

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 22

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE 1996

### Participants:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Kevin McCormick	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
Meeka Mike	Member
Marius Tungilik	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Malachi Arreak	Member (late arrival)
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Dan Pike	Director of Wildlife Management

### Not available:

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

### 1. Call to Order

The Chairperson, Ben Kovic, convened the Conference Call at 2:00 p.m.

### 2. Proposed Increase in Foxe Basin Polar Bear Quota

Dan Pike identified two matters that require decisions of the Board:

- An increase to the Foxe Basin polar bear quota of eight animals as recommended by the Department of Renewable Resources.
- Allocation of the eight new tags (if approved) within the Foxe Basin area.

Dan reviewed his briefing material and responded to questions. His recommendation was that the Board should:

- Increase the Total Allowable Harvest for the Foxe Basin population of polar bears from 96 to 104 for 1996.

- Allocate some of these additional tags to the Keewatin Wildlife Federation and some to the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board for distribution by them to the communities, for 1996/97 only.
- Work with the Department of Renewable Resources to initiate negotiations on a joint management agreement for this stock with relevant agencies in Northern Quebec and Nunavut.

The Board decided to approve an increased harvest from the Foxe Basin polar bear population, from 96 bears to 104 bears for 1996. **(Resolution 97-051)**

Dan Pike reminded the Board that the next step was to allocate these eight new tags to the regions involved, and subsequently to the communities. After further discussion, the Board decided that the new tags should be split equally between Keewatin and Baffin Regions, and that the two RWOs should be responsible for distributing the new tags among the communities. **(Resolution 97-052)**

With regard to Dan's third recommendation, it was agreed that Gordon Koshinsky would draft a letter to Makivik Corporation, seeking to initiate discussions on management of overlapping wildlife issues, including polar bears.

### **3. Eastern Arctic Bowhead Hunt Administration, 1996**

Dan Pike reviewed his "Submission to the NWMB" on the requirements for obtaining a bowhead licence for the 1996 hunt. Dan noted that a draft "Eastern Arctic Bowhead Management Plan" had been completed, and that DFO would prefer to have the plan approved by the NWMB prior to the hunt. Dan suggested that the Board establish a sub-committee to review the draft plan, to approve the "Hunt Plan" developed by the Hunt Planning Committee, and to review licensing conditions. It was agreed to circulate the draft management plan to the Members. Those Members available to review it will provide their comments and approval with the aim of ensuring that the plan can be submitted to the Minister of DFO in time for the hunt.

### **4. Request From Shrimp Fleet to Fish Within 12 Miles of Resolution Island**

Dan Pike reviewed his "Submission to the NWMB" regarding several requests from the Shrimp Industry to fish within the 12-mile limit off Resolution Island. Qikiqtaaluk Corporation and the Canadian Association of Prawn Producers (CAPP) have both requested permission to fish this area. Dan reviewed the past year's fishery and the available scientific information, noting that adequate information did not yet exist to properly set an inshore quota. Dan's recommendations to the Board were as follows:

- Access to NSA waters near Resolution Island should be granted to Qikiqtaaluk Corporation, Unaaq Fisheries, and Seaku Fisheries.
- Shrimp taken in NSA waters should be counted as part of the quota of the shrimp fishing area in which they are taken.
- Vessels fishing in NSA waters should comply with all restrictions in the Northern Shrimp Multi-Year Management Plan.

The Board received new information from DFO late in the meeting which indicated that the Minister had decided on a new TAC of 3,800 tonnes of *P. montagui* in Areas 2, 3, and 4 west of 63 degrees west longitude. This is an increase from the previous TAC of 1,200 tonnes for Area 3 only. Given this new information, the Board decided it would be wise to place a limitation on the inshore harvest. The Board was concerned that a concentration of so much fishing effort in a small area might result in stock depletion, with ramifications for the possible future development of an inshore fishery. The Board decided that the three Inuit-owned companies would be allowed to fish in NSA waters with a TAH of 1,000 MT. This TAH will be subtracted from the overall TAH of 3,800 MT. **(Resolution 97-053)**

## 5. Ferguson River Commercial Charr Quota

Dan Pike reviewed an information note provided by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on the Ferguson River commercial charr fishery and the Keewatin charr fisheries in general. Indications are that fish size and age are decreasing and that the overall harvest is declining in most areas in the Keewatin. Following the request and recommendation of the Whale Cove HTA, DFO recommended that the commercial quota on the Ferguson River be reduced from 13,600 kg to 3,000 kg for the next four to five years. On review of the information provided, the Board agreed to approve the DFO recommendation to reduce the Ferguson River charr quota to 3,000 kg. **(Resolution 97-054)**

## 6. Adjournment

The Conference Call adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson Date

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## RESOLUTIONS: CONFERENCE CALL No. 22

28 June 1996

### Resolution 97- 051

Resolved that the Foxe Basin polar bear quota be increased by 8 tags (from 96 to 104) for 1996.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky      Seconded by: Kevin McCormick  
Carried                              Date: 28 June 1996

### Resolution 97- 052

Resolved that the Foxe Basin polar bear quota increase of 8 tags (from 96 to 104) for 1996 be divided equally between the Qiqiqaaluk Wildlife Board and the Keewatin Wildlife Federation, and that the NWT Wildlife Regulations be amended accordingly.

Moved by: Marius Tungilik              Seconded by: Gordon Koshinsky  
Carried                              Date: 28 June 1996

### Resolution 97- 053

Resolved that the three Inuit-owned shrimp licence holders be permitted to fish *Pandalus montagui* in NSA waters within 12 miles of Resolution Island with a TAH of 1,000 metric tonnes. This will be part of the overall TAH of 3,800 metric tonnes for Areas 2,3 and 4.

Moved by: Malachi Arreak              Seconded by: Meeka Mike  
Carried                              Date: 28 June 1996

### Resolution 97- 054

Resolved that the NWMB approve the recommendation of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to decrease the commercial charr quota for the Ferguson River (Keewatin Region) from 13,600 kg to 3,000 kg for the next four to five years.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick              Seconded by: Gordon Koshinsky  
Carried                              28 June 1996