

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 92

Thursday, December 22, 2005; 10:30 a.m. (Iqaluit time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Tom Demcheson	Director, Finance
Joe Justus	Director, Wildlife Management
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Michael d'Eça	Legal Advisor

Not Available:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson/CEO
Paul Pemik	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member

1. Appointment of Interim Chairperson

The Chief Operating Officer advised Members that the Chairperson was not available for the Conference Call and that members would have to appoint an Interim Chairperson. The Members appointed Pitseolak Alainga as the Interim Chairperson.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The members decided (**Resolution 2005-0121**) to approve the agenda as presented.

3. 2006 Shrimp and Turbot Allocations

The Director of Wildlife reviewed the briefing note with the Members, offering several options as how to proceed with allocations for the 2006 fishing season:

1. Extend the 2005 season to the 2006 season without public competition
2. Issue public notice inviting Nunavut fishers to make application for the existing TAC for the 2006 season.

The Director of Wildlife also recommended two options for dealing with any new allocations:

1. That any new allocations be proportionally allocated to existing fishers as per the current allocations.
2. That the Board issue public notice inviting Nunavut fishers to make application for any new TAC and the staff evaluate and score applications as per the current Allocation Policy.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-122**) to follow Option 1 and maintain the status quo from the 2005 fishing season.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-123**) to follow Option 2 for any new allocations and issue public notice, evaluate and score any applications and make a decision from this information.

It was further recommended that the Board make every effort to have a new Allocation Policy for the fishery, prepared, consulted on and in effect for the 2007 fishing season.

4. Applications for Funding

1. NTI Bowhead Whale Harvesting Equipment Upgrade

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the briefing note provided on this item and recommended payment of same. The purpose of this project was to upgrade the current exploding harpoon gun equipment for ensuring the humane harvesting of bowhead whales. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-124**) to approve NTI's request for funding assistance for upgrades to the bowhead whale harvesting equipment.

2. NTI Harvesting Equipment and Methods Workshop

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the briefing note provided on this item and recommended support of the project. The purpose of this project was to develop guidelines for the Bowhead Hunt Plan, discuss final modifications to new darting equipment, to report on ballistic study and testing, and make recommendations on harvester training. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-125**) to approve NTI's request for funding assistance for the project Harvesting Equipment and Methods Workshop.

3. DFO – Bowhead Recovery Planning Workshop

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the briefing note provided on this item. It was suggested that the Board requires a policy on funding recovery strategies and that this should be covered under the strategic planning process and policy and procedures review. The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-126**) to approve the request from DFO for a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000.00) contribution to the proposed Bowhead Recovery Planning Workshop tentatively scheduled for April 2006.

5. Species at Risk Listings of Peary Caribou, Dolphin and Union Caribou And Porsild's Bryum – Final Decision

The NWMB's Legal Advisor reviewed the briefing note provided with the Members. It was recommended that if the Board is still confident that its July 7, 2005 decisions were reasonable and based upon the best available knowledge, the final decisions for the species under consideration should confirm those initial decisions:

- Queen Elizabeth Islands population of Peary Caribou: special concern;
- Prince of Wales Islands and Somerset Islands population of Peary Caribou: endangered;
- Boothia Peninsula population of Peary Caribou: refer the matter back to COSEWIC – on an expedited basis – for further information and considerations;
- Dolphin and Union Caribou: not currently at risk; and
- Porsild's Bryum: Special Concern.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2005-127**) to confirm its initial decision on the three species, Peary Caribou, Dolphin and Union Peary Caribou and Porsild's Bryum to the Minister of the Environment.


6. Other Business

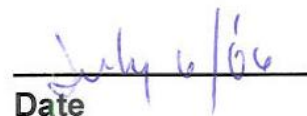
The Chief Operating Officer gave a brief update on the proposed Nunavut Wildlife Regulations consultations.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:


Chairperson


Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2005-121: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: 22 December 2005

Resolution 2005-122: RESOLVED that the NWMB follow Option 1 and maintain the status quo from the 2005 fishing season for the 2006 turbot and shrimp fishing season.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Abstained (1) – Kevin McCormick
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
Date: 22 December 2005

Resolution 2005-123: RESOLVED that the NWMB follow Option 2 for any new allocations and issue public notice, evaluate and score any applications and make a decision from this information.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 22 December 2005

Resolution 2005-124: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a contribution of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to NTI for upgrades to the bowhead whale harvesting equipment.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: 22 December 2005

Resolution 2005-125: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a contribution of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to NTI for funding assistance for the project Harvesting Equipment and Methods Workshop.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: 22 December 2005

Resolution 2005-126: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a contribution of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to DFO for funding assistance for a Bowhead Whale Recovery Planning Workshop.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Abraham Kaunak
Date: 22 December 2005

Resolution 2005-127: RESOLVED that the NWMB reaffirms that its July 7, 2005 decisions were reasonable and based upon the best available knowledge, and that the final decisions for the species under consideration should confirm those initial decisions as follows:

- Queen Elizabeth Islands population of Peary Caribou: special concern;
- Prince of Wales Islands and Somerset Islands population of Peary Caribou: endangered;
- Boothia Peninsula population of Peary Caribou: refer the matter back to COSEWIC – on an expedited basis – for further information and considerations;
- Dolphin and Union Caribou: not currently at risk; and
- Porsild's Bryum: Special Concern.

Moved by: Abraham Kaunak
Carried

Seconded by: Robert Moshenko
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