



## NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

### HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING # 12 26 -30 AUGUST 1996

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1. This was the twelfth meeting of the NWMB, and the second meeting conducted in Arviat. All members were present.
2. The Board reviewed and approved the NWMB, 1995/96 Audited Financial Statement.
3. The Board reviewed the 1996 Bowhead Hunt in Repulse Bay and decided to commission an independent review of the hunt.
4.  The Director of Wildlife Management advised that the Southeast Baffin Beluga Management Committee has not had a meeting as they are awaiting study updates from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 1996.
5. Member's concerns centered around a review of the 1996 Bowhead Hunt and review of the Committee system of the NWMB.
6. The Board was apprised of the status of the new Endangered Species Legislation. The first draft is scheduled for completion by September 1996 with consultations planned during the fall. It is planned to introduce this legislation to parliament during the fall session.
7. The Board discussed a draft management plan for walrus in the Hudson Bay, Hudson Strait area and a draft walrus sport hunt plan for Salluit in Northern Quebec, as part of the overlap agreement between Nunavut and Northern Quebec pursuant to Section 40 of the NFA.
8.  The Department of Fisheries and Oceans advised that several Nunavut communities are requesting increases to the narwhal quotas. It was noted that the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board had passed a motion to have DFO start a management plan process for narwhal. The Board noted that requests for quota increases should be directed to the NWMB.
9. John Angel, representing the Canadian Association of Prawn Producers provided the Board with an overview of the "The Northern Shrimp Fishery." John noted that there is a move by DFO to have producers in the shrimp Industry take more responsibility in the fisheries "Partnering."

John called on the NWMB and Inuit to join the political push to lower or repeal the high tariffs (22%) for sale of shrimp to the European markets. He noted that there are few prospects for expanding North American shrimp markets.

10. The Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development provided an overview of consolidation of the three Government departments. The Department tabled a decision paper on the sale of bear gall bladders and noted a move to downlist gyrfalcon on the CITES Appendix to allow limited trade of this species.



11. The Board reviewed the status of polar bear memorandums of understanding for various polar bear populations and status of legislative changes. Polar Bear Memorandums of Understanding for Davis Strait, Foxe Basin, Gulf of Boothia and M'Lintock Channel submitted the Department of R,W &ED were approved.

12. The Board approved a number of regulations changes for muskox and caribou;

- Muskox quota increase of 5 tags for King William Island
- Muskox quota increase of 15 tags for Adelaide Peninsula/Chantrey Inlet
- Muskox quota increase of 9 tags for Gjoa Haven area
- Muskox quota increase of 3 tags for Taloyoak area
- Muskox quota increase of 3 tags for Pelly Bay
- Commercial caribou tags were approved for the following:
  - Chesterfield Inlet - 150 tags - Whale Cove - 50 tags
  - Rankin Inlet - 60 tags

A decrease of 30 Muskox tags for Muskox Management Area C/1-1 (Coppermine) was approved. Sport hunt tags for non-resident and non-resident alien hunters were decreased 10 tags for WMZ B/2 (Cambridge Bay).



13. The Board was apprised of concern for the peary caribou on the High Arctic Islands. Elders have noted that winds have recently shifted from predominantly NW to move commonly from the east; this has brought record high snow falls to the region, which may have led to a high loss of caribou due to starvation.
14. DFO representatives advised the NWMB that changes will be made to both the turbot and shrimp fisheries in 1997. The use of foreign leased vessels is expected to come under heavy opposition. Increase in shrimp catches may lead the Minister to increase the number of licenses/quotas for this species.
15. The NWMB requested that DOE (Canadian Wildlife Service) undertake further consultations with the Kitikmeot Region with regards to mineral development and reclassification of the Queen Maud Bird Sanctuary to a National Wildlife Area.
16. The Board's legal advisor advised that a submission had gone to the Minister regarding changes to the new Fisheries Act. This was to ensure that requirements under the NFA are included in the new Act.



17. One research proposal submitted by CWS to study the denning of Hudson Bay was approved with the conditions that there be an analysis of the effects of multiple captures and use of drugs on bears.

18. The Board approved development of a proposal for a training program for RWO/HTO Secretary Managers and requested options and costs for delivery of such a program.
19. The Board approved Andrews Port Services Limited (Mr. Ray Andrews) as the Fisheries Consultant for the NWMB. Mr. Andrews will work to facilitate relationships with the organizations involved in the management of the Atlantic fisheries and to ensure NWMB involvement as per the NFA.
20. The Board accepted the consultant's report on Employment Equity Review and instructed staff to take steps to begin implementing the eight recommendations outlined in the report.
21. In conjunction with this meeting, the Board held the first meeting of the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust.
22. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Pelly Bay, the week of November 18, 1996

