

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING No.7

APRIL 24 - 28, 1995

KUGLUKTUK COMMUNITY HALL - COPPERMINE, NT

### Members and Staff:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Andy Theriault	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Marius Tungilik	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Malachi Arreak	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Isabel Simpson	Administration Officer
Mary Nashook	Interpreter
Blandina Tulugarjuk	Interpreter

### Not Available:

David Aglukark	Member ( Attending a Migratory Bird Meeting on behalf of the NWMB. )
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### Guests and other participants:

George Angohiatok	President, KHTA
Derek Melton	Director, Wildlife Mgmt. Ren.Res.
Tim Surette	Manager, Eastern Arctic Region, DFO
John Stevenson	Supt. Ren.Res. Baffin Region
Joe Allen Evyagotailak	President, KIA

### 1. Call To Order

The Chairperson convened the meeting at 9:00 A.M. Joannie Ikkidluak led the opening prayer. The Chairperson welcomed the Board Members, guests and interpreters to the seventh meeting of the Board. He noted that David Aglukark was attending a Migratory Bird meeting in British Columbia and that Kevin McCormick would be arriving on Wednesday

## **2. Greetings From Community Representatives/Ministers**

George Angohiatok, President of the Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Association, advised the Board that the RWO is working on by-laws, DIO status and training for secretary/managers. A present concern is land use and conservation, especially with mining exploration and development fast approaching. The outlook for RWOs and HTOs is much better now with financial assistance from the NWMB. Ben Kovic noted that RWOs were given a handbook on how to apply for DIO status and Board staff were available to assist. Andy Theriault encouraged the three RWOs to work together in reaching DIO status. Gordon Koshinsky noted that the Harvest Study Steering Committee preferred to have the RWOs contract the harvest study. If the RWOs are designated and available for this contract, substantial funding will be available over the five year period. Ben Kovic also reminded George of the outstanding request for research priorities from the Kitikmeot Region; the RWO should also identify who should do the research.

## **3. Approval Of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the following amendments:

1. Item -7. Chairman/Executive Director Report - add DFO Meeting
2. Item -9.A.5. Old Business - remove Jim Noble add Joannie Ikkidluak
3. Item -11.3. Requests For Funding - Research Proposals - add TEKMS
4. Item -8.C.2 Add HTO Funding
5. Item -12. Add Gov't Reorganization/Downsizing
6. Item -12. Add DFO Appointee relationship with NWMB **(Motion 96-001)**

## **4. Approval Of Minutes**

**4.1.** Minutes of November 16-18, 1994 - Iqaluit, were approved with noted corrections. **(Motion 96-002)**

**4.2** Minutes of December 12-16, 1994 - Winnipeg, were approved with noted corrections. **(Motion 96-003)**

**4.3** Minutes of January 31 - February 3, 1995 - Arviat, were approved with noted corrections. **(Motion 96-004)**

**4.4** Minutes of February 13, 1995 Conference Call were approved. **(Motion 96-005)**

**4.5** Minutes of March 14, 1995 Conference Call were approved. **(Motion 96-006)**

## **5. Financial Reports**

**5.1** The interim (unaudited) March 31, 1995 financial statement was presented and approved. **(Motion 96-007)**

**5.2** The 1995/96 DIAND/NWMB contribution agreements and schedule of payments were reviewed and approved.

## **6. Incoming Mail Log - Outgoing Mail Log**

Gordon Koshinsky commended more aggressive and pro-active dealing with correspondence in the office, without reference to the full Board. At the same time staff should consult with individual Board members as appropriate for particular items. It was noted that the system needs to evolve to be able to demonstrate whether incoming items have been answered or actioned.

## **7. Chairman/Executive Director - Reports**

### **7.A.1 Eastern Hudson Bay Zone Meeting**

The Chairman advised that the Board had received an invitation to an Eastern Hudson Bay Zone Meeting in Northern Quebec. The meeting time conflicted with the NWMB meeting and no representation was possible. A letter of apology to be drafted and forwarded.

### **7.A.2 Canadian Council For Professional Fish Harvesters**

The Board requested that Jerry Ell attended this meeting on behalf of the Board. Henry Copestake also attended this meeting and both left early as they encountered a lack of understanding of Inuit fishermen's status. The meeting was to discuss professionalism of fishermen. They were discussing the requirement of a grade 12 education and seven years experience which is not relevant to Nunavut fishermen.

### **7.A.3 Standing Committee on Sustainable Development**

This meeting was scheduled for Iqaluit May 9 & 10, 1995 to discuss ocean dumping, air quality, detergents and good science management. Board biologist, Keith Hay attended this meeting on behalf of the Board.

### **7.A.4. Canada Coast Guard Meeting, Iqaluit (forthcoming)**

The Executive Director of the Baffin Regional Hunters and Trappers Association, Jerry Ell, was requested to attend this meeting on behalf of the Board.

### **7.A.5 Circumpolar Aboriginal Peoples And Co-management Systems Conference, Norway (forthcoming)**

The Chairman noted that attendance at this meeting had not been resolved, and the Board should make a decision on representation. It was noted that the Department of Renewable Resources had requested funding assistance for this conference. It was decided not to send anyone to the meeting.

### **7.A.6 Migratory Bird Convention Act Meeting, Duncan, B.C. (currently)**

ITC had requested that a Board member join the negotiating team for this meeting. David Aglukark had agreed to attend.

### **7.B.1 Updates/Office Space/Renovations**

The Executive Director reported that Nunasi Corporation was rejecting the request to expand the current office space leased by the Board. Nunasi, in a joint venture with several other organizations, is planning to construct a new office complex and would like to see the Board commit to space in this new complex. The Board referred this matter to the Finance and Administration Committee for decision. The Committee should consider present office needs and auxiliary facilities (e.g. housing) along with the possibility that the Board may move to another community in the future. It was further noted that five communities had expressed an interest in providing facilities for the Board office. Board members suggested a need to give these communities terms of reference to assist them in developing formal proposals. **(Motion 96-008)**

### **7.B.2. DFO/NWMB Workshop**

The Executive Director advised that a \$3,500 contract had been arranged with Sandy Lewis to prepare a briefing for the Board on the proposed workshop. Mr. Lewis advised that he was available to facilitate such a meeting. Andy Theriault suggested that DFO be asked to consider meeting with the Board in Iqaluit, rather than Ottawa. Malachi Arreak was concerned with the report's reference to the 12-mile limit vis-a-vis the Board's jurisdiction; land-fast ice can extend well past 12 miles.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.A Canadian Wildlife Service(DOE)**

#### **8.A.1. Program Review**

Kevin McCormick informed the Board that DOE has had its budget cut by 30% which will affect program dollars and staff. Virtually no cuts were made to northern environmental programs. The heaviest cuts were taken by the "weather service," including northern services. Implementation funding was reduced by 10% with indications that further cuts could occur in the future. Malachi Arreak indicated that cuts to implementation funding is a breach of the NFA.

## **8.B. Department of Fisheries and Oceans**

### **8.B.1 Keewatin Fisheries - Update**

Community concerns surfaced last year regarding the Keewatin charr fishery. DFO has conducted studies throughout the region the past few summers. The community of Arviat is concerned about their fishery, but is further concerned about a total ban on gill-net fishing in the Maguse river. This topic is being considered by KWF for subsequent transmission to the NWMB. There may be a requirement for regulations and enforcement.

### **8.B.2. Federal Harp Seal Subsidy**

Following the seal forum, the DFO Minister announced a subsidy on harp seal meat, to support maritime harvesting. Nunavut harvesters are also eligible for a 20¢/pound subsidy. Malachi Arreak questioned if this subsidy would apply to hunters who hunt harp seal for dog food. Tim Surette noted that the Department would like to couple this subsidy with the current GNWT subsidy of \$30.00 per pelt. Details on how this will operate still need to be resolved. John Stevenson noted that the GNWT plans to purchase approximately 5000 seal pelts (not limited to any species) this coming summer. Stevenson also noted that this program may expand if public opinion is strong. Pelts purchased will be sold to whomever they think may have the possibility of developing further markets or products. A secondary aim is to promote quality handling of raw pelts and products produced from these pelts.

### **8.B.3. Nunavut Fisheries Events**

Several meetings are upcoming. The International Whaling Commission is to meet in England in May 1995. The Canada Greenland Joint Commission on Narwhal and Beluga Scientific Working Group is to meet in Winnipeg in June 1995. NAMMCO will be meeting in the autumn and Board participation will have to be resolved.

### **8.B.4. Turbot Fishery - Cumberland Sound**

Tim Surette noted that this fishery started late due to poor ice conditions and the catch volume was down from previous seasons. The catch rate and size of fish

however remain unchanged. It is estimated that approximately 300 metric tonnes will be harvested by May 1, down from the 1994 take of 407 tonnes and 1993 take of 427 tonnes. On April 21, 1995 the DFO Minister announced quotas for NAFO Area 0 of 11,000 tonnes to be shared by Canada and Greenland. Canada's share (5,500 tonnes) is to be divided as follows:

1000 mt to Atlantic Groundfish Licence holders, 1000 mt to Baffin Inuit, and 3,500 mt allotted for a developmental program and joint ventures. This developmental quota can be accessed by direct application to the DFO Minister.

Broughton Island's request for quota may come from this allotment. Joannie Ikkidluak noted that Canada should have received a larger portion of the quota.

Malachi Arreak noted that several Greenland fiords are deemed to be outside of Area 0 and hence Greenland gains larger quotas. Tim Surette agreed that these are good points, however it would have to be proven that Cumberland Sound turbot were a distinct stock before Canada could attempt to adjust these quotas.

## **8.C. Department of Renewable Resources**

### **8.C.1 Wildlife Management and Research Plans 1995/96**

Derek Melton provided the Board with the Department's Wildlife Management and Research Plans (Action Plan) for 1995/96. An overview of funded projects and those that require funding was provided. Considerable discussion followed on mining exploration and possible development on calving grounds and the need for protection of these areas. It was agreed that DRR should prepare an information package on required protected areas for caribou. The NWMB would then possibly arrange a meeting of government agencies and industry to discuss protective measures. Derek Melton advised the Board that two-thirds of the Wildlife Management budget is spent in the Nunavut Settlement Area. A considerable amount of funds are spent on polar bear research and funding proposals have been submitted for other research. Work on the productivity of grizzly bear in the Coppermine area is complete and a report should be out soon.

### **8.C.2 DRR Updates**

#### **Bathurst And Bluenose Caribou Management**

Derek Melton advised that a tour was conducted of the communities that harvest this stock. Management plans are required for these herds. There was concern from the Board that this will be difficult as other user groups have not completed their land claims.

## **Canadian Biodiversity Strategy**

This strategy is a guide signed by all levels of government in Canada as a result of the International Convention on Biodiversity. The GNWT will sign on May 16, thereby committing to conservation and sustainable use of plants and wildlife.

### **Wildlife Habitat Canada**

Three projects have been funded by this organization.

### **Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre**

This is a group of four Canadian Veterinarian Colleges established in 1992 to investigate wildlife diseases. This centre is funded by provincial governments and the territories, GNWT funds \$10,000.00 per year. The Centre has developed a disease manual for Canadian wildlife and is producing a news letter. It was suggested that the NWMB be placed on the mailing list so the Board will be familiar with their services.

### **Wildlife Areas Of Special Interest**

Board members were disappointed with this publication as place names are just transliterated and are often meaningless. It was suggested that the publication be distributed, but with a letter noting context of report and the need to revise and expand.

### **Wildlife Management Strategy For NWT**

This item is based on a document produced in February 1995 which explains how co-management is working at this time and provides a reference point for the Government and Co-management Boards. It clarifies factors in priority setting.

### **8.C.3. Charr Stocking Proposal**

Marius Tungilik provided information on plans to close the fish hatchery at the DFO Freshwater Institute in Winnipeg. He suggested that the remaining stock of Tree River charr would be transferred to a closed system on the Ingram Trail in Yellowknife. Concern was expressed over this decision as there may have been previous commitments to the Kitikmeot Region when the initial brood stock was secured. The Board conditionally approved the transfer on approval of the KHTA.

### **8.C.4. Transfer of HTO/RWO Funds From GNWT To NWMB**

Marius Tungilik confirmed that transfer of these funds would be possible. It was felt that transfer of CHAP and Outpost Camp funds should be delayed until the Board is ensured that the HTOs have the means to provide proper accounting.

### **8.D NWMB**

#### **8.D.1. Canada/Greenland Joint Commission/High Arctic Beluga Survey**

Ben Kovic advised that the Commission is very concerned about the population of High Arctic beluga. The Greenlanders will admit (privately) that the stock is overharvested. There is a need to establish a population estimate; however there has been jurisdictional controversy on how and where surveys should be conducted. A survey would have to be conducted in Canadian waters during the summer. Several methods of conducting the study were discussed. Gordon Koshinsky noted that he would be attending the Scientific Working Group meeting in Winnipeg in June, where this will be a main agenda item.

#### **8.D.2 PERD, Marine Mammal Workshop - Calgary**

Malachi Arreak advised that the workshop dealt with environmental impact on beluga. Studies on oil spills have been conducted in the Beaufort and with further exploration expected, more studies will have to be conducted. It was also noted that Inuit Traditional Knowledge will have to be incorporated in these studies in the future, as per the Claim. Malachi felt that this was a worthwhile workshop to attend.

#### **8.D.3. Workshop On Regional Study - West Kitikmeot/Slave Region**

Andy Theriault attended this pre-workshop meeting of mainly Inuit interests. This Study is driven mainly by mining exploration and the possibilities of diamond mines in the region. The workshop did not go well and it was suggested by delegates that a working group be identified to plan subsequent workshops. Mr. Theriault noted that no one around the table was able to make any decisions. Clarification has been requested on the definition of long-term and baseline studies. It was noted that there had to be sensitivity to section 24 of the NFA. Concern was raised over funding sources and amounts for this study. There is a need for a good/independent management structure and provisions for access to information generated. There must be sensitivity to local/regional aspirations for economic development in the area. Derek Melton noted that the idea for the Regional Study was to collate existing information and identify gaps, vis a vis large scale development and not a land-use planning forum. Malachi Arreak noted that river systems running out of the developing areas can affect neighboring areas.

#### **8.D.4. Canadian Atlantic Seal Management Forum, Newfoundland**

Ben Kovic advised that he had attended this forum, the main issue being harp seal. There is a need and opportunity for a greater harvest; however a big constraint is the need to utilize the whole animal. In order for Canada to convince other countries to utilize/purchase items, Canadians have to utilize the products themselves. Animal rights groups seem willing to compromise and negotiate as long as credible management can be demonstrated.

#### **8.D.5. Round Table On Future Of Atlantic Fisheries, Montreal**

Ben Kovic attended the Round Table on behalf of the Board. He noted that the NWMB is slowly starting to be recognized in these meetings. Previously aboriginal rights were disregarded, but the land claims and fishing rights of northern fishermen must now be acknowledged. The meeting was described as a tribal war among provinces and did not appear productive because of this conflict.

#### **8.D.6. Makivik Annual General Meeting**

Ben Kovic attended this meeting on behalf of the Board. Ben noted that he had met with most of the Nunavik leaders with whom the Board will be dealing in the future. The Nunavik leaders are eager to pursue co-management agreements for polar bear, walrus and beluga and the shared islands. Ben Kovic feels there is a need to have formal meetings to negotiate these co-management agreements.

#### **8.D.7. BQCMB - Black Lake Meeting**

Ben Kovic attended the June meeting of the BQCMB. this session centred around harvest data collection. It was agreed that the two Boards should meet together; items for joint attention include establishment of total allowable harvests and collection of harvest data. The BQCMB have an agreement to continue for ten years but there have been hints that funds may be withdrawn by 1997. The aboriginal people of northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba are unfortunate in that they are being ignored by their respective Governments. The BQCMB is developing a video to promote the usefulness of the Board. Mr. Kovic noted that the NWMB can expect to be approached for funds in the event that DIAND withdraws its support.

#### **8.D.8. NAMMCO Meeting - Nuuk, Greenland**

Gordon Koshinsky advised he had attended the NAMMCO meeting in Greenland. Canada is not a member and he attended as an observer. Members are Norway, Greenland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands. They are countries that are disappointed with the International Whaling Commission (IWC) . Three other northerners attended; Larry Carpenter, Mr. Binder and Norm Snow of the Inuvialuit. Most of the meeting focus was on the eastern North Atlantic. Walrus was discussed, including the possibility that they move between Canada and Greenland. This organization would like Canada to join NAMMCO; however our American friends would not be happy if we did. There was some discussion of development of a North Pacific Marine Mammal Commission. Gordon suggested that the secretary of NAMMCO, Ms. Kate Sanderson, be invited to the next NWMB meeting.

## **9. Old Business**

### **9.A. NWMB**

#### **9.A.1 NWMB Operating Procedures - Update**

The Board reviewed Sections 1-4 of the Operating Procedures. Malachi Arreak noted that he wanted to ensure that the NWMB encourages the training and skill development of Inuit to become wildlife managers and researchers. Also discussed was the area of responsibility and accountability of members to the NWMB and the organizations that appoint them. Regular meeting should be set for the first weeks of May, August, November and February. Research proposals could be considered at the February and August meetings, in time for research planning. Malachi Arreak asked that Section 2.3.4 be changed from “is intended to be independent” to “intends to be independent.” Approval of procedures must await final translation and amendments. **(Motion 96-009)**

#### **9.A.2. Review of Lawyer’s Response to Various Issues**

Malachi Arreak reviewed responses developed by legal advisor, Michael d’Eca. Discussion was held on the point that honorarium should not be paid to members who are on salary from another organization. To the question of whether a public hearing is required for allocation of a bowhead whale TAH, the response was that a public hearing was not required by law. Also addressed was the question of whether the Board could establish a TAH before the Harvest Study was completed. Mr. d’Eca’s conclusion was that the Board may not establish a TAH before the Harvest Study is completed. This point was questioned as members felt that beluga, narwhal and walrus TAH could be set before the Harvest Study is completed. It was noted that responses to twenty-three of the questions posed are still pending.

#### **9.A.3. Walrus Management Planning**

Jim Noble and Tim Surette gave a review of the recent walrus management planning workshop held in Iqaluit. A review of the work done to date on dealing with the Igloodik request for a walrus sport hunt was presented. Lengthly discussion followed on the need for a walrus management plan. It was agreed that work on this sport hunt had to continue as quickly as possible. Gordon Koshinsky noted that there was no obvious procedure in place for the Board to establish the necessary TAH at this time. **(Motion 96-010)**

#### **9.A.4 Southeast Baffin Beluga Co-management**

Joannie Ikkidluak reminded the Board that a motion had been passed in December that he would be the chairman of a subcommittee on Southeast Baffin

Beluga. He had approached the HTA chairmen of Iqaluit, Lake Harbour and Pangnirtung about representation. Josie Papatsie (Iqaluit), Levi Evic (Pangnirtung) and Meeka Kilabuk (Iqaluit) had been nominated. J. Ikkidluak had no response yet from the HTA of Lake Harbour. Gordon Koshinsky reviewed the four motions that the Board has passed earlier on this issue. He noted that the motion to set up the subcommittee directed that membership be one person from each of the three communities plus a member from DFO; however J. Ikkidluak is requesting that Meeka Kilabuk be appointed. Joannie Ikkidluak was directed by the Chairman to activate the subcommittee and DFO will nominate a person to participate. Gordon Koshinsky mentioned the urgent need for a Variance Order to establish the quotas for 1995/96 and noted that it is an embarrassment to the Board to be asking for this variance “one more year” on an interim basis. A motion was passed to request DFO to develop this Variance Order. The Executive Director was directed to appoint a member of his staff to facilitate establishment and operation of the subcommittee. **(Motion 96-011 and Motion 96-012)**

#### **9.A.5 Bowhead Knowledge Study Update**

Joannie Ikkidluak reported that all but two (Coral Harbour and Hall Beach) of the community interviews are completed. Interviews were conducted with elders and knowledgeable hunters. Tapes of the interviews will be translated when translators are available. Committee members visited all communities involved in the study. Analysis of the data from the interviews will begin in May. It was decided that the Bowhead Knowledge Study Coordinator and Chairman of the Committee would travel to Sanikiluaq to review the TEK Program conducted by Sanikiluaq. The first-quarter budget for the Bowhead Knowledge Study was reviewed and approved. **(Motion 96-013 and Motion 96-014)**

#### **9.A.6 Harvest Study Update**

Gordon Koshinsky advised that the contractor was hard at work on the design of the Harvest Study. He noted that the Steering Committee had met several times to discuss design of the Study. Shortfalls in funding were noted as the budget was being developed; the Committee was even looking at the possibility of having a four-year study rather than five. The Board concluded that a four-year study would be unacceptable. It was noted that DIO status had to be resolved before contracts could be drafted. Some debate followed on which organizations would be the DIO(s) and what role they would play in the Study. The Steering Committee stated a preference for the RWOs to be contracted to implement the Study. The report from the consultant's is close to completion and will require translation. Further discussion followed on information in the consultant's draft report. It was agreed that the Harvest Study Steering Committee should write the Board informing them of the dollar shortfall for the Study.

### **9.A.7. Beluga, Narwhal And Walrus, Basic Needs Level**

The Chairman noted that assignment of basic needs levels for beluga, narwhal and walrus had a deadline of January 1996, and was concerned on how to proceed with this requirement. Kevin McCormick suggested that the Board request clarification on the purpose of the Basic Needs Level. Gordon Koshinsky suggested that it might help to have the Board's legal advisor attend the next meeting to help explain this section. Much discussion ensued on various aspects of basic needs. It was agreed that the Chairman should proceed with establishing a working committee to oversee the task of setting the BNL.

### **9.A.8 Wildlife Research Trust**

Malachi Arreak noted that approximately \$692,000 in interest would be generated by the Trust in 1995/96. The first draft of the Trust Deed was reviewed by the Board. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the establishment and purpose of the Trust. Concerns included: number of trustees, and incorporation of educational goals in the trust. It was agreed that the Board should invite the Board's legal advisor to the next meeting to explain what is required to administer the Trust.

### **9.A.9 Igalirtuuq National Wildlife Area Update**

Malachi Arreak advised that the Agreement for the Wildlife Area is nearing completion. A plan has been developed and is ready to be presented to the community. The matter of establishing a Biosphere Reserve has been deferred 5 years. It has been agreed that the Clyde River Hunters and Trappers Association will be the DIO for the Wildlife Area. For land management concerns in the area, the Baffin Regional Inuit Association will act as the DIO.

### **9.A.10 National Endangered Species Framework**

Kevin McCormick noted that a further meeting on this topic was planned for Yellowknife, 09 May 1995. It was suggested that the Board may wish to have representation at this meeting to remind the various groups of the appropriate sections of the NFA.

### **9.A.11 Polar Bear Management Agreements**

#### **a) Sex Selective Harvesting**

Derek Melton advised that some of the new management agreements set out separate quotas for each sex. This has caused problems in some communities

with too many female bears being taken. This may stem from hunters being unable to identify the sex of the bears prior to shooting them. The Department of Renewable Resources is thinking of returning to the “one tag system,” however the harvest must be sustainable. The Department would then have to constantly reassess the quotas, depending on the sex ratio of the kills. The Department is hoping to hold community meetings over the summer to discuss this concern. Malachi Arreak noted that some younger hunters cannot identify bears well and may require training. David Igutsaq felt that it was not only young hunters making the mistakes, even a sport hunter shot a female. David Igutsaq also wanted the local Renewable Resources Officer to be instructed to distribute the meat from nuisance kills to the communities. John Stevenson responded by informing the Board that this is already normal policy, but confiscation must proceed first. David Igutsaq also noted that many hunters couldn’t take their families to summer camping areas because of excessive numbers of polar bears. It was agreed that action was necessary to slow the kill of females.

#### **b) Management Agreements General**

Derek Melton explained that the Agreements are a summary of the community meetings and give instructions to government on how to change regulations.

#### **c) DS/HS Polar Bear Management Agreements**

Polar Bear Management Agreements were to be approved by the Board for the Davis Strait (DS) and the South Hudson Bay(SH) Areas; however there was some concern regarding wordings in the Agreements. The wording “Applies on Federal Lands,” was explained as including lands in parks, sanctuaries, etc. as well as Inuit owned lands. Derek Melton advised that changes would be made to the wording.

#### **d) MMPA(US) Agreement Update**

Derek Melton advised that the US Fish and Wildlife Service has been receiving information from the Coordinating Committee On Polar Bear Management. They are about to hand down a decision that will likely approve the legal export of polar bear hides from areas where co-management agreements are in place, with all relevant interests participating. Management Zones overlapping with Greenland, Labrador, Quebec and Ontario will not be allowed to export bear hides at the current time. The US seems to be impressed with the management agreement format and the scientific work being conducted in the NWT. Some archived hides may receive export permitting. Board members felt that restrictions on communities such as Grise Fiord (overlaps with Greenland) would be foolish as the population of bears there is healthy.

### **10. Other Business**

### **10.1. Selection Of Legal Advisor For The Board**

The Board agreed that Mr. Michael d'Eca of Ottawa would be the legal advisor for the Board. Ms Anne Crawford of Iqaluit would be the alternate. It was agreed that the Executive Director should negotiate a twenty five hour monthly retainer and a concurrent daily rate. **(Motion 96-015)**

## **11. Funding Proposals**

### **11.A. Ikajutit Narwhal Study Proposal**

The Board reviewed the revised Ikajutit Narwhal Study proposal and approved the project for \$60,000. **(Motion 96-016)**

### **11.B. RWO/HTO Special Funding Requests**

All special funding requests had not been received prior to the meeting and this item was deferred to a conference call.

### **11.C. Research Proposals**

#### **11.C.1 Rankin Inlet Peregrine Proposal**

This project was recognized as a very important study in North America and locally. The project will monitor population numbers and reproductive success of the peregrine. Board members noted that this is not a harvested species.

#### **11.C.2. Grizzly Bears - Slave Geological Province**

This project is to gather more important information on distribution , movements and effects of development. \$51,200 is required for May 1995. Andy Theriault voiced concern that this project was moving ahead of plans for a Regional Study. Derek Melton responded by advising that the Department of Renewable Resources had been funding such studies in the Region for the past twenty years or more. Derek also noted that this project would probably be absorbed by the Regional Study but the Board would probably still be requested to assist with funding. The Board decided to take more time to evaluate this funding request.

#### **11.C.3. Victoria Island Caribou Harvest Study**

This project is to define the types of caribou being harvested from the Island. Funds are required to analyze data obtained in 1994 and to develop a harvest study for 1995. A request for \$30,000 was made to the Board. The Board again decided to take more time to review the proposal.

#### **11.C.4. Polar Bear Management /Research**

Funding is requested by the Department of Renewable Resources to assist with holding community consultation meetings on the Polar Bear Management Agreements. Board members voiced concern that this proposal is not applicable to the Research Fund and that other funding sources should be pursued. One option noted was to request funding assistance from the RWOs, another option was to request that the RWOs consider using some of their special projects funding to assist with these meetings. Other suggestions included economizing by combining these meetings with RWO meetings. This request for \$90,000 was deferred .

It was agreed that a conference call would be arranged for the first week of May to make final decisions on all research funding requests.

On Wednesday morning April 26, 1995 Joe Allen Evyagotailak attended the meeting as was presented a plaque in appreciation for his work with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Advisory Board.

## **12. Member's Regional Presentations**

No presentations were made, for lack of time.

## **13. Date And Place Of Next Meeting**

Malachi Arreak recommended that the next meeting be in the High Arctic. The Chairman reminded members that the cost of meetings in remote communities is very high. Malachi requested that the Executive Director review the cost of conducting the meeting in either Arctic Bay or Pond Inlet and advise the Board during the conference call. **(Motion 96-017)**

## **14. Adjournment**

The Chairman thanked the participants and reiterated that this would be Mr. Andy Theriault's last meeting. The Board members all wished Andy all the best with his retirement. Earlier in the week a supper was held for Andy and a carving presented in thanks for all the work he had done for the Board.

**(Motion 96-018)**

**Minutes Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## RESOLUTIONS: MEETING NO. 7

COPPERMINE, APRIL 24 – 28, 1995

### **Resolution No. 96-001**

Resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Moved by: Andy Theriault                      Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried                      Date: April 25, 1995

### **Resolution No. 96-002**

Resolved that the minutes of November 16 – 18, 1994, be accepted as amended.

Moved by: Andy Theriault                      Seconded by: Malachi Arreak  
Carried                      Date: April 25, 1995

### **Resolution No. 96-003**

Resolved that the minutes of December 12 – 16, 1994 be accepted as amended.

Moved by: Andy Theriault                      Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried                      Date: April 25, 1995

### **Resolution No. 96-004**

Resolved that the minutes of January 31 – February 3, 1995 by accepted as amended.

Moved by: Andy Theriault                      Seconded by: Malachi Arreak  
Carried                      Date: April 25, 1995



### **Resolution No. 96-010**

The NWMB supports and endorses the pilot proposed by the Igloolik HTA to harvest walrus on a sport hunt basis so as to facilitate the commencement of the project by July of 1995.

Moved by: Marius Tungilik                      Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Abstention: Gordon Koshinsky  
Carried                      Date: April 26, 1995

### **Resolution No. 96-011**

Resolved that the Executive Director appoint a member of his staff to facilitate establishment and operation of the South East Baffin Beluga Committee.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky                      Seconded by: Malachi Arreak  
Carried                      Date: April 25, 1995

### **Resolution No. 96-012**

Resolved that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans be requested to institute a variation order for the purpose of maintaining the beluga quotas and seasons for Pangnirtung, Iqaluit and Lake Harbour for 1995/96 the same as were in effect for 1994/95, this accordance with the 1994 Co-management Plan for Southeast Baffin Beluga.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky                      Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried                      Date: April 26, 1995

### **Resolution No. 96-013**

Resolved that the Bowhead Knowledge Study budget be approved as presented.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick                      Seconded by: Marius Tungilik  
Carried                      Date: April 26, 1995

### **Resolution No. 96-014**

Whereas the Inuit Bowhead Knowledge Study Co-ordinator and the Board members require more information on transcribing and translating interviews; and

Whereas the Hudson Bay Traditional Ecological Knowledge Management Systems Study has been ongoing over two years;

Therefore resolved that the Co-ordinator and a Board member travel to Sanikiluaq to consult with the main people involved with the Hudson Bay TEKMS to consult on ways of collecting and analyzing traditional knowledge.

Moved by: Malachi Arreak                      Seconded by: Marius Tungilik  
Carried                      Date: April 25, 1995

**Resolution No. 96-015**

Resolved that the Board accept the application of Michael d'Eça as legal advisor for the Board on a retainer basis; and

That Anne Crawford be considered as backup for Michael d'Eça and further;

That the Executive Director negotiate a twenty-five hour monthly retainer and a daily rate aside from this normal retainer.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky                      Seconded by: Malachi Arreak  
Carried                      Date: April 26, 1995

**Resolution No. 96-016**

Resolved that the revised proposal submitted by Arctic Bay for a Narwhal Study identification project be accepted to the amount of \$60,000.00 for fiscal year 1995/96 on pilot project basis.

Moved by: Malachi Arreak                      Seconded by: Marius Tungilik  
Carried: Yes: 6      No:                      Date: April 27, 1995

**Resolution No. 96-017**

Resolved that the Executive Director examine the difference in costs of conducting a Board meeting in Arctic Bay or Pond Inlet for the August meeting and advise the Board during the conference call scheduled May 1995.

Moved by: Malachi Arreak                      Seconded by: Andy Theriaul  
Carried                      Date: April 27, 1995

**Resolution No. 96-018**

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Andy Theriaut                      Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried                      Date: April 27, 1995