

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 121

Wednesday, August 12, 2009 6:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Willie Nakoolak	A/Chairperson
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Mikidjuk Akavak	Chief Executive Officer
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Adam Schneidmiller	Wildlife Management Biologist
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Michael d'Eça	Legal Advisor

Not Available:

Vacant	Chairperson
Harry Flaherty	Member
Peter Awa	Member

Guests:

Bert Dean	NTI, Rankin Inlet
Chris Lewis	DFO, Iqaluit

1. Opening by A/Chairperson

Willie Nakoolak was nominated (**Resolution 2009-050**) as A/Chairperson for Conference Call No.121. The A/Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed members, staff and guests to the Conference Call.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-051**) to adopt the agenda as presented.

3. Review/Approval of Non Quota Limitations (NQLs) Included In Stelle II Turbot Licence

The Fisheries Management Biologist reviewed the briefing note with the members. Numerous questions followed on clarification of the three fishing areas

described in the project. Questions on whether this fishing would occur inside the Nunavut Settlement Area or outside. Finally, there was discussion on the process and consultation with regards to these licenses. It was noted that consultations are still ongoing and there is a possibility that the use of gillnet question may return to the table as the proponents and Government of Nunavut feel that a good test fishery cannot occur without using gillnets. The Board decided **(Resolution 2009-052)** that, pursuant to S.5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, the NWMB approve the following non-quota limitations for fishing turbot within the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area and within the Cumberland Sound – Nunavut Settlement Area portion of NAFO Division 0B:

- (a) A prohibition on the use of gill nets;
- (b) Fishing by long-line only, fitted with hooks with a minimum gape opening of 15.4mm;
- (c) The return of all fish – other than groundfish incidentally caught – including marine mammals, immediately to the place from which the fish was taken, and where it is alive, in a manner that causes the least harm; and
- (d) With respect to groundfish and Leatherback Turtles incidentally caught:
 - (i) Incidental catch shall not exceed 5% of the overall catch weight; and
 - (ii) The immediate return to the place from which it was taken – and where it is alive, in a manner that causes the least harm - of any dogfish, striped (Atlantic) wolffish, lumpfish, sculpin, skate, Northern Wolffish, Spotted Wolffish or Leatherback Turtle.

4. Review/Approval of Management Measures for Sylvia Grinnel Char Fishery

The DFO Fisheries Biologist again reviewed the briefing note provided for the Board. It was noted that the Amarok HTA had not written a formal request letter to the NWMB and it was felt that NWMB should not proceed with final approval until such a request has been received. The Board decided **(Resolution 2009-053)**, Subject to written confirmation from the Amarok Hunters and Trappers Organization that, pursuant to section 5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* - and in accordance with a recommendation from the Amarok Hunters and Trappers Organization, supported by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans - the NWMB prohibit snagging and gillnetting from the falls area on the Sylvia Grinnell River to the lower end of the estuary area, as illustrated in the accompanying map.

5. Review/Approval of Bowhead Hunt Plan for Kugaaruk

Adam Schneidmiller reviewed the briefing note provided with the members. It was noted that the original plan submitted was returned for further information and the revised plan had just been received. Adam had reviewed the plan and now recommends the Board approve the revised plan as submitted. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-054**) that, pursuant to subsection 5.2.34(d) of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, the NWMB approve the August 11th 2009 Arviligjuak Bowhead Whale Hunt Plan - which the NWMB is satisfied complies with the relevant principles of *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* - subject to the hunt being conducted in compliance with all safety requirements established by Transport Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

6. Meeting adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes approved by:


A/Chairperson


Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2009-050: RESOLVED that the NWMB nominate Willie Nakoolak as the A/Chairperson for Conference Call No.121.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: August 12, 2009

Resolution 2009-051: RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: August 12, 2009

Resolution 2009-052: RESOLVED that the NWMB pursuant to S.5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, the NWMB approve the following non-quota limitations for fishing turbot within the Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area and within the Cumberland Sound – Nunavut Settlement Area portion of NAFO Division 0B:

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- (d) With respect to groundfish and Leatherback Turtles incidentally caught:
 - (I) Incidental catch shall not exceed 5% of the overall catch weight; and
 - (II) The immediate return to the place from which it was taken – and where it is alive, in a manner that causes the least harm - of any dogfish, striped (Atlantic) wolfish, lumpfish, sculpin, skate, Northern Wolffish, Spotted Wolffish or Leatherback Turtle.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: August 12, 2009

Resolution 2009-053: RESOLVED that the NWMB subject to written confirmation from the Amarok Hunters and Trappers Organization that, pursuant to section 5.6.48 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* - and in accordance with a recommendation from the Amarok Hunters and Trappers Organization, supported by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans - the NWMB prohibit snagging and gillnetting from the falls area on the Sylvia Grinnell River to the lower end of the estuary area, as illustrated in the accompanying map.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: August 12, 2009

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Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: August 12, 2009