

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 89

Tuesday, August 9, 2005; 10:30 a.m. (Iqaluit Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Nick Amautinuak	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Joe Tigullaraq	Chief Executive Officer
Tom Demcheson	Director of Finance and Administration
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Michael d'Eça	Legal Advisor

Not Available:

Harry Flaherty	A/Chairperson
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Advisors: Glenn Williams	NTI Wildlife Advisor
Stephen Atkinson	NWMB Contractor

1. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

Joe Tigullaraq facilitated the selection of an Acting Chairperson from among the members present, as Harry Flaherty was not available. Nick Amautinuak was elected as Acting Chairperson for this meeting. The meeting was then called to order.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Joe Tigullaraq recommended that the items on the agenda be dealt with in an order that would allow presenters from DFO best use of their time. Items 3, 4 and 5 were reversed. Also, Joannie Ikkidluak recommended that "A / Chairperson's Honouraria" be placed under item number 7, Other Business.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-077**) to approve the agenda as amended.

3. DFO – Arctic Char Test Fishery proposal – Pond Inlet

Sandra Courchesne, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Iqaluit, presented a briefing note on a request for an Arctic Char Exploratory Fishery license for Koluktoo Bay/Milne Inlet in the Pond Inlet area.

Glenn Williams noted that a paper had been submitted by NTI addressing concerns with the ad-hoc way the TAH process was being carried out. Glenn reviewed these concerns again with this request for exploratory licence at Koluktoo Bay/Milne Inlet. It was suggested that DFO had not provided justification for a TAH on this fish stock, there is no NLCA Sec. 5.3.3 justification for this TAH. It was suggested that the co-management partners need to get together to resolve this issue before any further decisions are made. Considerable discussion followed on this topic; however an agreement could not be reached. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-078**) to recommend that the co-management partners conduct a meeting to resolve the process for establishing Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) and Basic Needs Levels (BNLs) as soon as possible. Robert Moshenko recommended that a letter outlining this process be sent to NTI and DFO.

Note: Paul Pemik left the Conference at 12:55 p.m due to prior commitments.

4. DFO – Jericho Mine Proposal Fish Salvage Protocol

Tania Gordanier and Andrew Molloy from DFO presented a briefing note on the Fish Salvage Protocol for the Jericho Diamond Mine. Recommendations and conditions were discussed. There was no interest by local people in using the two small types of fish (Slimy Sculpin and Burbot) for food for humans or dogs. DFO explained that moving these fish to a nearby lake was not a problem as these lakes were part of the same drainage system. Drainage and use of the lake are already approved by other agencies. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-079**) to approve the Fish Salvage Protocol as recommended by DFO and conditional to approval of the RWO and HTOs concerned.

5. NWMB 2003-2013 Budget Submission to the Contract Negotiators

- a) Harvest Data Collection
- b) IQ Function
- c) NWMB Research Study Funds

Contractor Stephen Atkinson presented a briefing note, an overview of the rationale for additional funding of the above three programs during the balance of the NWMB 2003-2013 planning period.

The Federal Government had already approved a maximum of \$500,000 per year for this planning period ending in 2013. Thomas Berger had requested NWMB to provide a rationale for any further funding requirements over the \$500,000 per year for the above three programs. The directions received from the Board were to provide a minimum of detail on the three programs but provide a solid rationale and budget estimate to Thomas Berger.

All the Board Members were in favour of the proposal (rationale) and directed the Administration to proceed with legal advice/ guidance from Michael d'Eça. Draft documents on the three programs will be shared with the Board members and will be dealt with in the near future quarterly meeting. Members directed that Discussion Papers on item # 3 (rationale for more funding) should be sent by E-mail/fax to all members.

6. Information Update

Verbal update by Joe Tigullaraq, CEO.

- a) Staff
 - i. COO - Annual Leave until August 22
 - ii. Wildlife Management Biologist - starting date - August 15
 - iii. Director of Wildlife - starting date - September 6th
 - iv. Contract Employee Stephen Atkinson on strength up to August 31. He was required due to staff vacancies

- b) Bowhead Hunt - Repulse Bay Is proceeding this summer with a training program for use and storage of new hunting equipment. DFO and NTI will be in Repulse Bay for the training and the hunt.

- c) Bowhead Caught in a Narwhal Net Awaiting further info from DFO. The Bowhead did free itself but need info on whether or not it is carrying any of the net. Unfavourable weather and ice conditions prevented the Qikiqtarjuaq Wildlife Officer from reaching the area by boat.

- d) Nunavut Fisheries Review (was left out by accident)

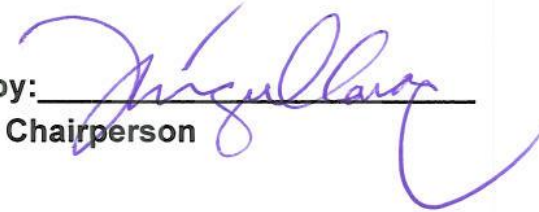
- e) Meeting with the Minister of Environment Canada Joe Tigullaraq gave a brief overview of the meeting. Joe, Robert and Joannie made a presentation to the Minister on the Species at Risk process concerns, changes to the Migratory Birds Act and concerns about Common Eider population shared with Greenland.

7. Other Business

A) A/Chairperson Honoraria

Joannie Ikkidluak suggested that the NWMB ought to be flexible enough to be able to provide adequate remuneration to Acting Chairpersons.

8. Adjournment - 2:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: 
Chairperson

July 6/06
Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2005-077: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: August 9, 2005

Resolution 2005-078: RESOLVED that the co-management partners conduct a meeting to resolve the process for establishing Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) and Basic Needs Levels (BNLs) as soon as possible.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: August 9, 2005

Resolution 2005-079: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the Fish Salvage Protocol as recommended by DFO for the Jericho Diamond Mine Project conditional on approval of the RWO and concerned HTOs.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: August 9, 2005