

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Meeting No. 48

Iqaluit, December 14, 2006

Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson/CEO
Paul Pemik	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Joe Justus	Director of Wildlife Management
Erin Calder	Wildlife Biologist
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available:

Kevin McCormick	Member
DFO Nominee	Vacant

Other Participants at Various Times:

Nancy Anilniliak	Parks Canada, Iqaluit
Elisapee Karetak	Parks Canada, Iqaluit
Stephen Pinksen	DOE, Nunavut, Iqaluit

December 14, 2006

1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, staff and guests to the 48th meeting of the NWMB in Iqaluit.

2. Agenda for Regular Meeting No. 46

The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-142**) to accept the agenda for Meeting 48 with the addition of two issues:

- Uranium Mining
- Request for support for Nunavut Coastal Zone Inventory Project

3. Department of Environment (GN): Issues/Decisions

3.A Greenland/Nunavut Polar Bear Agreement

Steve Pinksen reviewed the briefing note with the members, noting that Greenland was very positive about developing an International Polar Bear Agreement. This is a Foreign Affairs/CWS initiative rather than a Nunavut Initiative. The Board noted that they would like to be involved in development of this agreement also; Steve agreed and noted that DOE will ensure that the NWMB role is well identified. One meeting was held in August 2006 and items such as process, type of agreement, agreement objectives and principles, scope, administration of agreement and current management were discussed. The date and location of the next meeting will be decided by Canada.

3.B Interjurisdictional Polar Bear Agreement

Steve Pinksen reviewed a briefing note regarding the Interjurisdictional Polar Bear Agreement. He explained that the Polar Bear Administrative Committee (PBAC), a sub-committee of the Canadian Wildlife Directors Committee, through discussions which began in 2005, identified a need for co-operative management of Polar Bear populations that are shared between jurisdictions. The draft Interjurisdictional Polar Bear Agreement was shared with all these jurisdictions and a response was requested by February 13, 2007. Steve noted that comments have been received from the NWMB and NTI; once responses are received the agreement will be revised and sent out again for review/comment. It was further noted that the NWMB supports this initiative fully.

4. NWMB Internal Items: Issues/Decisions

4.A 2007 Walrus Sport Hunt Allocations

The Wildlife Management Biologist reviewed the briefing note with the Members. It was noted that this was a late application from three outfitters, as the deadline for submissions was October 27th. E&E Outfitters c/o Luke Eetuk is requesting two (2) walrus sport hunts and Jake Netser is requesting five (5) walrus sport hunts and Igloodik Hunters and Trappers are requesting twenty-five (25) walrus sport hunts for the 2007 hunting season. This is a new application for the first two applicants and Igloodik HTA has conducted hunts for over 10 years. The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-143**) to approve the hunt requests as presented, noting that Coral Harbour has a quota of 60 walrus per year and the Coral HTA should approve the applications from Eetuk and Netser.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-144**) to move to an in-camera session.
The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-145**) to move out of in-camera session.

4.B Policy Decision on Christmas Leave

The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-146**) to approve a one-time only closure December 27 through 29 (3 days) of the NWMB office over the Christmas holiday week. Staff will receive this time off with pay and do not have to use annual leave credits.

5. Environment Canada: Issues/Decisions

Parks Canada Presentations

5.A Inuit Knowledge Project

Elisapee Karetak and Nancy Anilniliak presented an update on Parks Canada's Inuit Knowledge Project. There are currently three parks in Nunavut: Sirmilik, Ukkusiksalik and Auyuittuq; to properly manage these parks, it is felt that there is a need to join Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) with Scientific Knowledge. Four areas of research were chosen to begin the project: Foxes and Geese, Polar Bear Encounters, Polar Bear in the Pond Inlet Area and Inuit Use of Sea Ice. Climate change and future industrial development was also discussed with each community adjacent to the Parks. Interviews with elders, youth and parks staff along with a youth camp were all used to gather and disseminate information. Board members requested a copy of the final report on this work when completed.

6. Other Business

6.A. Uranium Meeting Baker Lake

The Chief Operating Officer advised the Board that the Nunavut Planning Commission is planning to hold a uranium mining meeting in Baker Lake at the end of February 2007. This meeting stems from direction in the Kivalliq Land Use Plan which calls on the four IPGs to hold consultations with the communities prior to any consideration regarding uranium mining. Staff are now looking to the Board for direction in this matter as mining and land use planning have not been high priority for the Board. This issue is high profile and staff would like direction on whether or not to attend this workshop. The Board decided that it would be best for the Chief Executive Officer and one Board member to attend this meeting and to report back to the Board.

6.B Nunavut Coastal Zone Inventory Project

The Chief Operating Officer advised the Board that the Department of Economic Development is applying for funding for a Coastal Zone Inventory Project and is requesting a support letter from the NWMB for the project. Economic Development is trying to find out what resources Nunavut has in its coastal areas so that the Department will know where to allocate resources in the future. There is a heavy IQ component to this project. It is felt that this is beneficial to the NWMB in that development of the inshore is a priority and this information will assist in the future

to decide on how to develop coastal resources. The Board decided to support this project and have staff draft a support letter.

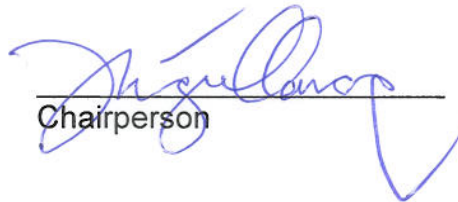
7. Date and Locations of Next Meetings

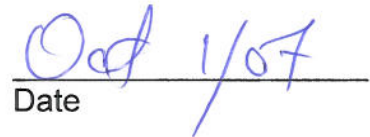
A long discussion followed on the workload facing the Board and staff, and how to schedule meetings to cover the topics. Major topics were the need to hold a public hearing on West Hudson Bay polar bear and where the hearing should be held; a requirement to make a decision on the next bowhead hunt and the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust decision making session scheduled for the first week of March 2007. It was decided to defer the West Hudson Bay polar bear hearing until sometime in early April to reduce the pressure on the Members and staff.

8. Adjournment

The Chairman thanked members, translators and NWMB staff for their work in preparation for and at the meeting. The 48th meeting of the NWMB was adjourned.

Minutes Approved by:


Chairperson


Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2006-142: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approved the agenda with the addition of two items under other business:

- Uranium Mining Meeting Baker Lake
- Nunavut Coastal Zone Inventory Project

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Pitseolak Alainga
Date: December 14, 2006

Resolution 2006-143: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the following walrus sport hunts:

1. E&E Outfitters c/o Luke Eetuk – Approved for the requested 2 hunts with the following conditions:
 - Assignment to be done in writing.
 - The number of landed and struck and lost animals to be reported to the NWMB at the time of application next year.
 - That the hunt be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted and the Coral Harbour HTA walrus hunting guidelines.
2. Jake Netser - Approved for the requested 5 hunts with the following conditions:
 - Assignment to be done in writing.
 - The number of landed and struck and lost animals to be reported to the NWMB at the time of application next year.
 - That the hunt be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted and the Coral Harbour HTA walrus hunting guidelines.
3. Igloolik HTA – Approved for the requested 25 hunts with the following conditions:
 - Total walrus harvest for Igloolik in 2007 not to exceed average harvest over the last 5 years.
 - Assignment to be done in writing.
 - The number of landed and struck and lost animals to be reported to the NWMB at the time of application next year.
 - That the hunt be conducted according to the hunt plan submitted and the Igloolik HTA walrus hunting guidelines.

Moved by: Paul Pemik
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: December 14, 2006

Resolution 2006-144: RESOLVED, that the NWMB move to an in-camera session.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga
Carried

Seconded by: Paul Pemik
Date: December 14, 2006

Resolution 2006-145: RESOLVED, that the NWMB move out of in-camera session.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: December 14, 2006

Resolution 2006-146: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve a one-time only closure December 27 through 29, 2006 (3 days) of the NWMB office over the Christmas holiday week. Staff will receive this time off with pay and do not have to use annual leave credits.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: December 14, 2006