

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MINUTES: MEETING No. 41

IQALUIT, 5 – 7 APRIL 2005

### Members and Staff Participating:

Harry Flaherty	A/Chairperson
Nick Amautinuvar	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Joe Tigullaraq	Chief Executive Officer
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Joseé Galipeau	A/Director of Wildlife
Tom Demcheson	Director of Finance and Administration
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Mary Nashook	Interpreter

### Not Available:

DIAND Appointee	Vacant
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### Other Participants at Various Times:

Bert Dean	Associate Director, NTI
Gabriel Nirlungayuk	Director of Wildlife, NTI
Dr. John Cooley	A/Regional Director, Northern Region, DFO
Michelle Wheatley	Director, Eastern Arctic Area
Martin Giangioppi	Fisheries Management Technician
Derrick Moggy	Habitat Biologist, DFO Iqaluit
Tania Gordanier	Habitat Biologist, DFO Iqaluit
Rick Rudolph	Impact Assessment Biologist
Mitch Taylor	Manager of Wildlife Research, DoE
Mike Ferguson	Regional Biologist, DoE
Siu-Ling Han	Section Head, DOE Canada

## **1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries**

Harry Flaherty, A/Chairperson, called the 41<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting of the NWMB to order at 9:00 a.m. Abraham Kaunak led the opening prayer.

## **2. Agenda for Regular Meeting No. 41**

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-017**) to accept the agenda for Meeting 41 as presented.

## **3. Minutes: Review and Approval**

Minutes for all meetings were deferred to the next meeting

## **4. Financial and Administrative Business**

### **4.A Variance Report for Year Ending March 31/05**

This item was deferred to a later Conference Call.

## **5. Chairperson, Senior Staff, Advisors' and Members' Reports**

Members were advised that these reports were available for review in the binder.

## **6. Completion of Assignments and Implementation of Resolutions**

This item was deferred to a later meeting.

## **7. Environment Canada (CWS): Issues and Decisions**

### **7.A Proposed Legal Listing of Peary Caribou as Endangered**

Siu-Ling Han, Section Head, DOE Nunavut reviewed the briefing notes with the members. Peary caribou were assessed by COSEWIC in May 2004 and the Committee recommended that they be listed as endangered because of low estimates. The Department consulted with the adjacent communities. The communities of Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay are not supportive of this listing and feel that they have been managing the Peary caribou at the community level. GNWT supports the listing; the Department of Environment, GN does not support this listing. This briefing was for information only and no decision was required.

### **7.B Proposed Legal Listing of Porsild's Bryum as Threatened**

This species was also reviewed by COSEWIC in May 2004 and the Committee recommended that the species be listed as threatened as this species is only known to occur in Quttinirpaaq National Park and the population of this species has declined significantly in other areas in Canada. A letter was written to the

community of Grise Fiord asking for their response on this listing. Parks Canada will monitor the species in Nunavut and protect it from any disruption. This briefing was for information only and no decision is required at this time.

### **7.C Proposed Legal Listing of Dolphin-Union Caribou as Special Concern**

Once again this species was reviewed by COSEWIC in May 2004 and the Committee recommended that they be listed as Special Concern, due to threats related to climate change, development and harvest without a population estimate. Consultations are being held with the relevant Kitikmeot communities, the GNWT supports the listing and WMAC will be discussing this at their next meeting. The Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut does not support this listing. This briefing was for information only and no decision is required at this time.

### **7.D Proposed Legal Listing of Grizzly Bear (Northwestern Population) and Wolverine (Western Population) as Special Concern**

Both these species were reviewed by COSEWIC in May 2002 and 2003 respectively. The Committee recommended that these species be listed as special concern due to habitat loss and population disturbance from development in the northern and southern portions of their range. The NWMB did not approve these listings due to lack of consultation and use of IQ on both these species. Consultation sessions still have to be arranged with various communities. This briefing was for information only and no further decision is required at this time. Timing of consultation sessions will be difficult during the summer as most HTOs do not like to meet during the summer months.

## **Parks Canada**

### **A. Draft Wild Animals Regulations for Parks Canada**

This briefing note was for information only, amendments to the Park Regulations are being made to allow for Tourism Guides and Sport Hunting Guides to carry weapons and ammunition for protection when travelling through the Park boundaries when the activity is covered by a permit or is part of a sport guiding operation.

### **B. Quttinirpaaq National Park: Draft Management Plan: Update**

Parks Canada provided written information regarding their Draft Management Plan for the new Quttinirpaaq National Park. When this plan is completed, it will be sent to the board for approval in 2005. In addition to approving the plan, the NWMB will be asked to make a decision about closing the sport fishery until NWMB determines whether the lakes in Quttinirpaaq National Park can sustain sport fishing.

## **8. Fisheries and Oceans (DFO): Issues and Decisions**

### **8.A Introduction of A/Regional Director, Northern Region, Dr. John Cooley**

Dr. Cooley explained his position and areas of responsibility; he noted the importance of partnerships and used the example of the NWMB Research Funding. He noted that the partnership is strong with the NWMB but there are still areas that need to be worked on. Implementation of the Species at Risk legislation will bring considerable new work for the future. He also noted the challenge ahead with regards to working with TAHs and BNLS, especially in the area of arctic charr stocks. Members and staff discussed various issues with the A/Regional Director and thanked him for his participation at the meeting.

### **8.B. Introduction of New DFO Staff**

Michelle Wheatley noted the presentation made by Dr. Cooley earlier and mentioned that there was talk of the Minister of DFO visiting later in April. Michelle noted the following staff changes at DFO:

- Land Claims Liaison Officer – Andrejka Lokar
- Area Licensing Administrator – Joanne Rose
- Area Administration Clerk – Suzanne Erkidjuk
- Fisheries Management Biologist – Vacant, should be filled soon
- Habitat Biologists – Tania Gordanier and Derrick Moggy
- Fisheries Management Technician – Martin Giangioppi (maternity leave)
- Fisheries Management Technician – Andrew Molloy
- C&P Field Supervisor (Rankin) - Beth Guptill
- C&P Protection Officer (Rankin) – Derek Zawadski

### **8.C Fish Habitat Management in the Eastern Arctic**

Derrick Moggy provided a brief update on the Fish Habitat Program for DFO. Derrick noted the various sections of the Fisheries Act that are applicable to this program. The main goals of the section are conservation and habitat restoration. He noted that Section 35 of the Act sometimes allows for destruction of habitat, HADD (Harmful Alteration, Disruption and Destruction). Other additional legislation are: Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, Species at Risk Act. DFO Habitat participates with both NIRB and NWB during the course of their work. Derrick noted some of the current projects his department are working on, Jericho Diamond Project, Doris North Gold Project and the Bathurst Inlet Road and Port Study. Members asked various questions to the DFO staff. Rick Rudolph, Impact Assessment Biologist (Sudbury) advised that he was working on the Federal Contaminated Sites Accelerated Action Plan (FCSAAP) which provides advice to other biologist working on these sites. Rick noted that there are 32 contaminated DEW line sites and 9 mine sites that have been shut down and require reclamation. Members asked various questions.

#### **8.D Bowhead Conservation Strategy**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note with the members, the Strategy was released in February 2004 but DFO has concerns that it does not fully comply with SARA procedures. Michael d'Eca suggested that it would be better to do consultation under the COSEWIC process rather than waiting until the Board is under time constraints from the SARA procedures. Michelle agreed, but suggested that there is a need to resolve this issue for the future. Nick Amautinuak asked about the bowhead study in the Kitikmeot Region, he noted that there was only a partial survey and would like to know when it will be completed so that the Kitikmeot could be considered for a bowhead hunt. Michelle promised to follow up with the scientists working on this study.

#### **8.E Western Hudson Bay Beluga Update**

Michelle noted that there was a LUMAC meeting in Kuujuaq, Quebec the first week of April. A report was presented on the 2004 aerial survey conducted on the West Hudson Bay beluga. The population was estimated at 57,000 whales, with a 95% confidence level. This is a similar estimate to a 1987 survey. The recommendation going to COSEWIC will be to not list this population. Michelle noted that DFO received a letter from Sanikiluaq accepting the designation of Special Concern for the East Hudson Bay population. Many members voiced concern over the fact that a few years earlier, DFO had called for a total ban on hunting whales in the various communities and now they are indicating that the population is healthy and maintaining itself.

#### **8.F Division OA Gill Net Restrictions**

Michelle noted that two gill net licences were issued for the 2004 season. Problems occurred with one of the vessels involved in this fishery and it had to leave for Greenland late in the season to get repairs. When the vessel returned, ice conditions were extreme and 149 nets were left in the water over the winter. This resulted in a call from DFO Central and Arctic to ban all gill netting in Division OA. The Board directed staff to respond to DFO, suggesting no change to the gill net status at present and that there should be fair and equitable throughout the Atlantic fishery.

#### **8.G Nunavut Fisheries Regulations**

Michelle Wheatley provided a brief update on the status of the Nunavut Fisheries Regulations. Department is aware that these regulations are outstanding and staff will make every effort to get this process restarted.

#### **8.H Community Based Management – Five Year Review**

Joseé Galipeau reviewed the briefing note provided with the members. It was noted that community consultations had occurred in November and December 2004 and

summary reports had been made and sent back to the communities. The following seven recommendations were made:

1. Continue CBM for beluga for a new trial period of 3 years
2. Ensure that additional resources are provided for the HTOs
3. Keep the “non-quota” system
4. Develop a “Training Plan”
5. Develop an “Action Plan for Communication”
6. Follow up on reporting system
7. Develop a set of frequently asked questions

There were some questions on the reporting by these two communities and that more work on development of these recommendations may be required. Joséé noted that the committee had recommended five specific recommendations for the Iqaluit area due to difficulties with reporting. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-018**) to approve the recommendations of the Community Based Management Working Group for continuation of the beluga CBM program for Iqaluit and Kimmirut.

## **8.I Northern Coalition Request for Shrimp Quota Inshore**

This item was deferred to the next meeting

## **9. Nunavut Wildlife (DSD) Issues and Decisions**

### **9.A Peary Caribou Management Plan**

Michael Ferguson reviewed the status of the two Peary Caribou Management Plans for Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord and explained the various management plan sections with the Board. Michael noted that there is no particular timeline for response to the Minister’s initiative and Board should not feel rushed. Mike noted that he has worked closely with Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay HTOs on this plan. Michael d’Eca noted that if the NWMB is going to make a decision on these plans it will have to make a TAH decision. Michael Ferguson provided a brief review of the status of the various populations of caribou and which had recommended quotas and any disputes between the Government and HTOs. The Board decided to have their legal advisor and contractor review the management plans and make recommendations to the Board at the next meeting.

### **9.B Process for Inter-Jurisdictional Wildlife: Decision**

The Board was advised of a letter in the binder from the Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Association. KHTA is calling on the various management authorities to work cooperatively with the GNWT to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to ensure that sport hunting of polar bear can continue between the two polar bear populations of Viscount Melville and the North Beaufort.

### **9.C GN Polar Bear Management Action Plan**

Mitch Taylor provided a brief review of recent developments with regards to polar bear management in Nunavut. Mitch noted that at the Polar Bear Technical Committee Meeting (PBTC) held in Edmonton, new information had been presented on various polar bear populations. Many agencies are concerned with the recent increase in polar bear quotas based on IQ information. Indications are that various populations are decreasing because of over hunting (e.g. Greenland) and due to global warming (e.g. West Hudson Bay). No decision was made on how to proceed. Mitch noted that the Department of Environment has been asked to draft an action plan; community consultation will also be required. Members suggested that Dr. Ian Sterling should be invited to the next NWMB meeting to give a report on his research findings in the West Hudson Bay region.

### **9.D Southampton Island Caribou Management**

Mitch Taylor provided a brief review of concerns with the Southampton Island caribou population. With the commercial harvest of caribou on the island, there is concern of a declining population. The commercial operation requires approximately 4000 animals to be profitable. Scientist are recommending a reduction to 2000 due to icing conditions, caribou moving off the island and general poor condition of the animals. The Minister of Environment is suggesting that funds may be available from Agriculture Canada to assist with an aerial survey of the Islands caribou as Coral Harbour residents are concerned about losing their commercial hunt.

### **9.E Proposed New Kitikmeot Muskox Population**

Mitch Taylor reviewed the briefing note provided by Mathieu Dumond in the Kitikmeot region. The purposed changes are to bring the Zones more into line with the current populations of muskox in the region. Consultations have been conducted with the various communities; however some negotiations are still required between RWOs due to overlap in hunting areas. It was concluded that these changes would be made as consultations on the new Wildlife Regulations are to begin shortly and these changes should be incorporated in that process.

### **9.F South Baffin Caribou Management Plan**

Michael Ferguson reviewed the briefing note provided with the members. Michael suggested that this should be a long term plan 2006-2020 through extensive consultations with the communities and co-management partners. A draft management plan is expected to be presented in the spring of 2005. Michael suggested that the co-management partners should review the draft management plan and make recommendations to the Department before a final draft is started.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-019**) to move to an in camera session.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-020**) to move out of in camera session.

## **10. NWMB Internal Items: Issues / Decisions**

### **10.A COSEWIC/SARA**

Item deferred to a future meeting.

### **10.B. COSEWIC Appendix E5**

Item deferred to a future meeting.

### **10.C. Polar Bear Technical Committee Meeting**

Item deferred to a future meeting.

## **11. NTI Wildlife Division**

### **11.A Joint Secretariat Update**

Bert Dean reviewed the briefing note on this topic. Bert called on the NWMB to continue working with the RWOs and HTOs and to assist with funding of these organizations. Bert noted that NTI is facing financial cutback also and there is concern were funds are spent. Bert noted that the NWMB had Liaison positions available in the past and asked that they continue to assist with these organizations. Bert gave a brief update on status of the Secretariat, noting that they hope to have these positions filled in the near future. The Board called on NTI to provide a clear statement of need and some budget figures for the Secretariat.

### **11.B Wildlife Act Update**

No update provided

## **12. Applications for Funding**

### **12.A IQ Funding Applications Decision**

Joseé advised the members that there were numerous applications for IQ funding in the current application season. The Board directed that no IQ applications would be considered until a policy was developed. Joseé suggested that the Board should make this a high priority for the future as the HTAs are continually requesting assistance.

### **12.B NWRT Applications for 2005/06**

Joseé Galipeau provided a brief overview of the NWRT funding program by reviewing how projects were scored. Joseé advised members that the final minutes and reports from the three Regional Priorities Workshops were in the binder for

Board approval. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-021**) to approve the regional recommendations as presented.

Some concern was noted over multi year funding projects and members felt that there should be a three year review point. It was also suggested that the Board should look at the possibility of having a review policy drafted.

Joseé Galipeau reviewed the NWRT Funding Policy and presented the progress reports for 2004/05 NWRT funded projects. Based on the interim financial reports, \$101,207 will be returned to the NWMB from 2004/05 funds, \$42,095 remained in the bank at year-end. Six projects will be continuing with previously approved multi-year funding. The Board reviewed 20 new proposals and approved (**Resolution 2005-022**) \$730,700 in funding (including returned funding and funding remaining in bank account) for the following continuing and new projects:

Project #	Title	2005-2006 \$ K	2006-2007 \$ K	2007-2008 \$ K
<b>Previously Approved for Multi-year Funding</b>				
5120-04-3	Ringed seal in western Hudson Bay	\$ 42.0	\$ 42.0	
5130-03-2	Population re-assessments of polar bears in western and southern Hudson Bay	\$ 30.0	\$ 30.0	
5130-04-1	Reproductive ecology and survival of the Pacific common eider in central arctic Canada	\$ 55.0	\$ 55.0	
5130-04-3	Census and banding of common eiders in the high arctic	\$ 30.0	\$ 30.0	
5130-04-4	Studies of high arctic marine birds: ivory gulls, murre, kittiwakes, brant, fulmars and gulls.	\$ 15.0	\$ 15.0	
5110-04-6	Monitoring condition, feeding habits and demographic parameters of Island Bound Barren-Ground Caribou ( <i>Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus</i> ) Southampton Island, Nunavut	\$ 25.0		
<b>New Proposals</b>				
2-05-7	Status of muskoxen in the Kitikmeot region (management zones MX/19 and MX/14)	\$ 46.0		
2-05-6	Davis Strait polar bear inventory	\$ 75.0	\$ 75.0	\$ 75.0
2-05-1	Vegetation mapping in the Kivalliq using digital Landsat 5 and 7 data	\$ 60.0		
2-05-5	Cooperative ground-aerial surveys of Peary caribou and muskoxen on Ellesmere, Axel Heiberg and central Devon Islands in Nunavut, 2005 and 2008	\$ 75.0		
2-05-4	The monitoring of Qamanirjuaq caribou ( <i>Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus</i> ) using satellite telemetry and spring composition surveys	\$ 10.0		
3-05-9	Improving stock assessment for experimental and commercial charr fisheries in South Baffin Island using community-based sampling	\$ 35.0		

2-05-3	Delimiting Nunavut caribou and muskox population using nuclear DNA	\$ 34.0		
2-05-2	The seasonal distribution and herd delimitation of Northeastern Mainland caribou ( <i>Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus</i> )	\$ 20.0		
3-05-6	Bowhead whale movements and stock range	\$ 35.0		
3-05-4	Walrus stock definition and enumeration	\$ 50.0		
3-05-1	North Baffin narwhal survey correction study by satellite time-depth recording	\$ 30.0		
3-05-2	Assessment of 1) gear selectivity for Cambridge Bay weir and gillnet charr fisheries, 2) potential sampling bias in the annual plant sampling program and 3) potential for future cost effective weir enumeration research	\$ 8.7		
3-05-5	Nelson River beluga movements and dive behaviour study by satellite telemetry	\$ 30.0		
5-05-1	Arctic and red foxes in a warming north: Current status of populations and development of a monitoring program on Bylot Island, Sirmilik National Park of Canada	\$ 15.0		
3-05-7	Greenland halibut research on diet and age determination	\$ 10.0		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 730,700</b>	<b>\$ 247.0</b>	<b>\$ 75.0</b>

## 12. B. NWMB Study Funding

Joseé Galipeau reviewed the NWMB Study Funding Policy and presented the progress reports for 2004/05 Study funded projects. The Board reviewed nine (9) new proposals and approved (**Resolution 2005-023**) \$234,500 in funding for the following projects:

Project #	Title	2005- 2006 \$ K
5247-04-1	Study of Narwhal in the Pelly Bay Area - <u>already committed</u>	\$ 28.6
5222-05-1	McConnell River Goose Ecology Project	\$ 18.8
5244-05-1	Genetic Studies of Polar Bear Mating, Movement and Dispersal Patterns	\$ 30.0
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5215-05-2	Ecological Monitoring of Polar Bear and seals in Nunavut – A step towards the future: Part I : Community Visits	\$ 18.0

5213-05-1	Ground Survey of Peary Caribou on Somerset Island during April-May 2005	\$	30.0
5215-05-1	Arctic charr ( <i>Salvelinus alpinus</i> ) of the Iqaluit area: movements, sexual maturity, juvenile rearing habitat, and population estimate	\$	19.9
5224-05-1	Meliadine Project: Traditional knowledge and caribou survey	\$	30.0
5203-05-1	Fish lakes and river restoration project	\$	29.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>234.5</b>

## 12.D Nunavut Sivuniksavut Request for Funding

This item was deferred

## 13. Other Presentations

### 13.A Nunavik Request for Bowhead Whale Hunt

This item was deferred as staff was unable to contact Makivik alternate members to join in a conference call.

### 13.B Baffin Fisheries Coalition Report

Ben Kovic provided a brief report on the current status of the Baffin Fisheries Coalition. BFC is currently working with the Government funding partners to get a Fisheries Training Program up and running. Twenty-four students just attend a training course on first aid and survival training, more courses are to follow. BFC is working on obtaining another trawler and hopes to have it Canadianized in the near future. Ben noted that BFC owns approximately 25% of the MV Inukshuk and will own 40% in approximately three years. Ben further noted that BFC has a fund for research and just needs proposals from the HTOs. BFC is still considering purchase of two 34 ft vessels for inshore fishing. BFC is trying to increase communication with the HTAs, by traveling to the communities on a regular basis.

## 14. Executive Committee Report and Recommendations

Kevin McCormick, Chair of the Executive Committee noted one action item from the Executive Committee, that being a recommendation of a Cost of Living Increase (COLA) for all staff of 2.1% for the 2005/06 fiscal year. The Board approved **(Resolution 2005-024)** a 2.1% COLA increase for staff as recommended by the Executive Committee.

## 15. Meetings, Workshops and Other Pertinent Events

Members were advised that a list of upcoming meetings was provided in their binders.



## RESOLUTIONS: MEETING No. 41

**Resolution 2005-017:** RESOLVED that the NWMB accept the agenda for Meeting No. 41 as presented.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick      Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried                                  Date: April 7, 2005

**Resolution 2005-018:** RESOLVED that the NWMB accept the following recommendations for continuation of the Community Based Management (CBM) system for beluga whales in the Iqaluit and Kimmirut areas:

1. Continue CBM for a new trial period for three (3) years
2. Ensure additional resources are provided for the HTOs
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7. Develop a set of frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Moved by: Kevin McCormick      Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak  
Carried                                  Date: April 7, 2005

**Resolution 2005-019:** RESOLVED that the NWMB move to an in camera session.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko      Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak  
Carried                                  Date: April 7, 2005

**Resolution 2005-020:** RESOLVED that the NWMB move out of in camera session.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick      Seconded by: Paul Pemik  
Carried                                  Date: April 7, 2005

**Resolution 2005-021:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the recommendations for Research Priorities for 2005/07, from the three Regional Priorities Workshops conducted in the fall of 2004.

**Resolution 2005-022:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the following research project proposals in the amount of \$730,700 for the 2005/06 fiscal year:

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**Resolution 2005-023:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the following nine research proposal for a total of \$234,500 for the fiscal year 2005/06:

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**Resolution 2005-024:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase for all staff of 2.1% for the 2005/06 fiscal year.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick      Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried      Date: April 7, 2005

**Resolution 2005-025:** RESOLVED that the NWMB conduct the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board in Iqaluit the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Moved by Kevin McCormick      Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried                                  Date: April 7, 2005