

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## Minutes Conference Call No. 106

Friday, July 6, 2007; 1:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)

### Members and Staff Participating:

Harry Flaherty	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Erin Calder	Wildlife Biologist
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

### Not Available:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson/CEO
Kevin McCormick	Member
Willie Nakoolak	Member
GN Nominee	Vacant

### Guests:

Jeff Maurice	NTI
Keith Pelley	DFO, Iqaluit
Sandra Courchesne	DFO, Iqaluit

## 1. Opening by Chairperson

As the Chairperson was unavailable, the Chief Operating Officer opened the meeting and called for an opening prayer. The COO requested that the Board choose an interim Chairperson for the meeting.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-064**) to appoint Harry Flaherty as Interim Chairperson for Conference Call 106.

## 2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The members decided (**Resolution 2007-065**) to approve the agenda as presented.

### **3. Request for Support to Conduct a Shrimp Stock Assessment – NSA**

The Wildlife Biologist reviewed the briefing note provided, it was noted that this multi-year project had first started in the summer of 2005. In 2006 the Board approved the project after it was noted that two conditions specified by the Board had not been adequately met and would have to be met for the 2006 season. Staff recommended that the NWMB support the proposed shrimp stock assessment survey in waters adjacent to Nunavut for the third year. The Board decided (**Resolution 2007- 066**) to have staff write a letter to the Minister of DFO approving the test fishery inside the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) and recommending continuation outside the NSA.

### **4. Continuation of Exploratory Char Fishery in Cumberland Sound**

The Wildlife Biologist reviewed the briefing note regarding plans for an exploratory char fishery in the Cumberland Sound area. It was noted that some information (CPUE and sex of fish) are not being provided by the fishermen and this needs to be resolved. NWMB staff recommended that approval of the continuation of the exploratory fisheries to collect sufficient data to establish TAHs/BNLs. The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-067**) to approve the continuation of the exploratory char fishery on all thirteen (13) water bodies for the 2007 fishing season.

### **5. Continuation of the 400 Tonne By-Catch of Pandalus Borealis in Shrimp Fishing Area 3 for 2007 and Beyond, and Amendment of Fishing Area**

In 2006 following consultations with the NWMB, DFO established a pre-emptive 400 tonne by-catch of *Pandalus borealis* while directing for *Pandalus montagui*, in SFA3. It was also agreed that the boundaries of this fishery be well defined. Therefore measures will be taken to ensure all *P. borealis* caught in those portions of SFA2 and 3 (between 63W and 66W) within the NSA will be recorded against the 400 tonne borealis quota. DFO also agreed to provide the coordinates of the NSA sea boundary so the vessels can locate themselves properly. The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-068**) to approve the annual renewal of the 400 tonne by-catch of *Pandalus borealis* and the boundary change amendment.

### **6. Request for Exploratory Snow and Stone Crab Fishery**

In both 2005 and 2006 Baffin Fisheries Coalition (BFC) requested exploratory Snow crab and Northern Stone crab fisheries, however no crab pots were deployed in either year. BFC is again requesting approval to attempt an exploratory crab fishery. DFO Science does not predict that such fishing effort would cause a conservation concern for the crab stocks. NWMB Staff recommend that the Board approve a plan agreed to by DFO, BFC and the

HTOs adjacent to the harvesting area for three vessels not to exceed 1000kg within the waters of the NSA. Secondly to that the Board recommends to DFO that the same conditions apply to the offshore areas of Sub-area 0. The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-069**) to approve a 1000kg exploratory Snow crab and Northern Stone crab fishery in NAFO Sub-area 0 inside the NSA, and recommend to DFO that similar conditions apply to a NAFO Sub-area 0 offshore exploratory crab fishery for BFC.

## 7. Meeting adjourned

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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

Chairperson

Date

*May 31/09*

## RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2007-064:** RESOLVED that the NWMB appoint Harry Flaherty as Interim Chairperson for Conference Call 106.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko  
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
July 6, 2007

**Resolution 2007-065:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Makabe Nartok  
Carried

Seconded by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Date: July 6, 2007

**Resolution 2007-066:** RESOLVED that the NWMB have staff write a letter to the Minister of DFO approving (decision) the test fishery inside the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) and recommending continuation outside the NSA.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko  
Carried

Seconded by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Date: July 6, 2007

**Resolution 2007-067:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the continuation of the Cumberland Sound exploratory char fishery on all thirteen (13) water bodies for the 2007 fishing season.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok  
Date: July 6, 2007

**Resolution 2007-068:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the annual renewal of the 400 tonne by-catch of *Pandalus borealis* and the boundary change amendment in SFA 2 and 3

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried

Seconded by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Date: July 6, 2007

**Resolution 2007-069:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve a 1000kg exploratory Snow crab and Northern Stone crab fishery in NAFO Sub-area 0 inside the NSA, and recommend to DFO that similar conditions apply to a NAFO Sub-area 0 offshore exploratory crab fishery for BFC.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko  
Carried

Seconded by: Pitseolak Alainga  
Date: July 6, 2007