

# **Nunavut Wildlife Management Board**

## **Regular Meeting RM 064-2010**

**June 20-21, 2010**

**Community Hall, Pangnirtung, NU**

### **NWMB Members & staff present**

Willie Nakoolak	Acting Chairperson
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Peter Qayutinuak	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Peter Awa	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Peter Kusugak	Member (June 21 only)
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Adam Schneidmiller	Wildlife Management Biologist
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Naimee Bourassa	Interpreter
Michael d'Eca	Legal advisor

### **Other participants / observers**

Joe Justus	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Ray Ratynski	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Tracy Allison	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Patt Hall	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Pierre Richard	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (via conference call)
Glenn Williams	Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

### **Agenda items**

#### **1. Call to order and opening prayer**

#### **2. Agenda: review and approval**

#### **3. Declaration of conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### **4. Environment Canada (EC): Issues/Decisions**

No submission was received.

## 5. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO): Issues/Decisions

### a) COSEWIC assessment update for aquatic species

The Board received an update from DFO staff on the status of Atlantic cod (Arctic lake and marine populations), Acadian redfish and deepwater redfish.

### b) Northern Hudson Bay narwhal survey results

### c) Stock definition of belugas and narwhals in Nunavut

The Board discussed the findings of recent research into narwhal and beluga numbers with DFO staff. Some concerns were raised regarding the reliability of the data provided by DFO, due to practical problems during the survey process.

### d) Proposed redefinition of *Pandalus montagui* shrimp fishing areas

The Board discussed the management of the *P. montagui* shrimp fishery with DFO staff.

### e) Amendments to NWMB decision on hook size in Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area (CSTMA)

The Board reviewed Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd's request for an amended longline hook size non-quota limitation for the CSTMA, which they believe will help to reduce shark by-catch.

#### Resolution

Moved that the Board amend the recent NWMB hook size non-quota limitation for the CSTMA such that the year-round longline turbot fishery hook size non-quota limitation is a range from #11 to #16 for all of Cumberland Sound within the Nunavut Settlement Area.

**Resolution RM 064-2010-01**

### f) Support of the annual Northern Shrimp Research Foundation (NSRF) research survey

#### Resolution

Moved that the Board issue a letter of support for the NSRF-DFO research study in Shrimp Fishing Area SFA2EX and Resolution Island Study Area adjacent to Nunavut for the 2010 season only.

**Resolution RM 064-2010-02**

## 6. Department of Environment (DOE-NU): Issues/Decisions

No submission was received.

**7. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI): Issues/Decisions**

**a) 2010 Bowhead whale hunts**

The Board discussed with NTI staff plans by the communities of Kugaaruk, Mittimatalik, and Arviat, to hold bowhead whale hunts.

**8. NWMB Issues/Decisions**

**a) Narwhal carry-over requests**

Taloyoak Hunters' and Trappers' Organization requested to carry over seven narwhal tags from the 2009 harvest season into the 2010 harvest season.

Kugaaruk Hunters' and Trappers' Organization requested to carry over three narwhal tags from the 2009 harvest season into the 2010 harvest season.

Resolution

Moved that the Board approve the carry-over of seven narwhal tags for the Taloyoak Hunters' and Trappers' Organization for the 2010 harvest season.

Further moved that the Board approve the carry-over of three narwhal tags for the Kugaaruk Hunters' and Trappers' Organization for the 2010 harvest season.

**Resolution RM 064-2010-03**

**9. SARA Polar Bear decision-making session (held IN-CAMERA)**

The Board was made aware of a late submission from the Canadian Wildlife Service, which indicated that six subpopulations of polar bear were currently in decline, rather than the four which had been mentioned in previous submissions.

Resolution

Moved that, for reasons of fairness, the NWMB circulate the June 18 letter from the Canadian Wildlife Service to all interested parties.

Further moved that, as a result of the decision to circulate this late submission, the NWMB defer the decision on the listing of polar bear as a Species at Risk until Regular Meeting 65.

**Resolution RM 064-2010-04**

**10. Date and location of next meeting**

Resolution

Moved that the next meeting of the NWMB be held in Kujjuaq, QC, during the week of September 13-17, 2010.

**Resolution RM 064-2010-05**

**11. Adjournment and closing prayer**

## **Regular Meeting RM 064-2010 Resolutions**

**Resolution RM 064-2010-01:** Moved that the Board amend the recent NWMB hook size non-quota limitation for the CSTMA such that the year-round longline turbot fishery hook size non-quota limitation is a range from #11 to #16 for all of Cumberland Sound within the Nunavut Settlement Area.

**Moved by:** Joannie Ikkidluak

**Seconded by:** Peter

Motion Carried

**Resolution RM 064-2010-02:** Moved that the Board issue a letter of support for the NSRF-DFO research study in Shrimp Fishing Area SFA2EX and Resolution Island Study Area adjacent to Nunavut for the 2010 season only.

**Moved by:** Robert Moshenko

**Seconded by:** Peter Awa

**Against:** Joannie Ikkidluak

Motion Carried

**Resolution RM 064-2010-03:** Moved that the Board approve the carry-over of seven narwhal tags for the Taloyoak Hunters' and Trappers' Organization for the 2010 harvest season.

Further moved that the Board approve the carry-over of three narwhal tags for the Kugaaruk Hunters' and Trappers' Organization for the 2010 harvest season.

**Moved by:** Joannie Ikkidluak

**Seconded by:** Peter Qayutinuak

**Abstentions:** One Member abstained, but no name was recorded.

Motion Carried

**Resolution RM 064-2010-04:** Moved that, for reasons of fairness, the NWMB circulate the June 18 letter from the Canadian Wildlife Service to all interested parties.

Further moved that, as a result of the decision to circulate this late submission, the NWMB defer the decision on the listing of polar bear as a Species at Risk until Regular Meeting 65.

**Moved by:** Joannie Ikkidluak

**Seconded by:** Peter Qayutinuak

Motion Carried

**Resolution RM 064-2010-05:** Moved that the next meeting of the NWMB be held in Kujjuaq, QC, during the week of September 13-17, 2010.

**Moved by:** Peter Qayutinuak

**Seconded by:** Peter Awa

Motion Carried