

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MINUTES: CONFERENCE CALL No. 23

MONDAY, 29 JULY 1996

### Participants:

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
David Igutsaq	Member
Gordon Koshinsky	Member
David Aglukark	Member
Meeka Mike	Member
Malachi Arreak	Member (late arrival)
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Dan Pike	Director of Wildlife Management
Mary Nashook	Interpreter

### Not Available:

GNWT Appointee	Member (vacant)
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### 1. Call to Order

The Chairperson, Ben Kovic, convened the Conference Call at 2:00 p.m.

### 2. Agenda

Mr. Kovic made reference to the agenda which had been provided.

### 3. Proposed Walrus Sport Hunt: Coral Harbour

Dan Pike advised the Board that Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Association of Coral Harbour had submitted an application and hunt plan to take five walrus by sport hunters this summer. Dan noted that an allocation to a sport hunt would require a decision of the NWMB.

Dan reviewed his “Submission to the NWMB” and responded to questions. Dan’s recommendation to the Board was that the NWMB should authorize the sport hunt proposal by the Aiviit HTA, with provisions that:

- The hunt be on a pilot-project basis, without prejudice beyond 1996;
- The hunt be restricted to a maximum of 5 landings and/or 10 strikes for 1996;
- The sport harvest be accommodated through allocation of 5 walrus from the Coral Harbour walrus quota of 60;
- A walrus management plan be in place prior to the hunt proceeding, with reference to all communities hunting walrus in northern Hudson Bay.

The Board decided to approve a sport hunt for five walrus at Coral Harbour for 1996 according to the conditions as set out above, with the exception that it will be sufficient for the walrus management plan to be in a “draft” format in order for the hunt to proceed, and with the understanding that consultation will occur as/when the various boards and agencies are available. It is also stipulated that all efforts will be made during the hunts to harpoon the animals whether they are hunted in deep or shallow water. Meeka Mike noted the requirement for the Board to clarify and implement its jurisdiction with respect to trophy fees. **(Resolution 97-056)**

#### **4. Research Proposal: River Clearing, Kagidliik River, Taloyoak area**

Dan Pike advised that the Taloyoak HTA had submitted a proposal for \$8,0000 of NWMB research funds. The purpose of the project is to clear obstructions from a local river, so that arctic charr can go up the river more easily. Dan reviewed his “Submission to the NWMB” and responded to questions. Dan recommended that the Board support the proposal, subject to the following conditions:

- A mechanism should be in place to determine the status of the charr population both before and after the river clearing. This could be done by scientific methods or through collection of local knowledge;
- The HTA should be required to draft a fishing plan for the river, including controls on fishing to allow the stock to recover;
- Any stream alterations should be completed by the time fish begin to run up the river:
- The HTA must work with DFO to obtain any necessary permits.

Gordon Koshinsky stated that he could support the project as a research initiative, but that the Board in general could not be expected to fund habitat improvement projects. The Board decided to approve the proposal, but noted that the Taloyoak HTA needs to be advised that the conditions placed on approval may require a review of the

proposed budget for the project, and further, that the NWMB would consider an amended budget proposal. **(Resolution 97-057)**

## **5. Request for Funding Assistance: Construction of Sport-Hunting Cabin and Emergency Shelter, Taloyoak HTA**

Jim Noble advised the Board that the Taloyoak HTA had requested funding assistance for the construction of two cabins. One cabin is to be used to shelter guided non-resident sport hunters. The second cabin is to be used for emergency/survival accommodation. Jim reviewed his "Submission to the NWMB" regarding this request and responded to questions. Jim's recommendation to the Board was that the NWMB not support this request for funding assistance to construct cabins because neither proposal fits the NWMB's funding criteria:

- A sport-hunting cabin is really a commercial venture. Other funding options should be considered by the HTA, such as a small-business loan, or economic-development funding from the Regional Inuit Association.
- The GNWT Emergency Measures Organization might be a more appropriate agency to fund construction of an emergency shelter.

After reviewing the available information, the Board decided to not fund these projects. The Board requested that the Executive Director advise the Taloyoak HTA of possible alternate funding sources. **(Resolution 97-058)**

## **6. Members' Travel and Remuneration: Bowhead Hunt**

Jim Noble advised the Board that a decision is required on how travel will be arranged and if Members will receive honouraria for attending the bowhead hunt. The policies and procedures of the NWMB do not address special occasions which therefore require separate decisions. The Board decided that the Chairperson and Members attending the bowhead hunt should travel by the most economical means and that honouraria and per diems will be paid. Since hotel accommodations are not available, Members will be reimbursed at private accommodation rates. **(Resolution 97-059)**

## **7. Bowhead Hunt Licence Approval**

Jim Noble advised the Board that the Bowhead Management Plan has been completed and forwarded to the Minister of DFO. Gary Weber, DFO's A/Area Manager in Iqaluit, expects approval of the licence by August 1. Gary also advised

that he intended to depart for Repulse Bay on Friday, August 2. David Aglukark advised that he had received word that KWF had located and purchased a new harpoon gun from the United States and were waiting for the gun to clear Customs.

## **8. Resignation of GNWT Appointee Marius Tungilik**

Ben Kovic advised that Marius Tungilik had submitted his resignation to the NWMB. Ben requested authorization to invite Mr. Tungilik to the next Board meeting in Arviat, and to make a presentation to him in recognition of his service with the Board. The Members agreed that Mr. Tungilik be invited to the meeting.

## **9. Funding Request: Placement of Observers on Vessels Fishing for Turbot in Division OA: Nativak HTO, Broughton Island**

Dan Pike advised that Nativak HTO had submitted a funding request to provide observers on vessels fishing for turbot in Division OA. Dan reviewed his "Submission to the NWMB," and responded to questions. Dan's recommendation to the Board was that the proposal be approved and funded to a level of \$30,000, subject to the following conditions:

- That the observers should be Inuit beneficiaries; and
- That the Nativak HTO must find a third party to administer the observer program, since the NWMB does not have the staff or resources to do so.

After reviewing the information provided, The Board approved the request for funding from the Nativak HTO. **(Resolution 97-060)**

## **10. Request from Iqqarmiut Fisheries for Turbot Quota**

Jim Noble advised that Iqqarmiut Fisheries request for a 200 MT turbot quota for 1996 had not been addressed during the Board's initial turbot allocations. A member of Iqqarmiut Fisheries has made numerous calls to the NWMB office requesting a reply to their application. Meeka Mike requested that the Executive Director find out if this new company has been incorporated as a legal entity.

## **11. Adjournment**

The Conference Call adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairperson**

**Date**

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## RESOLUTIONS: CONFERENCE CALL No. 23

29 July 1996

### Resolution 97- 056

Resolved that the NWMB approve a walrus sport hunt for the Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Association of Coral Harbour with the following provisions:

- That the hunt be on a pilot-project basis, without prejudice beyond 1996;
- That the hunt be restricted to a maximum of 5 landing and/or 10 strikes for 1996;
- That the hunt be accommodated through the allocation of 5 walrus from the Coral Harbour walrus quota of 60;
- That during the hunts, all efforts are made to harpoon the walrus whether hunted in deep or shallow water.
- That a "draft," Northern Hudson Bay/Hudson Strait Walrus Management Plan be produced by DFO, with the understanding that consultation on this plan will occur as/when the various co-management institutions are available.

Moved by: David Igutsaq                      Seconded by: David Aglukark  
Carried                                              Date: 29 July 1996

### Resolution 97- 057

Resolved that NWMB approve the request from Taloyoak Hunters and Trappers Association for \$8,000 for clearing obstructions from the Kagidliik River, subject to the following conditions:

- That there be a mechanism in place to determine the status of the charr population both before and after the obstructions are cleared. This should involve the use of scientific methods and/or the collection of local knowledge;
- That the Taloyok HTA develop a draft fishing plan for the river, including controls on fishing to allow the stock to recover;
- That any alterations be completed by the time fish begin to run up the river;
- That the Taloyoak HTA work with DFO to obtain the necessary permits;
- That the Taloyoak HTA review the proposed budget in light of the above conditions and submit a revised budget if required.

Moved by: Kevin McCormick                      Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried                                              Date: 29 July 1996

### Resolution 97- 058

Resolved that the NWMB not support the Taloyoak Hunters and Trappers Association request for funding assistance to construct a sport-hunting cabin and an emergency shelter; and further,

That the Executive Director of the NWMB advise the Taloyoak HTA of possible alternate funding sources for these projects.

Moved by: Gordon Koshinsky      Seconded by: Meeka Mike  
Carried                      Abstained: David Igutsaq                      Date: 29 July 1996

### **Resolution 97- 059**

Resolved that the Members and staff of the NWMB attending the bowhead hunt in Repulse Bay, be provided travel by the most economical means, honouraria, per diems and private accommodation rates as may be applicable.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak      Seconded by: David Igutsaq  
Carried                      Date: 29 July 1996

### **Resolution 97- 060**

Resolved that the NWMB approve the funding request from Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Association for \$30,000 to provide observers for fishing vessels fishing for turbot in NAFO Sub-area 0A, with the following conditions:

- That the observers should be Inuit beneficiaries;
- That the Nattivak HTA must find a third party to administer the observer program since the NWMB does not have the staff or resources to do so.

Moved by: David Igutsaq                      Seconded by: Malachi Arreak  
Carried                      Date: 29 July 1996