

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES - CONFERENCE CALL No. 14

TUESDAY, 18 JULY 1995 (PM)

Participants:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Malachi Arreak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Marius Tungilik	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Roger Peet	DFO A/Area Manager
Robert Moshenko	DFO, Winnipeg

Not Available:

Joannie Ikkidluak	Member (with cause)
David Aglukark	Member (with cause)

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson, Ben Kovic, convened the Conference Call at 13:20 p.m.

Mr. Kovic stated that the purpose of the Conference Call was to clear the way, if possible, for the planned walrus sport hunt at Igloodik. There is considerable urgency, since the hunt is currently planned to commence on August 8.

2. Walrus Sport Hunt: Administrative Arrangements

At the invitation of the Chairperson, Mr. Moshenko spoke on the need for a management plan to underpin the walrus sport hunt at Igloodok, and particularly of the need to have a fishing (or hunt) plan component which made reference to Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) and Basic Needs Level (BNL), both to be determined by the Board.

Mr. d'Eça interpreted the matters of setting TAH and BNL to constitute "decisions" by the NWMB, and as such subject to Ministerial review. Members noted that, even though enough information existed to establish provisional TAH and BNL, it

was probably unrealistic to proceed with such a process at this late date in respect to the matter at hand.

Mr. d'Eça suggested as an alternative that the hunt, on a clearly pilot basis, might be authorized under existing legislation and regulations, including reference to laws of general application, without reference to the NLCA and all its inherent requirements.

The Board charged the Executive Director, working in conjunction with Mr. d'Eça and in cooperation with Igloodik HTA and DFO, to negotiate arrangements and prepare documentation to facilitate the hunt, on a pilot basis, for final approval at the forthcoming regular Meeting of the Board.

Gordon Koshinsky urged that the DFO Minister be kept fully informed.

3. Adjournment

The Conference Call adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: _____ **Chairperson** _____ **Date**