

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES MEETING No. 53

IQALUIT, 18 OCTOBER 2007

Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson/CEO
Harry Flaherty	Member
Willie Nakoolak	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Peter Awa	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Tom Demcheson	Director of Finance and Administration
Joe Justus	Director of Wildlife Management
Erin Calder	Wildlife Management Biologist
Paul Frame	Wildlife Administrative Biologist
Michael d'Eca	Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Lazarus Arreak	Interpreter

Not Available:

Pitseolak Alainga	Member
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Other Participants at Various Times:

Sandra Courchesne	DF0 Iqaluit
Glenn Williams	Wildlife Advisor, NTI

Thursday October 18, 2007

1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

The Chairperson welcomed the members, staff, and guests to the 53rd meeting of the NWMB in Iqaluit. The meeting was called to order, Peter Awa lead the opening prayer.

2. Opening Remarks

Participants were introduced and the Chairperson explained that the newly nominated member, Peter Awa, would be sworn in as a new Member of the

NWMB. Peter provided some background information on him and noted that he was very pleased to be nominated to the NWMB.

3. Agenda: Review and Approval

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-101**) to accept the agenda for Meeting 53 as presented.

4. Conflict of Interest

Kevin McCormick felt that he was not in conflict regarding the Peary Caribou item as it was an information item. For the benefit of the new Member, Peter Awa, the Legal Advisor explained why this item is necessary in the Agenda and gave some examples of how Board Members can determine when they may be in conflict with an agenda item. Several questions arose from this discussion.

4. A Swearing in Ceremony

The NWMB Legal Advisor, Michael d'Eca swore Peter Awa in as a new Board member. The Chairperson on behalf of the Board welcomed Peter to his new position.

5. Request for Narwhal Tag Transfers

5. A Request for Transfer of Narwhal Tags between Iqaluit and Qikiqtarjuak

The Wildlife Biologist reviewed the briefing note provided to the Board. It was noted that Amarok HTA of Iqaluit is requesting transfer of three (3) narwhal tags to Qikiqtarjuak. DFO does not feel this transfer is acceptable as the communities harvest from two different stocks of narwhal. Much discussion followed on transfer of tags, on the different stocks of narwhal and the relationship to Community Based Management. After several attempts to pass motions on this issue, it was decided to postpone making a decision until further information was provided. Later it was determined that the NWMB Transfer of Tags between Communities Policy was not finalized, and DFO had no written policy on transfer of tags between *Community Based Management* communities.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-102**) to move to an in camera session.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-103**) to move out of in camera session.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-104**) for conservation reasons to approve the request of the Amarok HTA to transfer three tags from Iqaluit, an over-harvested stock (North Hudson Bay/Foxe Basin Population) to Qikiqtarjuak, an under-utilized stock (High Arctic/Baffin Bay Population) subject to any valid conservation concerns.

5. B Between Clyde River, Kimmirut and Pond Inlet

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-105**) to approve the request of Clyde River HTA to transfer fifteen (15) unused tags from Pond Inlet to Clyde River subject to Pond Inlet not hunting over their quota of 130 narwhal.

5. C Between Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-106**) to approve the request of Grise Fiord to transfer three (3) tags from the Resolute Bay HTA to the Grise Fiord HTA as these communities are not on the *Community Based Management* program and are hunting from the same population of narwhal.

6. Way Forward on SARA Listing of Peary Caribou

The Director of Wildlife Management reviewed the briefing note with the Members. On January 16th 2006 the Board approved three species for listing (Peary caribou, Grizzly Bear and D&U Caribou) and sent decision to the Minister at which time he decided to withdraw the listing procedures. On May 4th 2007 the Minister advised he was proceeding with the listing of the three species. It is suggested that as the Minister withdrew these species, he cannot re-list without a reassessment of these species by COSEWIC. It was noted that a conference call is scheduled to discuss this issue. It was further suggested that this delay gives the Board an opportunity to consult with the communities and to attempt to collect IQ.

7. DFO/NWMB Joint Press Releases: Narwhal/Beluga/Bowhead

The Director of Wildlife Management again reviewed the briefing note provide for the Members. Due to recent media interest in marine mammal harvesting, DFO is asking if the NWMB would be interested in drafting a joint response to the public on these issues. One benefit would be that a consistent message is provided to the public and media. Members noted that if such a process is attempted, it will have to be updated on a regular basis. It will have to be understood that the views of the two groups may vary and writers will have to be aware of this. The Board agreed that staff work together with DFO staff to develop a joint response paper.

8. In-Camera Session

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-107**) to move to a confidential in camera session.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-108**) to move out of confidential in camera session.

10. Adjournment.

Minutes Approved by:  _____
A/Chairperson Date  May 31/09

RESOLUTIONS: MEETING No. 53

Resolution 2007-101: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda for Regular Meeting No. 53 as presented, with the addition of other items: a) Greenland Narwhal and b) Char Wastage at Sylvia Grinnell River.

Moved by: Willie Nakoolak
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: October 18, 2007

Resolution 2007-102: RESOLVED that the NWMB to move to an in camera session.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: October 18, 2007

Resolution 2007-103: RESOLVED that the NWMB move out of in camera session.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: October 18, 2007

Resolution 2007-104: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the request of the Amarok HTA to transfer of three (3) narwhal tags from Iqaluit, an over-harvested stock (North Hudson Bay/Foxe Basin Population) to Qikiqtarjuak, an under-utilized stock (High Arctic/Baffin Bay Population) subject to conservation.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty
Opposed (1) Robert Moshenko
Abstained (1) Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Awa
Date: October 18, 2007

Resolution 2007-105: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the request of Clyde River HTA to transfer fifteen (15) unused tags from Pond Inlet to Clyde River subject to Pond Inlet not hunting over their quota of 130 narwhal.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: October 18, 2007

Resolution 2007-106: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the request of Grise Fiord to transfer three (3) tags from the Resolute Bay HTA to the Grise Fiord HTA as these communities are not on the *Community Based Management* program and are hunting from the same population of narwhal.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: October 18, 2007

Resolution 2007-107: RESOLVED that the NWMB move to a confidential in camera session

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: October 18, 2007

Resolution 2007-108: RESOLVED that the NWMB move out of confidential in camera session.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: October 18, 2007