoring in the eastern arctic	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$25,000

CWS					
4-07-01	3	Cholera in common eiders	\$32,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

The Board further decided that the NWMB decline to provide funding from the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust for the final year of 2 multi-year (2007-08 to 2009-10) government research projects (see table, which includes NWMB reasons for declining).

Previously Approved for Multi-year Funding					
Project #	Year #	Title	2007-08 \$	2008-09 \$	2009-10 \$
GN					
2-07-11	3	Boothia Peninsula caribou status <sup>a</sup>	\$7,000	\$24,000	Funding withdrawn
2-07-16	3	Foxe Basin polar bear population inventory <sup>b</sup>	\$75,000	\$75,000	Funding withdrawn

<sup>a</sup> The original proposal for project 2-07-11 had indicated that the Government of Nunavut (GN) was committed to funding the project. However, the research lead on the project communicated to NWMB staff in February that because of limited funding by the GN, “the possibility to do any work towards this project in 2009-2010 is uncertain at this time”, and that he is hoping that the GN will fund the project in 2010-2011. Because of this same situation, all that had been accomplished in the 2 years that NWRT funding was provided was the caching of fuel. The NWMB’s evaluation is that this project has not begun any of the planned research, and the prospect of it doing so in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year is small; therefore the Board decided to withdraw funding from this project for 2009-10.

<sup>b</sup> The original proposal for project 2-07-16 was to complete a mark-recapture population survey of Foxe Basin polar bears. The mark-recapture, which was originally scheduled to begin in 2008-09, was postponed until the next year. At the Research Trust meeting, the GN A/Manager of Wildlife Research updated the Board that the GN would not be conducting any mark-recapture surveys in the foreseeable future. Because the recapture component of this project has not begun, and the GN informally announced that it will not be happening, the Board decided to withdraw funding from this project for 2009-10.

#### 14. B Review/Decision 2009/10 NWMB Studies Fund Applications

The NWMB Studies Fund funds projects carried out by HTOs, RWOs or community organizations. In the fiscal year 2008-2009, \$41,400 was allocated to 2 projects. The NWMB has received all of the reports required as per the NWMB Studies Fund policy. Progress reports were provided for Board Members to review, and staff had prepared a one-page summary for each project with comments and recommendations.

The Board received 10 new applications for NWMB Studies Fund funding this year, equalling a total of \$457,141 (Note: Project 215-09-02 was not included in the total that was being requested, refer to covering briefing note). The projects were evaluated using the criteria outlined in the NWMB Study Funding policy approved by the NWMB in December 2007. For evaluating priority, the wildlife priority results from the 2007 workshops were used.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-016**) to provide a total of \$120,000 from the Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund as the NWMB’s funding commitment for the 4-community research proposals (see table) approved by the NWMB for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.



## New Studies Fund Projects for 2009-2010

Project #	Title	Amount Requesting	Amount Approved
212-09-01	Inuit knowledge, climate change and wildlife management	\$30,000	\$30,000
224-09-01	Re-evaluation of muskoxen populations and quotas in Kivalliq <sup>a</sup>	\$147,000	\$30,000
244-09-01	M'Clintock polar bear activity survey <sup>b</sup>	\$30,000	\$30,000
224-09-02	WH polar bear population re-assessment <sup>c</sup>	\$60,000	\$30,000

<sup>a</sup> \$30,000 allocated to project 224-09-01 is for the collection of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit part of the study, as well as towards a portion of the aerial survey part of the study. The Kangiqliniq HTO is encouraged to seek additional funding from other sources to fund the remainder of the aerial survey.

<sup>b</sup> Project 244-09-01 had the funding condition that all outstanding reports to the NWMB be received.

<sup>c</sup> \$30,000 allocated to project 224-09-02 is for the collection of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit part of the study, as well as towards a portion of the aerial survey part of the study. The Kangiqliniq HTO is encouraged to seek additional funding from other sources to fund the remainder of the aerial survey. Project 224-09-02 had the funding conditions that 1) the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit part of the proposal be redrafted to include the methodology with respect to how and where the information will be collected; and who will be conducting the interviews, and the contents of the interviews; and 2) the aerial survey part of the proposal be redrafted – in consultation with a biologist possessing appropriate technical expertise – to include a detailed survey methodology.

The Board further directed staff to:

- (a) Contact the proponents for research proposal numbers 30903 (Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust) and 250092 (Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund) – Both regarding Coppermine River char – concerning the development of a potential revised joint proposal for consideration by the NWMB.
- (b) Determine if the NWMB's Conservation Education Fund is a potential Funding source for research proposal number 2260901 (Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund), and contact Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. regarding a Potential contribution towards this research proposal from the Hunter Support Program.

A proposal by the Arviat HTO, *Investigating arctic char declining in the lakes*, was not approved for funding under the NWSF, but is to be followed up on by DFO personnel.

## 15. Other Presentations

### 15. A NIWS Requests for Funding Assistance – Finance Officer

NWMB heard a presentation from the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat (NIWS) regarding funding shortfalls to cover the costs of a Finance Officer. The NWMB agreed to review this situation with the NIWS early in the new fiscal year.

## 16. Meetings, Workshops and Other Pertinent Events

### A) Reports and Briefings: Past Events (Recent)

Reports were provided for Members to review.

## **B) Review and Participation: Upcoming Events**

Item deferred.

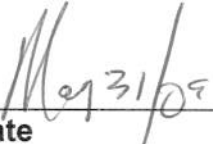
### **17. Date and Location of Next Meeting**

It was decided (**Resolution 2009-017**) that the next quarterly meeting (Regular Meeting No.60) would be conducted in Pangnirtung, June 5-11. This will include a Public Hearing on Kingnait Fiord char.

### **18. Adjournment**

Minutes Approved by:

  
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A/Chairperson

  
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Date

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2009-003:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the agenda as amended;  
-With the addition of one NWMB Item under 12.B.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok  
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko  
Date: March 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-004:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes of Internal In-camera Conference Call No.INT10, conducted June 24, 2008 as amended.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Abstained (2) Harry Flaherty, Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak  
Date: March 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-005:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes of Internal In-camera Conference Call No.INT14, conducted December 2, 2009 as presented.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok  
Abstained (1) Harry Flaherty  
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak  
Date: March 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-006:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes of Regular Meeting No.58, conducted December 3-4, 2008 as presented.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Abstained (1) Harry Flaherty  
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Awa  
March 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-007:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes of In-camera Conference Call No.IC6, conducted January 9, 2009 as amended.

Moved by: Willie Nakoolak  
Abstained (1) Peter Awa  
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko  
Date: March 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-008:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes of Internal In-camera Meeting No. INT16, conducted February 11, 2009 as presented.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Abstained (1) Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok  
Date: March 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-009:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes of Internal In-camera Meeting No.INT17, conducted February 20, 2009 as amended.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Abstained (2) Harry Flaherty, Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok  
Date: March 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-010:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes of Internal In-Camera Meeting No. INT18, conducted March 2, 2009 as presented.

Moved by: Willie Nakoolak  
Abstained (1) Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok  
Date: March 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-011:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the March 16, 2009 Variance Report as amended.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko  
Date: March 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-012:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the non-quota limitations in the 2009 Commercial Fishing Licence for the Pangnirtung HTA.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Date: March 26, 2009

**Resolution 2009-013:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the following walrus sport hunts for the 2009 hunting season:

1. Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Association (10)
2. Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association (10)
3. Patterk Netser, Coral Harbour - Allocation to be determined by Coral Harbour HTA
4. Aaron Emiktowt, Coral Harbour - Allocation to be determined by Coral Harbour HTA
5. Luke Eetuk, Coral Harbour - Allocation to be determined by Coral Harbour HTA  
(Note: Coral Harbour has a community quota of 60 walrus)

With the following general conditions:

1. That all struck, lost and landed information is reported to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Iqaluit. If such information is not reported, future sport hunts may not be approved.
2. That the hunt be conducted in compliance with all safety requirements established by Transport Canada or DFO.
3. That the assignment of each walrus to a sport hunter be made in writing.
4. That there be no more than 2 strikes per walrus landed. However, should the applicant wish to further limit the number of strikes allowed to only 1 strike per walrus landed, as identified in the submitted hunt plan, they may do so.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Date: March 26, 2009

**Resolution 2009-014:** RESOLVED that the NWMB provide a total \$601,700 from the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust as the NWMB's funding commitment for the 19 government research proposals (see attached references) approved by the NWMB for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak  
Date: March 24, 2009

**Resolution 2009-015:** RESOLVED that the NWMB provide a total of \$241,200 from the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust for the final year of 5 multi-year (2007-08 to 2009-10) government research projects (see attached references) approved by the NWMB for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Further RESOLVED that the NWMB decline to provide funding from the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust for the final year of 2 multi-year (2007-08 to 2009-10) government research projects (see-attached references, which include NWMB reasons for declining).

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak  
Date: 26 March 2009

**Resolution 2009-016:** RESOLVED that the NWMB provide a total of \$120,000 from the Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund as the NWMB's funding commitment for the 4 community research proposals (see attached references) approved by the NWMB for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko  
Date: March 26, 2009

**Resolution 2009-017:** RESOLVED that the NWMB that the next quarterly meeting (Regular Meeting No.60) would be conducted in Pangnirtung, June 5-11. This will include a Public Hearing on Kingnait Fiord char.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak  
Date: March 26, 2009