

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes: Regular Meeting No.60

Pangnirtung, May 30 - June 4, 2009

Members and Staff Participating:

Harry Flaherty	A/Chairperson
Robert Moshenko	Member
Peter Awa	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Willie Nakoolak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Mikidjuk Akavak	Chief Executive Officer
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Tom Demcheson	Director of Finance and Admin
Joe Justus	Director of Wildlife Management
Charlotte Sharkey	Wildlife Management Biologist
Adam Schneidmiller	Wildlife Administrative Biologist
Jonah Kilabuk	Interpreter
Andrew Dialla	Interpreter
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Rita Jones	Legal Recorder

Not Available:

Chairperson	Vacant
Pitseolak Alainga	Member

Other Participants at Various Times:

Siu-Ling Han	CWS, Iqaluit
Heather Main	CWS, Ottawa
Stefan Romberg	DFO, Ottawa
Eric Kan	DFO, Iqaluit
Patt Hall	DFO, Winnipeg
Ross Tallman	DFO, Winnipeg
Carla Baker	DFO, Iqaluit
Chris Lewis	DFO, Iqaluit
Gabriel Nirlungayuk	NTI, Rankin Inlet
Paul Irngaut	NTI, Iqaluit
Jeff Maurice	NTI, Iqaluit
Jayko Aooloo	QWB
Attima Hadlari	KRWB
Michel Akkuardjuk	KWB

Peterosie Qappik
Mosesee Nowdlak
Jaypeetie Qappik
Jacopie Maniapik
Leopa Akpalialuk
Patrick Kilabuk
Tommy Qaqqasiq
Manasa Evik
Elijah Kakkik
Solomon Qiyutaq
Simeone Akpalialuk
Levi Evic

Chairperson, Pang HTA
Secretary-Treasurer, Pang HTA
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Saturday, May 30, 2009

1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

The A/Chairperson called the meeting to order, welcomed Board Members and staff, to the meeting, an internal in-camera session of Regular Meeting No.60 of the NWMB. Peter Awa was called on to open the meeting with a prayer.

Note: Meeting rescheduled for Saturday at the Navigator in Salon A and B for 9:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Iqaluit – Depart for Pangnirtung 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Remarks

The A/Chairperson reviewed the schedule for the week.

3. Agenda: Review and Approval

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-020**) to adopt the agenda as presented, noting that Saturday afternoon Executive Committee meeting may be re-schedule, as the members need to discuss two late submissions for the Kingnait Fiord Public Hearing.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No declarations.

5. Minutes of Meetings: Review and Approval

5. A Minutes of Internal In-camera Conference Call No.12, deferred due to no quorum.

5. B The Board adopted (**Resolution 2009-021**) the minutes of Regular Meeting No.59 with noted amendments.

5. C Minutes of Conference Call No. 117 were deferred for corrections to minutes.

5. D The Board adopted (**Resolution 2009-022**) the minutes of Conference Call No.19, as amended.

6. Financial and Administrative Business

The Director of Finance and Administration reviewed the Audited Financial Statement for fiscal year 2008/09 with the members. The Management Letter was reviewed along with the Statement of Operations. Several questions arose from this information, staff were directed to look into how best to utilize the points accrued on the Visa card. It was noted that appointment of auditors is done in February each year in preparation for the upcoming audits. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-023**) to approve the 2008/09 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

(**Resolution 2009-024**) Moved to adjourn Regular Meeting No.60 to move to a Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust (NWRT) meeting

(**Resolution 2009-025**) Moved to re-open Regular Meeting No.60.

7. Chairperson, Staff and Members' Reports

All staff reports were reviewed and staff responded to questions from the members.

1. Action items:

- CEO to take over from COO with regards to Nunavut Fisheries Regulations Committee (NFR)
- Legal Advisor to look into honoraria for members, meeting with DIAND
- Staff to defer any further action on Thelon Game Sanctuary at present time.

8. Assignments: Progress, Review and Discussion

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the Task List provided with the Members, highlighting the *Outstanding* and *High Priority* items on the list. Revision of this Task List format was discussed in the Executive Committee Meeting.

9. Meetings, Workshops and Other Pertinent Events

Item deferred

9. A Reports and Briefings: Past Events (Recent)

Item deferred

9. B Review and Participation: Upcoming Events

Item deferred

10. Executive Committee Meeting conducted Sunday, May 31, 2009 (1:30-4:00)

11.A Executive Committee Report and Recommendations

- The Executive Committee reviewed concerns with the *Narwhal Hunt Monitoring Program* for Arctic Bay funded through the Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust Fund (NWRT). The community is concerned with this project and has refused to participate. The Executive Committee is recommending that the DFO project lead should attempt to contact the Arctic Bay HTA asking if they would reconsider their decision, if the response is no, then the Board will not release to DFO, the funds for the program (\$50,000). The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-026**) to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee that DFO contact Arctic Bay HTA and ask if they will reconsider their decision to not support the *Narwhal Hunt Monitoring Program*, and if the response is no, then staff are directed to not release the NWRT funds for this project.
- The Executive Committee reviewed the NWRT project, *M'Clintock Channel Polar Bear Survey Project*. The applicant committed to funding from other sources in the amount of \$78,000 for this project. \$29,000 of these funds were not forthcoming and the proponent would like to reduce the size of the study and continue with the 30K from the NWRT. The Executive Committee recommended approving this amendment to the project. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-027**) to approve the amendment to the NWRT Project *M'Clintock Channel Polar Bear Survey* for the 2009 research season.
- The Executive Committee reviewed the NWRT project, *Killer Whale Study Project*. This was originally a multi-year project, to be funded at \$50,000 per year. An administrative error occurred when this project was reviewed and it was only approved for \$25,000. The Executive Committee is recommending correcting this error and finding the extra funding from other under-expenditures from the current year projects. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-028**) to approve the amendment to the NWRT project, *Killer Whale Study Project* by providing an additional \$25,000 from other under-expenditures in the NWRT funded projects for the 2009/10 fiscal year.
- The Director of Finance and Administration reported that the current NWMB bank account is down to a balance of \$30,000, the Royal Bank has approved a \$100,000 overdraft protection. The reason for this low balance was due to a dispute regarding changes to the Flexible Transfer Agreement with DIAND. The NWMB delayed signing the agreement, resulting in the Board's 2009/10 funding being held back.

- The Executive Committee recommended that the Director of Wildlife Management be approved to attend a IUCN Meeting in Denmark to discuss the current polar bear populations status.
- Board staff requested permission to dispose of extra copies of the Harvest Study Report and Bowhead Knowledge Study Report as these copies are not being requested. The Executive Committee recommended that serious effort should be made to distribute these publications.
- The Executive Committee reviewed the proposed Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for the fiscal year 2008/09. It was recommended that the NWMB consider approving a COLA increase of 2.2% for 2008/09. It was further recommended that the formula for this allowance be included in the new policy manuals so there is no question on how to calculate this allowance in the future. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-029**) to approve a Cost of Living Allowance increase for NWMB staff of 2.2% for the fiscal year 2008/09.
- The Executive Committee reviewed a further request from the Nunavut Inuit Wildlife Secretariat for funding assistance to hire a full-time finance officer. It was recommended that staff locate the original three funding documents and hold a conference call with the parties to discuss this issue.
- The Executive Committee reviewed a resolution from the Kivalliq Wildlife Board with regards to a recommendation that the NWMB consider IQ factors when hiring new staff. The Executive Committee directed staff to prepare a response to the Kivalliq Wildlife Board.
- The Executive Committee discussed the fact that four members of the NWMB will ending their terms in the next six months. It was recommended that staff draft letters to each of the organizations to remind them of the need to re-appoint new members.
- The Executive Committee reviewed the current Task List/ Priorities List, it was decided that the COO should take the lead in redesigning the Task List for the September meeting.
- The Director of Finance and Administration recently announced that he will be retiring in June 2010.

12. Strategic Planning Session

A short informal meeting of members (2) and staff was conducted Sunday evening from 7-9 p.m. to review issues with regards to strategic planning. It was decided that Kevin McCormick would make the changes suggested by staff and have the document translated for the next meeting for all Board members to discuss.

Monday, June 1, 2009

Note: Meeting start delayed due to set up of equipment in Community Hall (10:30)

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-030**) to move to an in-camera session.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-031**) to close the in-camera session.

Note: Return to Regular Meeting No. 60 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009

13. Fisheries and Ocean (DFO): Issues/Decisions

13.A Recommended TAH Levels for Beluga, Narwhal and Walrus

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) requested information with which to consider Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) levels for narwhal, beluga and walrus populations distributed within the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA). DFO has completed two documents that provide scientific analysis about sustainable harvest levels of beluga and narwhal and walrus populations in the NSA. Information reported as part of the trial Community Based Management program was used to develop Total Allowable Landed Catch (TALC) estimates for its beluga and narwhal analysis. It is not possible to generate harvest advice for walrus populations at this time; with the exception of West Jones Sound, there are no reliable data on which to estimate minimum population numbers. As public meetings are scheduled to consider levels of TAH for populations of beluga, narwhal and walrus in the NSA, DFO will prepare submissions that include an assessment of population-specific management issues to be considered in establishing sustainable harvest limits. The NWMB should encourage DFO to complete sharing arrangements with other jurisdictions (Nunavik, Greenland), before the NWMB considers further TAH levels for the NSA. DFO was questioned on what other agreements are being negotiated and how long it would take to provide the additional information. DFO advised that the only other negotiations were with the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement and that they could most likely provide the additional information required in two to three weeks.

13.B Selective Harvesting of Bowhead Whales

Bowhead whales in the Eastern Canadian Arctic and West Greenland are now considered a single population called the Eastern Canada – West Greenland (EC-WG) bowhead population. In Canada, the EC-WG bowhead population appears to be segregated within its range by age and sex; higher proportions of females and juveniles are observed in the Northern Hudson Bay-Foxe Basin area and also within Prince Regent Inlet. In the fall of 2008, DFO began to assess how different hunting scenarios (e.g. hunting juveniles in certain geographic areas) might affect the recovery of the EC-WG bowhead population. DFO's report suggests targeting juvenile bowhead whales; avoiding adult bowhead whales longer than 16.2 m (53.2 feet) in total length; avoiding bowhead whales accompanied by small calves. It was noted that this is information only for the NWMB to consider when dealing with the harvesting of bowhead whales.

13.C Aerial Survey Update – Narwhal and Beluga

The Northern Hudson Bay (NHB) narwhal population was surveyed by DFO in 2000, and was recently surveyed again in 2008. DFO will provide the NWMB with a revised population estimate for the NHB narwhal population as soon as the analysis is complete.

The Admiralty Inlet narwhal population was last surveyed by DFO prior to 2005, and the population estimate was lower than the population estimate from the 1980s. However, the more recent survey had been conducted under poor survey conditions. A new survey will be conducted in 2009.

DFO attempted to survey the Cumberland Sound beluga population in 2005 but poor weather delayed the start of the survey, and DFO views the 1999 survey results as more reliable. A new survey will be conducted in 2009.

Concern was raised that DFO's division of populations into, management areas, management units, stocks, sub stocks and summer stocks need to be better defined.

13.D Pond Inlet Ice Entrapment of Narwhal

The Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) in Pond Inlet reported an ice entrapment of narwhals in Eclipse Sound in mid-November 2008. Co-management partners agreed that a humane harvest was the best solution to the issue, and that activities should be managed as an interim decision under the NLCA ("urgent and unusual circumstances", S5.3.24). A humane harvest was conducted between 19 November and 2 December 2008. The entrapment was much larger than originally estimated: 629 narwhals were landed, 100 estimated as struck and lost. It is believed that the entrapment consisted of narwhals from the Eclipse Sound stock.

In the coming months, DFO will finalize a summary report of its activities for the NWMB to use during the Board's overall review of the entrapment, as required by NLCA 5.3.24. DFO scientists are developing advice for the NWMB concerning what effect the 2008 ice entrapment may have on the Eclipse Sound narwhal stock. A Science Advisory Report (SAR) will be finalized and forwarded to NWMB as it is available. It was further noted that a similar instance was recorded in 1924. The overall effect of this harvest will take some time to establish. It was noted that the Board still has to complete a 5.3.24 review of the interim decision of the Minister, but will need the DFO reports to complete this task. Members suggested that it would be good to hear from the HTA on what they thought about the entrapment and harvest and how much muktuk was shipped by the HTA. It was recommended that the Board write DFO requesting when it could expect its report, and write other co-management partners (the HTO, NTI and RWO) requesting their reports on the narwhal entrapment by an NWMB determined deadline.

13.E Padle Fiord Commercial Char Fishery

Padle Fiord Area (PG023) is listed on the Schedule V Commercial waterbodies in the Northwest Territories Fishery Regulations. The Padle Fiord Area was last fished

commercially in 1993/94; subsistence fishing has continued to present. The Padle Fiord waterbody consists of seven small lakes. It is uncertain whether the area contains one char stock, or whether each lake supports a discrete stock.

In February 2009, the Qikiqtarjuaq HTO indicated that there is community interest in re-opening the Padle Fiord Area to commercial fishing. Because these lakes could contain different stocks of char, DFO recommends re-opening the Padle Fiord Area to commercial fishing with an MOU in place between the DFO and the HTO stating that the entire Padle Fiord Area commercial quota of 3600 kg will not come from one individual lake in the area, but rather a combination of lakes. All commercial fishing statistics for the Padle Fiord Area will include the lake's name and amount harvested.

The NWMB legal advisor noted that the Board will have to establish a Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) for this system and that it might be good to consider a management plan prior to the implementation of a TAH.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-032**) that the NWMB:

- (a) Complete the Kingnait Fjord Char Public Hearing and decision-making process prior to considering the establishment of a Total Allowable Harvest and Basic Needs Level for any other char population; and
- (b) In the meantime, invite the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization to provide a proposed Padle Fiord (commercial) Char Fishery Management Plan for 2009 – with an NWMB assurance that the Board will promptly consider approval of the draft Management Plan, by conference call if necessary.

14. NWMB Items: Review/Decision

14. A Narwhal Community Based Management Review and Recommendations

A second trial for Narwhal CBM ran during 2003-2007, and has now expired, requiring that the CBM system be reviewed and a decision be made on the future of CBM. A Narwhal CBM Review Committee, including representatives from the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB), Regional Wildlife Organizations (RWOs), Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) visited each community on the Narwhal CBM system: Repulse Bay (March 2), Kugaaruk (March 3), Arctic Bay (March 4), Pond Inlet (March 7), and Qikiqtarjuaq (April 8).

The Review Committee focused its review and accompanying recommendations on the objectives of CBM, the original 1999 qualifications for communities to participate in CBM, and the recommendations provided after the 2003 review that were to be implemented in the most recent trial period.

There was considerable discussion on the pros and cons, back and fourth between members, NTI and DFO staff on this topic. The NWMB made its decisions regarding the Narwhal CBM system, and will forward these to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

15. Public Hearing Kingnait Fiord Arctic Char TAH and BNL

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. a Public Hearing on the Kingnait Fiord Arctic Char Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) and Basic Needs Level (BNL) was conducted.

16. Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)

16.A COSEWIC Report on Polar Bear (Other Presentation)

Item not presented.

16.B Polar Bear SARA Listing Consultation Report

The polar bear was assessed as 'Special Concern' by COSEWIC in April 2008. In December 2008, CWS briefed the NWMB on the proposed listing, and in January 2009 the consultation package was reviewed by NWMB staff. Environment Canada consulted by means of in-person visits to each Nunavut community, beginning in February 2009. At these consultations, Environment Canada provided information on the Species at Risk Act and how it works in Nunavut; COSEWIC's recommendation to list the polar bear as Special Concern; and the implications if the species is listed. Heather Main, who conducted the consultations, presented the results of the community consultations.

As of May 2009, consultations had been conducted in 24 Nunavut communities. One community (Baker Lake) declined an in-person consultation, but received a consultation package and responded with their position. One community (Bathurst Inlet) is still to be consulted.

Summaries of the discussion that occurred during the in-person consultations in each community are currently being written by Environment Canada and reviewed by HTOs. Consultation is also occurring in other provinces and territories, and Wildlife Management Boards are also being consulted. The results of these consultations should be available by the end of the summer.

The full results of the Nunavut community consultations will be presented to the NWMB in fall 2009, along with results from the other regions. Environment Canada will also make a formal request for the NWMB's decision on the listing of the Polar Bear as Special Concern.

16.C Short-eared Owl SARA Listing Update

CWS presented to the NWMB the results of the Nunavut community consultations on the listing of the short-eared owl as Special Concern under the federal Species at Risk Act.

There have been confirmed sightings of short-eared owl in Nunavut, but no population status or trend information exist. It is likely that this species breeds in the Kitikmeot and/or southern Kivalliq region.

The short-eared owl was assessed as 'Special Concern' by COSEWIC in April 2008. Throughout winter/spring 2009, Environment Canada contacted each Nunavut community that might be in the range of the short-eared owl. The communities were provided with a presentation on the Species at Risk Act and how it works in Nunavut; a presentation on COSEWIC's recommendation to list the short-eared owl as Special Concern; and a request to provide a position on the proposed listing. By way of this update, Environment Canada notified the Board of the results of the consultations (step 3.8 of the SARA/NLCA MOU). As of May, only Baker Lake (indifferent to the proposed listing) and Arivat (oppose the proposed listing) had replied.

A formal request for decision on the listing, and an indication of what the Minister is considering with respect to listing, will be transmitted to the Board in future.

17. Other Presentations

17.A Arctic Char Report – Ross Tallman

Ross Tallman, presented a Powerpoint presentation on his work with char in the Cumberland Sound area and South Baffin (Kimmirut). This project has been funded through the Nunavut Wildlife Research Fund for the past seven years. Ross noted that he has had staffing problems over the past few years but this has now been rectified. He has had difficulties in getting consistent harvest (CPU Data) from the various lakes in the Cumberland Sound survey area. Only one lake has a status report produced, it is hoped that with new staff outstanding information can be completed. It was also noted that due to DFO processes some information can not be distributed to the NWMB until approved by higher DFO officials. The Board directed staff to contact appropriate DFO officials to ensure that results of research are provided as completed and on a timely basis.

18. NWMB Items: Issues and Decisions

18.B Beluga CBM Review and Recommendations

Two related issues were brought before the Board. The first was that the the Amarok HTO has expressed that they will not participate in a meeting with the CBM Review Committee unless honoraria are paid for all Board members. Honoraria were not paid to any of the HTO Board members whom the Review Committee met with during the review of Narwhal CBM, nor were honoraria offered to the HTO Board in Kimmirut. The Review Committee is also of the view that, since HTOs are full partners in the CBM system, the Review Committee should not be required to pay honoraria to HTO Board Members in order to achieve a meeting with them. However, the Review Committee is concerned that if it does not meet with the Amarok HTO, its review will include the views of only 1 of the 2 communities that are on the CBM system for beluga, and this will make the review incomplete. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-033**) to write to the Amarok Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), explaining that:

- (a) The NWMB is not prepared to provide an honorarium to the Amarok HTO to attend a stand-alone meeting to review the Beluga CBM system; and

- (b) Instead, the NWMB offers for the CBM Working Group to make a Beluga CBM review presentation, to answer CBM questions, and to receive comments etc., at the Amarok HTO's next scheduled board meeting.

The second issue was that the NWMB committed to completing a review of the second trial of beluga CBM (2005-2007), however HTO and community consultation meetings have been postponed and so the review has not been completed. The 2009 harvesting season will be commencing shortly, and the Board will need to decide what to do with beluga management in Iqaluit and Kimmirut during the 2009 harvesting season, until the CBM Working Group completes a review and recommendations. Beluga CBM has continued in Iqaluit and Kimmirut without any harvest limits. Belugas taken by hunters from Iqaluit and Kimmirut are assumed to be from a relatively abundant Western Hudson Bay population. Therefore, there is no known conservation concern with the Iqaluit and Kimmirut beluga hunts, and no immediate concern with the hunts continuing without any harvest limits. The NWMB made its decisions regarding the Beluga management system during the 2009 harvesting season, and will forward these to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

18.C NWMB Response to NTI Foxe Basin Polar Bear Research

At the NWMB's Regular Meeting No. 57 held in Rankin Inlet in September 2008, NTI presented a number of concerns about polar bear research that is being conducted in Foxe Basin. NTI presented a list of 19 changes to the project in the 2008 Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust (NWRT) interim project progress report from the 2007 NWRT proposal. NTI recommended that the NWMB withdraw its approval of the project and suspend financial support until further consultation is conducted. NWMB wildlife staff reviewed the changes and responded to each of NTI's concerns. Staff did not agree that the changes were cause for concern. Staff's analysis is that the NWMB should not withdraw its approval of the project, nor suspend financial support, based on the changes to the project from 2007 to 2008. (Note that the NWMB at its Research Trust meeting in March 2009 did decline to provide the 3rd year of funding (2009-10) to this project, but this was due to reasons unrelated to changes to the project from 2007 to 2008.)

18.D Narwhal Tags for Arviat and Baker Lake

At the NWMB's Regular Meeting No. 56, held in Iqaluit during May 2008, the Kivalliq Wildlife Board (KWB) on behalf of the communities of Arviat and Baker Lake, sought a one-time allocation of one narwhal tag to each of those two communities. Since the NWMB has not yet set levels of TAH for Nunavut's narwhals stocks, communities are still on a community quota system, so that tags are allocated to communities rather than to the region. It is imperative that the NWMB establish levels of TAH for Nunavut's narwhal populations so that the BNL allocation among communities can be given over to the RWOs, as stipulated in the NLCA. The Board decided (**Resolution 2009-034**) have staff write a letter to the Kivalliq Wildlife Board asking that one narwhal tag be provided for both Baker Lake and Arviat.

19. Parks Canada (PC) Items: Issues/Decisions

19.A Review of Management Plan for Auyuittuq National Park

Auyuittuq National Park of Canada is located on Baffin Island's Cumberland Peninsula, next to the communities of Pangnirtung and Qikiqtarjuaq in Nunavut. The park is cooperatively managed by Inuit and Parks Canada in accordance with the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA) and the *Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement of Auyuittuq, Quttinirpaaq and Sirmilik National Parks* (IIBA). Parks Canada and the Auyuittuq Joint Park Management Committee are currently consulting stakeholders, partners and the public on a Draft Management Plan for Auyuittuq National Park. The current Draft Management Plan was presented to the Board to discuss questions or comments that the Board may have about it.

20. NWMB Decision Making Session Re: Special Meeting 12 (Wildlife Regulations And Orders) In-camera

21. NWMB Decision Making Session Re: Community Based Management for Narwhal (In-camera)

22. Date and Location of Next Meeting

It was decided (**Resolution 2009-035**) that the next quarterly meeting (Regular Meeting No.61) would be conducted in Kugluktuk the week of September 11-18, 2009.

23. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Minutes Approved by:


A/Chairperson


Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2009-020: RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Awa
Date: May 30, 2009

Resolution 2009-021: RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt minutes of Regular Meeting No. 59, March 21-27, 2009 with noted amendments.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: May 30, 2009

Resolution 2009-022: RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes of Internal In-camera No. 19, conducted May 1, 2009 as amended.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: May 30, 2009

Resolution 2009-023: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the 2008/09 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: May 30, 2009

Resolution 2009-024: RESOLVED that the NWMB adjourn Regular Meeting No.60 to move to Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust meeting.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: May 30, 2009

Resolution 2009-025: RESOLVED that the NWMB re-open Regular Meeting No.60.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: May 30, 2009

Resolution 2009-026: RESOLVED that the NWMB accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to contact Arctic Bay HTA and ask if they will reconsider their decision to not support the Narwhal Hunt Monitoring Program, and if the response is no, then staff are directed to request a return of the NWRT funds for this project from DFO.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak
Date: June 1, 2009

Resolution 2009-027: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the amendment to the NWRT Project *M'Clintock Channel Polar Bear Survey* for the 2009 research season, by reducing the size of the project and the requirement of accessing \$29,000 in other funding.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: June, 2009

Resolution 2009-028: RESOLVED that the NWMB amend the NWRT project, *Killer Whale Study Project* by providing an additional \$25,000 from other under- expenditures in the NWRT funded projects for the 2009/10 fiscal year.

Moved by: Willie Nakoolak
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: June 1, 2009

Resolution 2009-029: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a Cost of Living Allowance increase for NWMB staff in the amount of 2.2% for the fiscal year 2008/09.

Moved by: Willie Nakoolak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: June 1, 2009

Resolution 2009-030: RESOLVED that the NWMB move to an in-camera session.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak
Date: June 1, 2009

Resolution 2009-031: RESOLVED that the NWMB move out of in-camera session.

Moved by: Peter Awa
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak
Date: June 1, 2009

Resolution 2009-032: RESOLVED that the NWMB:

- (a) Complete the Kingnait Fjord Char Public Hearing and decision-making process prior to considering the establishment of a Total Allowable Harvest and Basic Needs Level for any other char population; and
- (b) In the meantime, invite the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Organization to provide a proposed Padle Fiord (commercial) Char Fishery Management Plan for 2009 – with an NWMB assurance that the Board will promptly consider approval of the draft Management Plan, by conference call if necessary.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by:
Date: June 1, 2009

Resolution 2009-033: RESOLVED that the NWMB write to the Amarok Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), explaining that:

- (a) The NWMB is not prepared to provide an honorarium to the Amarok HTO to attend a stand-alone meeting to review the Beluga CBM system; and
- (b) Instead, the NWMB offers for the CBM Working Group to make a Beluga CBM review presentation, to answer CBM questions, and to receive comments etc., at the Amarok HTO's next scheduled board meeting.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: June 2, 2009

Resolution 2009-034: RESOLVED that the NWMB have staff write a letter to the Kivalliq Wildlife Board asking that one narwhal tag be provided for both Baker Lake and Arviat.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: June 2, 2009

Resolution 2009-035: RESOLVED that the next quarterly meeting of the NWMB (Regular Meeting No.61) would be conducted in Kugluktuk or Cambridge Bay the week of September 11- 18, 2009.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok
Carried

Seconded by: Kevin McCormick
Date: June 4, 2009