

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 35

FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER 1997

Participants:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Pauloosie Keyootak	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
David Tagoonak	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director

Not Available:

Meeka Mike	Member (with cause)
Harry Flaherty	Member (with cause)
Joan Scottie	Member (with cause)

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson, Ben Kovic, convened the Conference Call at 1:00 p.m.

2. Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

3. Turbot Quota for the Pangnirtung Winter Fishery

Ben Kovic reviewed the briefing note provided to the Members with respect to the request from the Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Association for a 1998 winter turbot quota for Cumberland Sound. Consideration was given to the fact that this fishery has recently been highly unpredictable due to uncertain ice conditions, and that this is looking like another poor ice year. It was decided to approve a quota of 500 MT for the Pangnirtung winter fishery. It was noted that this quota could be reviewed and amended if required, and it was emphasized that any unused quota would be re-allocated by the NWMB. **(Resolution 98-080)**

4. February Meeting of the NWMB: Agenda, Date and Venue

Jim Noble reminded Members of the decision to conduct the next regular Meeting of the NWMB in Gjoa Haven from 07-13 February 1998, with a main agenda item being to decide on funding of research projects from the Wildlife Research Trust for 1998. Jim indicated that it would not be possible for staff to review the research funding applications by that time. Jim asked if the Members would consider moving the treatment of research applications to a meeting in Iqaluit around mid March. The Members reviewed their schedules and decided on the following arrangements for forthcoming Board meetings (**Resolution 98-081**):

- Next (17th) regular NWMB Meeting in Gjoa Haven from 10-12 February
- Workshop (Special Meeting) in Iqaluit from 9-13 March, to include:
 - Meeting of the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust
 - Special NWMB Meeting on 1998 funding: Wildlife Research Trust
 - Training session for Board Members

5. Director of Finance and Administration: Resignation and Staffing

Jim Noble advised that Pierre Chartrand has resigned his position as Director of Finance and Administration effective 16 January 1998. Jim invited the Members to provide their input on the job description for this position prior to going out to competition. Board Members requested that a brief description of accounting designations be provided to assist their review of the position description, prior to approval for advertising.

6. Other Business

Ben Kovic advised that DFO Minister Anderson might be doing a tour of Nunavut in late winter or early spring. Also the Federal Government's Standing Committee on Fisheries plans to conduct its next meeting in the Baffin Region probably in April. Ben noted that this will be the first visit of the Standing Committee to the Region, and will be an important occasion for Nunavut fishing interests.

5. Adjournment

The Conference Call adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: _____
Chairperson Date

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Resolution 98- 080

Resolved that the NWMB approve a quota of 500 MT of turbot for Pangnirtung HTA for the 1998 Cumberland Sound winter fishery, and that any unused quota be returned to the NWMB for re-allocation.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok Seconded by: Gordon Koshinsky
Carried Date: 19 December 1997

Resolution 98- 081

Resolved that the February regular Meeting of the NWMB be confined to the three days 10-12 February 1998 in Gjoa Haven; and further that

A Special Meeting to consider research applications for 1998 funding from the Wildlife Research Trust be held March 10-12 in Iqaluit; and that

A meeting of the Wildlife Research Trust be held in Iqaluit immediately preceding the March Special Meeting; and also that

A training session for Board Members be conducted in conjunction with the March Special Meeting.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: Pauloosie Keeyootak
Carried Date: 19 December 1997