

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 19

WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 1996

Participants:

Kevin McCormick	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Marius Tungilik	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director

Not Available:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson (with cause)
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member (with cause)
Malachi Arreak	Member (with cause)
Meeka Mike	Member (with cause)

Standing by:

David Aglukark	Member
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1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries

The Executive Director, Jim Noble convened the Conference Call at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Noble noted the failure to achieve a quorum for the Conference Call, and explained that this was due to four Members being unavailable. David Aglukark was standing by, but could not be connected because sufficient telephone lines were not available.

It was agreed to proceed in the absence of a quorum, with the proviso that Mr. Noble would canvass other Board Members by telephone, starting with David Aglukark, after the Conference Call to seek/achieve a sufficient consensus in respect to any decisions reached.

2. Agenda

Mr. Noble identified a single item for agenda: allocating the residual 1996 turbot quota set aside specifically for Nunavut enterprises.

3. Allocation of Residual Inuit Turbot Quota

Jim Noble referred to material provided by Henry Copestake (Co-Pro Ltd., representing Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board), and by Peter Kilabuk (for Cumberland Sound Fisheries Ltd.) at last week's Board meeting in Iqaluit. Those agencies (QWB and CSFL) are urging the NWMB for turbot allocation decisions. At issue is the 500 MT Nunavut offshore quota, plus the residual from the 1000 MT Nunavut inshore quota, all of which (in summer) will in fact be fished offshore. The residual from the inshore quota, after subtracting the Pangnirtung winter harvest of about 60 MT, is about 940 MT, making a grand total of about 1440 MT available for allocation.

The Board has for consideration specific requests for allocation from the Nattivak (Broughton Island) HTA, from the QWB (on behalf of several entities, including itself), and from CSFL. These requests are not internally consistent, and add up to well in excess of the total amount available.

Considerations include:

- The 1995 precedent, whereby the NWMB allocated the entire available summer turbot quota to the QWB for administrative oversight and convenience.
- The lessons learned from the 1995 experience.
- The historical and ongoing role of CSFL in the regional turbot fisheries, and in particular the central significance of the CSFL plant to accommodate the Pangnirtung winter fishery.
- Local employment generation and value added, both present and potential.

Kevin McCormick suggested that allocation of the available quota among competing user interests would be primarily a political decision. If the Board is going to make that decision it should do so only through a defensible process, using reasonable criteria (which have not yet been developed).

Gordon Koshinsky suggested that while the Board has a mandate to allocate to uses of a resource (subsistence, commercial, sport, etc.), it may not have a mandate, or at least not have an obligation, to allocate among users within a particular use category.

