**NWMB Records referring to Southampton Island Caribou, 1993-2009\***

\*All entries in NWMB Minutes of Meetings and Conference Calls between July 9, 1993 and December 31, 2009 that refer to Southampton Island caribou are reproduced in this document.

Following each entry, any related document contained in the NWMB’s meetings binders is identified. A copy of each related document will be posted on the NWMB’s website in the subfolder, “Public Hearing concerning the Government of Nunavut’s Proposal to Lower the Total Allowable Harvest of Southampton Island Caribou from 1000 to 800 and to consider Non-Quota Limitations – NWMB Relevant Documents”

**1. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: MEETING No. 4\* 9 - 11 AUGUST 1994 LAKE HARBOUR, NT**

Members, Staff, and Contract Personnel Participating: Ben Kovic Chairperson Andy Theriault Member Joannie Ikkidluak Member David Igutsaq Member David Aglukark Member Kevin McCormick Member Gordon Koshinsky Member Michael d’Eca NWMB Legal Adviser Christine Tanner Interim Administrator (Tanmar Services) Nick Arnatsiaq Interpreter

Not Available: Malachi Arreak Member (with cause)

Other Participants: Marius Tungilik DRR Jim Noble DRR Bert Dean DRR Bobby Suluk DRR Gary Weber DFO Brian Wong DFO Pierre Richard DFO

Guests and Observers: Mikidjuk Kolola Mayor of Lake Harbour Keynoujuak Pudlat MLA: Lake Harbour/Cape Dorset Several members of the public at large

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7. New Business

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7.2 Southampton Island Caribou Management

Marius Tungilik noted that this caribou population is increasing so fast that there are concerns that it may crash. There have been negotiations with the NWT Development Corporation to come up with a viable commercial harvest plan for the herd. Some commercial harvesting has taken place with the meat processed at the Rankin Inlet fish and meat plant. Consideration is being given to introduce wolves to the Island, since presently the caribou have no natural predators there.

Gordon Koshinsky applauded the concept of managing this herd for maximum sustained harvest by Inuit on an ongoing basis, but suggested that the continued exclusion of wolves might be most appropriate for this objective.

**Related documents: none**

**2. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING No.5 16 - 18 NOVEMBER 1994 DISCOVERY LODGE - IQALUIT, NWT**

Members and Staff: Ben Kovic Chairperson Andy Theriault Member Joannie Ikkidluak Member Kevin McCormick Member David Igutsaq Member Gordon Koshinsky Member Marius Tungilik Member Malachi Arreak Member Jim Noble Executive Director Isabel Lindaoan Administration Officer Mary Nashook Interpreter Nick Arnatsiaq Interpreter

Not Available: David Aglukark Member(Weather out in Arviat)

Guests: Honorable Silas Arngna’Naaq, Minister of Renewable Resources Joseph Handley Deputy Minister, Renewable Res. Christine Tanner Executive Assistant John Stevenson Supt. Ren.Res. Baffin Region Derek Melton Director, Wildlife Mgmt. Ren.Res. Tim Surette Manager, Eastern Arctic Region, DFO Daniel Pike Biologist, DFO, Iqaluit Gary Weber Field Supervisor, DFO, Iqaluit Lucassie Arragutainak TEKMS Study - Sanikiluaq Members of the Public at large Mayor of Cambridge Bay

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7. New Business:

7.1.2 Derek Melton, Director of Wildlife Management for Renewable Resources, provided wildlife information items to the Board.

\* A Southampton Caribou management update was provided. A commercial harvest quota of 4000 animals has been approved; there is potential for economic development. Board members had several comments and concerns regarding this herd. The opportunity to study sustainable harvest in the absence of predators was noted. The Board also noted that it felt left out of developments with regards to management of this population of animals.

**Related documents: none**

**3. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING NO. 10 20 - 22 FEBRUARY 1996 IKALUKTUTIAK, NT**

Members and Staff Ben Kovic Chairperson David Igutsaq Member Gordon Koshinsky Member Joannie Ikkidluak Member David Aglukark Member Kevin McCormick Member Meeka Mike Member Marius Tungilik Member Jim Noble Executive Director Dan Pike Director, Wildlife Management Pierre Chartrand Director, Finance and Administration Michael d’Eça NWMB Legal Advisor Mary Nashook Interpreter Tommy Angotitauruq Interpreter

Absent Malachi Arreak Member (with cause)

Guests and other participants Wilfred Wilcox Mayor, Ikaluktutiak James Eetoolook Second Vice President NTI Laurie Pelly NTI, Ikaluktutiak Gordon Spence A/Wildlife Manager, NTI George Angohiatok Chairperson, KHTA Brenda Jancke JP, Ikaluktutiak Robert Moshenko DFO Winnipeg Gary Weber DFO Iqaluit Kevin Lloyd DRR Yellowknife Ron Graf DRR Yellowknife John Stevenson DRR Coppermine Glenn Williams DRR Iqaluit Bruce Ashley DRR Iqaluit Eric Finlayson Kennecott Canada Inc.

9. New Business

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9.3 Department of Renewable Resources

9.3.F Southampton Island Caribou

Ron noted that there will be a commercial harvest during the spring of 1996.

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**Resolution 96-080**

Moved that the NWMB support the recommendation of the Keewatin Wildlife Federation to support the Coral Harbour HTA’s request for regulation changes regarding Southampton caribou as follows;

1. The request for an additional 50 sport hunting tags for the herd.

2. The request for an additional 500 commercial tags for 1995/96 and 1996/97 only, and that the sustainability of the quota should be reevaluated in 1996 before any extension of the increase is approved.

Moved By: Gordon Koshinsky Seconded By: David Aglukark Carried Date: 21 Feb. 96

**Related document**: **1996-01-30-DRR report and request for decision -status-Commercial-harvest-SHI caribou**

**4. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 26 WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1996**

Participants: Ben Kovic Chairperson David Igutsaq Member David Aglukark Member Gordon Koshinsky Member Kevin McCormick Member Meeka Mike Member Joannie Ikkidluak Member Jim Noble Executive Director Dan Pike Director of Wildlife Management Pierre Chartrand Director of Finance and Administration Evie Amagoalik Interpreter

Not Available: Malachi Arreak Member (with cause) GNWT Appointee Member (vacant)

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4. Funding Proposals:NWMB-Funded Research

4.A Ground-Based Caribou Survey: Aiviit (Coral Harbour) HTA

Dan Pike reviewed his “Submission to the NWMB” on a request for funding from the Aiviit HTA (Coral Harbour) for a snowmobile (ground) survey of the caribou population on Southampton Island. Some hunters do not accept the caribou population estimate provided by the DRWED based on a July 1995 aerial survey and are suggesting that a ground survey would provide a more accurate estimate. After considerable deliberation, the Board approved funding in the amount of $10,000 for this project, with the following conditions: (Resolution 97-127)

 · That the Aiviit HTA must seek expert advice in designing the survey such that it will result in a valid estimate of population size; and,

· That the Aiviit HTA must invite DRWED personnel to participate in the survey as observers at their own expense; and,

 · That the NWMB suggest to DRWED that consultations with the Aiviit HTA should commence immediately to agree on the design, planning and conduct of a spring survey of the Southampton caribou population.

**Resolution 97- 127**

Resolved that the NWMB approve the request by Aiviit HTA of Coral Harbour for funding in the amount of $10,000 for a snowmobile (ground) survey of the caribou population on Southampton Island, subject to the following conditions:

 · That the Aiviit HTA seek expert advice in designing the survey such that it will result in a valid estimate of population size; and

· That the Aiviit HTA invite DRWED personnel to participate in the survey as observers at their own expense; and

Further resolved that the NWMB suggest to DRWED that consultations with the Aiviit HTA should commence immediately to agree on the design, planning and conduct of a spring survey of the Southampton caribou population.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick Seconded by: David Igutsaq Carried Date: 04 December 1996

**Related document: 1996-12-03-NWMB/HTO funding proposal-Groundsurvey-SHI caribou**

**5. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 32 THURSDAY, 29 MAY 1997**

Participants: Ben Kovic Chairperson David Aglukark Member Joannie Ikkidluak Member Gordon Koshinsky Member Kevin McCormick Member Malachi Arreak Member Jim Noble Executive Director Dan Pike Director of Wildlife Management Evie Amagoalik Interpreter

Not Available: David Igutsaq Member (with cause) Meeka Mike Member (with cause) Harry Flaherty Member (with cause)

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3. NWMB-Funded Research Proposals

3.C Southampton Island Caribou Winter Range Study: Aiviit HTA

Dan suggested that the project warranted the Board’s support. David Aglukark asked if this was a duplication of a project that had already been approved by the NWMB. Dan replied that this project was separate. Gordon Koshinsky noted that there was no provision in the proposal to study forage, and that this would surely need to be integral to any meaningful study of caribou range. The Board approved the project with the condition that a forage study component be added. (Resolution 98- 006)

**Resolution 98- 006** Resolved that the NWMB approve the Aiviit HTA’s request for research funding assistance in the amount of $12,000 for the project Southampton Island Caribou Winter Range Study with the condition that a baseline forage study component be added.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak Carried Date: 29 May 1997

**Resolution 98- 009** Resolved that the NWMB formally advise the Aiviit HTA that the NWMB is giving favourable consideration to payment of a portion of their 1996 land-based caribou survey costs, pending confirmation by the HTA to the NWMB:

· That the HTA is satisfied that the two survey methodologies (aerial and land-based) produced approximately equal results.

 · That these result (both sets) convinced the HTA that there were sufficient caribou to enable the 1997 commercial harvest to proceed.

 · That the HTA is prepared to work with DRWED in the design, execution, and interpretation of future caribou population surveys, and in the development of a Southampton caribou management plan.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky Seconded by: Kevin McCormick Carried Date: 29 May 1997

 **Related document: 1997-05-05-HTO funding proposal-SHI Caribou- Winter Range Study**

**6. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: MEETING No. 15 9-15 AUGUST 1997 IQALUIT, NT**

Members and Staff Participating: Ben Kovic Chairperson Malachi Arreak Member David Igutsaq Member Gordon Koshinsky Member Kevin McCormick Member Meeka Mike Member Harry Flaherty Member David Aglukark Member Johnny Peters Makivik, Alternate Member Jim Noble Executive Director Dan Pike Director, Wildlife Management Rebecca Mike Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Keith Hay Biologist, Bowhead Knowledge Study Pierre Chartrand Director, Finance and Administration Johnny McPherson Harvest Study Coordinator Michael d’Eça NWMB Legal Advisor Mary Nashook Interpreter Blandina Tulugardjuk Interpreter

Not Available: Joannie Ikkidluak Member (with cause)

Guests and Other Participants (at various times): Gary Weber DFO, Iqaluit Robert Moshenko DFO, Winnipeg Brian Wong DFO, Ottawa Gilles Chantigny DFO, Laurentian Region Stephen Atkinson RW&ED, Iqaluit David Mablick NTI, Manager Wildlife/Environment Stas Olpinski Makivik, Head, Renewable Resource Devt Timut Qamukaq QWB, Vice-Chairperson Joanasie Akumalik QWB, Executive Director Marc Allard Seaku Fisheries, General Manager Lorraine Brooke Makivik Advisor Mark Papigatuk HFTA Nunavik Yves Bosse Parks Canada, Pangnirtung Tim Fleming Icy Waters Inc., President Paul Motz Icy Waters Inc., Chairman Several other presenters and members of the public at large

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8. New Business

8.C.5 Projects Funded by the NWMB Research Trust Fund: Progress

8.C.5.3 Caribou Population Ecology, Southampton Island

An aerial survey in June estimated about 29,000 animals, excluding calves. The population is apparently still increasing.

**Related document: 1997-07-18-RWED report-Caribou-Population-Ecology-SHI**

**7. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: MEETING NO. 16 15-20 NOVEMBER 1997 CORAL HARBOUR, NT**

Members and Staff Participating: Ben Kovic Chairperson Pauloosie Keyootak Member David Tagoona Member Gordon Koshinsky Member Makabe Nartok Member Harry Flaherty Member Joan Scottie Member Jim Noble Executive Director Dan Pike Director, Wildlife Management Pierre Chartrand Director, Finance and Administration Michael d’Eça NWMB Legal Advisor Mary Nashook Interpreter Atchianak Akeeshoo Interpreter

Not Available: Kevin McCormick Member (with cause) Meeka Mike Member (with cause)

Guests and Other Participants (at various times): Raymond Ningeocheak Second Vice-President, NTI Grant Gilchrist DOE, Yellowknife Gary Weber DFO, Iqaluit Robert Moshenko DFO, Winnipeg Patti Kuntz DFO, Ottawa Stephen Atkinson RW&ED, Iqaluit Joe Tigullaraq RW&ED, Iqaluit Michael Ferguson RW&ED, Pond Inlet Janet Akat Regional Liaison Officer, Keewatin Sam Emiktowt Resident, Coral Harbour Johnny Ningeongan His Worship, Mayor of Coral Harbour Several other presenters and members of the public at large

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Official Welcome by Community His Worship, Johnny Ningeongan, on behalf of the Hamlet Council and the residents of Coral Harbour, welcomed the NWMB Members to the community. Johnny stated that the community was proud to be hosting the NWMB meeting. He made reference to the re-establishment of caribou on Southampton Island and the dramatic increase in the caribou population. A commercial hunt was established and has contributed substantially to the local economy. Johnny noted that the increasing number of caribou is not without concern and that the commercial hunt has to be maintained to keep the numbers under control. …

8. New Business

8.C Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development

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8.C.3 Southampton Island Caribou: Management Options

Stephen Atkinson advised that the available data indicate that the herd is continuing to grow at a rate of about 27% per year. This rate of increase cannot be sustained indefinitely. Initiation of summer and winter range/forage studies has become a matter of high priority. The return of wolves to the Island, initially observed in 1994, was at first actively opposed by the community but has been encouraged by the Department.

It is planned to initiate studies this winter on snow characteristics in relation to caribou densities. This will also provide background for subsequent long-term studies to assess the potential of the plant community to support caribou. The herd will be classified according to gender and age categories, and animals will be necropsied during the commercial harvest. Efforts will be made to develop a 5- year management plan, and to secure funds for a 5-year survey rotation.

It is proposed that the commercial caribou quota be increased, from 4,000 to 6,000 animals for 1998. Tunnuq Harvest Ltd., the business arm of the Coral Harbour HTA, is setting up two abattoir sites to accommodate a larger quota. Leonard Netser, the Chairperson of Tunnuq Harvest Ltd., expressed great concern that the Southampton caribou will overwhelm their habitat. The existing and proposed infrastructure is not adequate to support the volume of harvest that is required to safe-guard the herd. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that the effectiveness of the harvest might be increased by focussing it on females.

Sam Emiktowt stated that a 20-mile radius is about the maximum that can be serviced by any particular abattoir site. Establishing two sites in 1998 should be a major improvement. The operation lost money last year because logistics made it impossible to take the full quota.

Gordon Koshinsky asked for a definition of the term “lost money” in this instance. How are the costs apportioned and how are the proceeds shared? Will harvesting more animals decrease or increase the “loss”? Those present could not explain the operation in these terms. It was noted that the meat is marketed in southern Canada and beyond. The operation is federally-inspected. Ben Kovic suggested that opportunities be explored for inter-settlement trade, particularly with communities that face caribou shortages.

Harry Flaherty suggested that the re-colonization by wolves should be actively opposed. Stephen Atkinson suggested that the experience regarding predation by wolves on caribou derived from such places as Banks Island may not apply to Southampton. The large muskox population on Banks Island provides a food reservoir for wolves so that wolf populations never crash and are always available to predate caribou. Gordon Koshinsky predicted that allowing wolves to recolonize Southampton would eventually terminate, or at least minimize and very much complicate, what could be a very important experiment to determine the limits of caribou productivity in the absence of natural predation. This was an experiment that had the potential for a great deal of local participation and satisfaction and that, if properly managed, could probably be quite lucrative as well.

The Board approved a commercial quota of 6,000 caribou for Southampton Island for 1998. The Board also encouraged the Department to maintain and enhance its management efforts regarding this population, but to give further consideration to the pros and cons of controlling the re-colonization by wolves. (Resolution 98- 062)

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**Resolution 98- 062**

Resolved that the NWMB approve the request of the Coral Harbour HTO to increase the commercial caribou quota for Southampton Island by 2,000 animals to a total of 6,000 animals for 1998; and further

That the Coral Harbour HTO and the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development be encouraged to maintain and enhance their efforts to monitor the characteristics of this caribou population and to monitor and understand the range and other environmental conditions pertaining to its well-being for input to management planning; and also

That the pros and cons of controlling the re-establishment of wolves to Southampton Island be further evaluated with the aim of maximizing the prospects for long-term caribou productivity.

Moved by: Harry Flaherty Seconded by: Pauloosie Keyootak Carried Date: 17 November 1997

**Related document: 1997-10-26-RWED request for decision-SHI Caribou-Management Plan**

**8. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: MEETING No. 32 RANKIN INLET, 4- 6 JUNE 2002**

Members and Staff Participating Ben Kovic Chairperson Kevin McCormick Member Moses Koonoo Member Nick Amautinuar Member Harry Flaherty Member David Alagalak Member Meeka Mike Member Robert Moshenko Member Johnny Peters Alternate Member (Makivik) Pauloosie Novalinga Alternate Member (Makivik) Jim Noble Executive Director Michelle Wheatley Director of Wildlife Management Gordon Tomlinson Director of Finance and Administration Heather Priest Harvest Study Coordinator Michael d’Eça NWMB Legal Counsel Evie Amagoalik Interpreter Mary Nashook Interpreter

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Other Participants at Various Times Paul Kaludjak Secretary/Treasurer NTI Stas Olpinski Makivik Karen Ditz DFO Fisheries Mgmt Biologist, Iqaluit Keith Pelly DFO Officer, Rankin Inlet Bert Dean NTI Director of Wildlife, Rankin Inlet Glen Williams NTI Wildlife Advisor, Iqaluit Stephen Atkinson DSD, Director of Wildlife, Iqaluit Dan Shewchuk DSD, Wildlife Manager, Kivalliq Carole Carrier Quebec Aquarium Robert Patenaude Quebec Aquarium Peter Katorka Chairperson, SRT Nicole Sikma Secretary, SRT

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9. Nunavut Wildlife (DSD) Issues and Decisions

9.A Makivik Request for Caribou Transplant - Tuutjat

Johnny Peters advised that Makivik have been asked by the community of Salluit about the possibility of a transplant of caribou onto Nottingham Island. Johnny advised that the purpose of this transplant would be to have an additional source of caribou in the event that the mainland caribou disappeared. Nunavik would like to work with Nunavut on this proposal as it would be a good resource for both parties. Stephen Atkinson passed around a 1968 report on the introduction of caribou on Southampton Island from Coats Island. Stephen noted that a number of technical questions will have to be considered such as the capability of the vegetation to support the caribou, the size of the island and the number of animals that might be required for this transplant. Stephen noted that a cost estimate and feasibility study 10 will need to be conducted. This could be very expensive and the government would have to review the priority of such a project. Stephen committed to bring back a proposal to the Board outlining the stages of doing a transplant and the cost for each stage. The Board approved (Resolution 2002-050) the request of Makivik Corporation to begin exploring the possibilities of introducing caribou to Tuutjat (Nottingham Island) and that all the parties participate in this study.

**Related documents: None**

**9. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: MEETING No. 34 IQALUIT, 10-12 DECEMBER 2002**

Members and Staff Participating Ben Kovic Chairperson Moses Koonoo Member Nick Amautinuar Member Harry Flaherty Member Robert Moshenko Member David Alagalak Member Jim Noble Executive Director Michelle Wheatley Director of Wildlife Management Michael d’Eça NWMB Legal Counsel Mary Nashook Interpreter Evie Amagoalik

Not Available Kevin McCormick Member Okalik Eegeesiak Member Meeka Mike Member

Other Participants at Various Times Karen Ditz DFO Fisheries Mgmt Biologist, Iqaluit Winston Fillatre DFO, C&P Area Chief, Iqaluit Martine Giangioppi DFO, Fisheries Mgmt Technician, Iqaluit Ingrid Anand DFO, Land Claims Liaison Officer Leesee Papatsie DFO, Fisheries Mgmt Technician, Iqaluit Jeff Maurice DFO, Nunavut Oceans Program Officer Glenn Williams NTI Wildlife Advisor, Iqaluit Stephan Kilabuk NTI, Iqaluit Stephen Atkinson DSD, Director of Wildlife Stephen Pinksen DSD, Senior Advisor, Legislation Guy L’Heureux DSD, Iqaluit Mark Mallroy DOE, CWS, Iqaluit

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9. Nunavut Wildlife (DSD) Issues and Decisions

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9.C Arviq HTA’s Request for White Island Caribou Quota

Stephen Atkinson noted that caribou were extirpated on Southampton Island and reintroduced in 1967. White Island has always been considered part of the Southampton Island system. Numbers have increased rapidly and the Department is trying to use harvesting as a management tool. Repulse Bay now wants to sport hunt for caribou on White Island itself but there is some opposition from Coral Harbour. The government recommends that the 80 sport tags should come from the 6000 commercial quota. There was some discussion regarding the dispute between the two communities. The Board decided (Resolution 2002-105) to approve a quota of 80 caribou for sport hunting on White Island for the use of Repulse Bay HTA. This is a provisional decision until the Wildlife Act is established.

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**Resolution 2002-105**:

Resolved that the NWMB approve a quota of 80 caribou for sport hunting for Southampton Island/White Island for use by the Repulse Bay HTA

Moved by Moses Koonoo Seconded by David Alagalak Carried Date: 11 December 2002

**Related document: 2002-11-10-DSD request for decision-White Island-Caribou-Sport hunt-Quota**

**10. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: MEETING NO. 37 IQALUIT 23 – 25 MARCH 2004**

Members and Staff Participating Ben Kovic Robert Moshenko Kevin McCormick Nick Amautinuar Harry Flaherty Joannie Ikkidluak Paul Pemik Jim Noble Michelle Wheatley Josée Galipeau Michael d’Eςa Tom Demcheson Annie Aningmiuq Evie Amagoalik Mary Nashook Chairperson Member Member Member Member Member Member Executive Director Director of Wildlife Management Wildlife Management Assistant NWMB Legal Counsel RLO Baffin Secretary Interpreter Interpreter

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Other Participants Gabriel Nirlungayuk Bert Dean Glen Williams Paul Irngaut Agnes Egotak Karen Ditz Stephanie Critch Derrick Moggy Tania Gordanier Director of Wildlife, NTI Associate Director of Wildlife, NTI Advisor, NTI Wildlife Communications, NTI Executive Director, KHTA Fisheries Management Biologist, DFO Habitat Biologist, DFO Habitat Biologist, DFO Habitat Biologist, DFO; Mitch Taylor Jackie Bourgeois Stephen Pinksen Chris Nichols Polar Bear Biologist, Nunavut Environment Polar Bear Technician, DOE Nunavut Manager, Leg. and Reg, DOE Nunavut Land Claims Liaison, DOE Nunavut

12. Applications for Funding: Reviews / Decisions

12. A. NWRT Funding

… The Board reviewed 25 new proposals and approved (Resolution 2004-019) $851,300 in funding

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•5110-04-6 - Monitoring condition, feeding habits and demographic parameters of Island Bound Barren-Ground Caribou (Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus) Southampton Island, Nunavut, Nunavut Environment, $25,000;ncluding returned funding) for the following continuing and new projects

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**Resolution 2004-019**:

RESOLVED that the NWMB approve funding for fiscal year 2004/05 in the amount of $851,300 (including returned funding) for the following continuing and new projects, with administrative conditions to be met by June 30, 2004:

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• 5110-04-6 - Monitoring condition, feeding habits and demographic parameters of Island Bound Barren-Ground Caribou (Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus) Southampton Island, Nunavut, Nunavut Environment, $25,000;

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Moved by Harry Flaherty Seconded by Robert Moshenko Carried Date: March 25, 2004

**Related document: 2003-11-15-DSD funding proposal-SHI Caribou-Monitoring Study**

**11. NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES: MEETING No. 41 IQALUIT, 5 – 7 APRIL 2005**

Members and Staff Participating: Harry Flaherty A/Chairperson Nick Amautinuar 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’Eςa NWMB Legal Advisor Evie Amagoalik Interpreter Mary Nashook Interpreter

Not Available: DIAND Appointee Vacant

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

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9. Nunavut Wildlife (DSD) Issues and Decisions

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.

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12.B NWRT Applications for 2005/06

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 multiyear 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 200

Previously Approved for Multi-year Funding

5110-04-6 Monitoring condition, feeding habits and demographic parameters of Island Bound Barren-Ground Caribou (Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus) Southampton Island, Nunavut

2005-2006 $ K $ 25.0

**Related document: 2005-04-05-DSD report-SHI Caribou-Status**