

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 123

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 3:00 P.M. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Willie Nakoolak	A/Chairperson
Robert Moshenko	Member
Peter Awa	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Mikidjuk Akavak	Chief Executive Officer
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Charlotte Sharkey	Wildlife Management Biologist
Adam Schneidmiller	Wildlife Management Biologist
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available:

Vacant	Chairperson
Harry Flaherty	A/Chairperson
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Vacant	KIA Appointee

Guests:

Jeff Maurice	NTI, Iqaluit
Chris Lewis	DFO, Iqaluit

1. Opening by A/Chairperson

Willie Nakoolak was nominated (**Resolution 2009-062**) as A/Chairperson for Conference Call No.123. 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 2009-063**) to adopt the agenda as presented.

3. Cumberland Sound Turbot Test Fishery – Hook Size

A test fishery being conducted in the Cumberland Sound special turbot zone during the summer of 2009 is encountering a catch of large female turbot and a

high bycatch of Greenland shark using gear fitted with 15.4mm gape circle hooks (#14's) as per the licence restrictions. DFO is now recommending that using a smaller #12 hook may reduce the landings of large female turbot and the bycatch of Greenland shark. DFO is recommending approval of Pangnirtung Fisheries Limited request to amend their current groundfish licence to allow use of the #12 hooks for the duration of the 2009 test fishery on the agreement that the Stelie II report their finding with regards to use of the #12 hooks. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-064**) to approve the amendment of the Pangnirtung Fisheries Limited Test Fisheries Licence for the special management zone for use of the #12 hooks for the duration of the 2009 test fishery.

4. KWB Request to Remove Muskox Boundary Restrictions for Three Years

The Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB), on behalf of the Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs), has requested that the boundary restrictions for three musk-ox management units be removed for three harvesting seasons 2009, 10, 11. The three units would be N/MX/18, N/MX/20 and N/MX/21. KWB indicates in this request that these exemptions would allow for an interim change while the completion of the management plan takes place, and the exemptions would pose no conservation concerns. In the past, it was thought necessary to go far inland to hunt musk-ox, to support re-establishment of musk-ox in their former range along the coast. Musk-ox now appear to be re-established. The Department of Environment (GN-DOE) has notified the NWMB that it is willing to issue and 'Exemption Permit' pursuant to section 21 of Nunavut's Wildlife Act, to address the KWB's concerns. However, DOE does not support a multi-year exemption permit and would prefer that a more permanent regulation change be implemented before the next harvesting season. An exemption permit will not change the level of harvest or the season of harvest. NWMB staff recommend the Board approve the request for "Exemption Permit" for one year only. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-065**) that pursuant to section 5.6.48 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) approves the exemption changes to the musk-ox management unit boundaries in the Kivalliq Region until the end of the 2009/10 harvest season, for all members of the Kivalliq Wildlife board (members of Kivalliq region Hunters and Trappers Organizations) for the three musk-ox management units N/MX/18, N/MX/20, and N/MX/21.


With regards to the request from KWB for transfer of tags between management zones and request from the request for an increased allocation for the Gjoa Haven HTA and management unit N/MX/22. Both requests were deferred as the Nunavut Wildlife Regulations are still under development and DOE/NTI staff were not available to consult on these issues.

5. Other Business

No other business

6. Meeting adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes approved by: 
A/Chairperson

Sept 17/10
Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2009-062: RESOLVED that the NWMB appoint Willie Nakoolak as Acting Chairperson for Conference Call No. 123.

Moved by: Peter Awa
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: October 27, 2009

Resolution 2009-063: RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Awa
Date: October 27, 2009

Resolution 2009-064: RESOLVED that the NWMB to approve the amendment of the Pangnirtung Fisheries Limited Test Fisheries Licence for the special management zone for use of the #12 hooks for the duration of the 2009 test fishery.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: October 27, 2009

Resolution 2009-065: RESOLVED that the NWMB pursuant to section 5.6.48 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) approves the exemption changes to the musk-ox management unit boundaries in the Kivalliq Region until the end of the 2009/10 harvest season, for all members of the Kivalliq Wildlife board (members of Kivalliq region Hunters and Trappers Organizations) for the three musk-ox management units N/MX/18, N/MX/20, and N/MX/21.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: October 27, 2009