NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 114

Tuesday, May 06, 2008 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Joannie Ikkidluak Member Robert Moshenko Member Willie Nakoolak Member Peter Awa Member Makabe Nartok Member

Jim Noble Chief Operating Officer

Joe Justus Director of Wildlife Management

Michael d'Eça NWMB Legal Advisor

Evie Amagoalik Interpreter

Not Available:

Joe Tigullaraq Chairperson/CEO

Kevin McCormick Member Harry Flaherty Member Pitseolak Alainga Member

Guests:

Jeff Maurice NTI

Sandra Courchesne DFO

1. Opening by A/Chairperson

Joannie Ikkidluak was nominated as A/Chairperson for the meeting. The A/Chairperson then opened the meeting and welcomed members, staff and guests to the Conference Call.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (Resolution 2008-045) to adopt the agenda as presented.

3. Walrus Sport Hunts

The Director of Wildlife Management reviewed the briefing note regarding walrus sport hunt applications for 2008 with the Members.

3. A Review/Approval of Amendment to Grise Fiord Allocation

The Director of Wildlife reviewed the briefing note with the Members, it was noted that when the decision to approve the first request for 10 walrus sport hunts, there was a calculation error and the HTA should have only be approved for 5 hunts. It was noted that the community had not been advised of the NWMB's first decision of 10 hunts and therefore there should be no concern from the community. The Board decided (Resolution 2008-046) to amend the approved number of walrus sport hunts for Grise Fiord HTA from 10 to 5 animals.

3. B Review/Approval of Request for Walrus Sport Hunts-Rankin

The Director of Wildlife again reviewed the briefing note covering the request from Rankin Inlet and Coral Harbour for four (4) walrus sport hunts for each community. It was recommended that both communities be approved for hunts with the conditions. The Board decided (Resolution 2008-047) to approve both Rankin Inlet and Coral Harbour HTAs for four walrus sport hunts each for the 2008 season subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the assignment be done in writing.
- 2. That the number of landed, struck and lost animals be reported to the NWMB at the time of application for the next season.
- 3. That the hunt be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted and the Rankin Inlet and Coral Harbour HTA walrus hunting guidelines.

4. Resolute, Grise Fiord, Arctic Bay – Request for an Exploratory License to fish for Turbot

Staff advised that the High Arctic Fisheries Alliance had requested exploratory fisheries allocations for each of the communities, Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord. The fishers in these areas would be trained by experienced fishers from Broughton Island. After a brief discussion, members were informed by the legal advisor that there is no need for approval of this request under the NLCA. NWMB and DFO staff would cooperatively develop the conditions of the license to ensure that harvest data is collected on each species in the area.

N.B. At this point in time (approx. 3:40 pm) Willie Nakoolak had to leave --- thus, the Board Conference call no longer had a quorum. It was agreed that call would carry on for a short period just as an information session.

5. Baffin Bay Polar Bear Decision Schedule

The legal adviser indicated that follow-up and responses, from the various parties on our recent hearing in Pond Inlet, are yet to come. Realistically, a decision meeting is now not possible in June, so the Board will need to request from the GN Minister a time extension to September 2008.

6. Taloyoak Carry-over of Narwhal Tags

The community did not use any of their 15 tags in 2007. Taloyoak is allowed to transfer up to 50% of their previous year narwhal tags to the following year. They are requesting a transfer of 8 tags for total of 23 for the 2008 season. Board members present were in support of this request. The COO advised that he would call members for a decision on this request.

7. Meeting adjourned

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

A/Chairperson

Resolution 2008-045: RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok

Carried

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Resolution 2008-046: RESOLVED that the NWMB amend the approved number of walrus sport hunts for Grise Fiord HTA from 10 to 5 animals due to an error in calculations.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by: Willie Nakoolak

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko

Carried

May 6, 2008

Resolution 2008-047: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve both Rankin Inlet and Coral Harbour HTAs for four walrus sport hunts each for the 2008 season subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the assignment be done in writing.
- 2. That the number of landed, struck and lost animals be reported to the NWMB at the time of application for the next season.
- 3. That the hunt be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted and the Rankin Inlet and Coral Harbour HTA walrus hunting guidelines.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko

Carried

Date: May 6, 2008