

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## Minutes Conference Call No. 124

Monday, December 21, 2009 1:00 P.M. (Eastern Time)

### Members and Staff Participating:

Willie Nakoolak	A/Chairperson
Robert Moshenko	Member
Peter Awa	Member
Peter Qayutinuak	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Charlotte Sharkey	Wildlife Management Biologist
Michael d'Eça	NWMB, Legal Council
Lazarus Arreak	Interpreter

### Not Available:

Vacant	Chairperson
Harry Flaherty	Member
Vacant	DIAND Appointee
Vacant	DOE (Canada) Appointee

### Guests:

Paul Irngaut	NTI, Iqaluit
Joe Justus	DFO, Iqaluit
Chris Hotson	DOE (Nunavut) Igloolik (Phone)

### 1. Opening by A/Chairperson

Willie Nakoolak was nominated (**Resolution 2009-067**) as A/Chairperson for Conference Call No.124. 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 2009-068**) to adopt the agenda as presented.

### **3. Decision on Community Based Management of Beluga, Iqaluit, Kimmirut**

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the briefing note with the members. The recommendation was that the Board decide to support the the recommendations from the Beluga CBM Review Committee, or decide on an alternative way forward with the CBM program. The members were prepared to pass a resolution approving the recommendations of the Beluga Working Group, however there were concerns with wording of a motion. The Board decided to defer this decision to a future meeting.

### **4. Decision on Narwhal Tag Carry-over Repulse Bay**

The Wildlife Management Biologist reviewed the briefing note with the members. In February 2009, the Arviq HTO wrote to the NWMB requesting to carry-over unused narwhal tags from the 2008 season to be used in the 2009 season. The CBM system, which Repulse participated in, allowed for carry-over of up to 50% of unused tags. Repulse Bay's annual allocation is 72 narwhals, and in 2008 they only harvested 25 whales, therefore under the flexible quota system they could request to carry-over 36 tags to use in 2009. DFO has concerns with this stock due to the number of communities hunting this stock, uncertainties with population size, growth dynamics and hunting losses. Staff are recommending that the Board approve the carry-over of narwhal tags for Repulse Bay, and notify the community that future requests for carry-over should be approved prior to any harvesting. It was further recommended that every effort be made to establish levels of Total Allowable Harvest as soon as possible. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-069**) to approve the carry-over of 25 narwhal tags for Repulse Bay from the 2008 season to the 2009 season and that the NWMB would move quickly to establish a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) in co-operation with the co-mangement partners.

### **5. Decision on Retroactive Allocation of 15 Muskox Tags MX22-Gjoa Haven**

Chris Hotson, DOE Igloolik, reviewed the briefing note provided with the members. In 2002 the NWMB passed *Resolution 2002-107* approving a quota increase from 5 to 8 tags for muskox management zone MX/22 (King William Island) for Gjoa Haven HTA. However, since 2004 the Gjoa Haven HTA has only been receiving the original 5 tags due to an administrative error. The Department of Environment (Nunavut) would like to correct this error by retroactively providing Gjoa Haven with 15 muskox tags for the previous five years in addition to the current yearly allotment. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-070**) to approve a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) of 23 muskoxen for the management zone MX/22 (King William Island) for the 2009/10 hunting season only.

### **6. Other Business**

No other business

## 7. Meeting adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes approved by: Willie Nakoolak Sept 17/10  
A/Chairperson Date

## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2009-067:** RESOLVED that the NWMB appoint Willie Nakoolak as Acting Chairperson for Conference Call No. 124.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko  
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Date: December 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-068:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Awa  
Date: December 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-069:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the carry-over of 25 narwha tags for Repulse Bay from the 2008 season to the 2009 season and that the NWMB move quickly to establish a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) in co-operation with the co-mangement partners.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko  
Apposed (1) Peter Awa  
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Qayutinuak Sr  
Date: December 21, 2009

**Resolution 2009-070:** RESOLVED that the NWMB - pursuant to Section 5.6.16 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* – approve a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) of 23 muskoxen for the Management Zone MX/22 (King William Island) for the 2009/10 hunting season.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Apposed: (1) Peter Awa  
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Qayutinuak  
Date: December 21, 2009