

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 110

Thursday, November 1, 2007 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson/CEO
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Willie Nakoolak	Member
Peter Awa	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Joe Justus	Director of Wildlife Management
Erin Calder	Wildlife Biologist
Paul Frame	Wildlife Administrative Biologist
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available:

Harry Flaherty	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member

Guests:

Glenn Williams	NTI
Ipeelee Itorcheak	DFO
Sandra Courchesne	DFO
Drikus Gissing	DOE Nunavut

1. Opening by Chairperson

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed members, staff and guests to the Conference Call. The Chairperson noted that a conference call is scheduled for November 15th but due to the heavy agenda it was decided to hold an additional conference call.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-109**) to approve the agenda with the addition of one item under Other Business, Item 7.1 Request for Additional Funding for Wildlife Book Series.

3. Decision on Entrapped Beluga Whale – Targioyuq – Cumberland Sound

The Director of Wildlife Management reviewed the briefing note with the Members. The entrapped beluga was first noticed in Targioyuq at the end of August 2007. It was further noted that the whale was not acting naturally as when it surfaced to breath, the whole body was out of the water. DFO recommends that a humane harvest is not conducted at this time, as the 2006 entrapment suggested that these whales can leave these areas at high tides. DFO further recommended that in light of the over harvest for the current year that the community wait until at least November 15th to see if the whale leaves. DFO final recommendation was that if a harvest is considered, that a corresponding reduction of Pangnirtung's beluga quota occurs for next season.

NWMB staff recommended several options for the Board to consider;

1. That the community not attempt to harvest the whale before the end of the high tide cycle Tuesday October 30th
2. That the community not attempts a harvest before the end of the high tide cycle November 13th.
3. If Option 1 is chosen, then the NWMB makes a decision to immediately harvest the whale to prevent unnecessary suffering or wastage of the harvestable resource.
4. If Option 2 is chosen then the NWMB makes a decision to immediately harvest the whale to prevent unnecessary suffering or wastage of the harvestable resource.
5. That DFO personnel observe the harvest and take biological samples for scientific analysis of condition.
6. That the harvest of this beluga not be counted against the Pangnirtung HTA's 2008 quota because the whale is being harvested to prevent suffering due to the entrapment.

Discussions followed on timing of harvest due to freeze up, DFO recommended that an attempt be made to herd the whale out of the area, but noted they were unable to provide financial assistance.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-110**) to support the harvest of the entrapped beluga as soon as possible to prevent the whale from suffering and that this harvest not be counted against next years' quota.

4. Turbot and Shrimp Allocations for 2008

The Wildlife Biologist reviewed a draft letter to the Minister of DFO regarding maintaining the status quo for shrimp and turbot allocations for the 2008 fishing season. It was noted that at the Public Hearing held on the Fisheries Allocation Policy, Industry participant agreed to maintain the status quo on the allocations

until the Policy was completed. The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-111**) to maintain the status quo for turbot and shrimp allocations for the 2008 fishing season.

5. Request for Extension to Decision Making Period for Wildlife Regulations and Orders

On October 25, 2007 the NWMB received a request from the office of the Minister of Environment (Nunavut) to have a total of ninety (90) days to review and respond to the NWMB's decisions on the Wildlife Regulations and Orders. The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-112**) to approve the Minister of Environment's (Nunavut) request for an extension of sixty (60) days to review and respond to the NWMB's decisions on the Wildlife Regulations and Orders.

6. Request for Approval to Proceed With Polar Bear Program Review

The Board decided to defer this item to Regular Meeting 54, to allow time for the Members to revisit this issue prior to making a decision.

7. Other Business

7. A Request for Funding Assistance for Wildlife Book Series

The Director of Finance and Administration reviewed the request for funding for three new books in the series of education books for Nunavut schools. The request was for \$10,000.00 each for the following books:

1. Final production, printing and shipping of Insects of Nunavut
2. Writing, Research of Fish of Nunavut
3. Acquisition of illustrations and photographs for Rocks and Minerals of Nunavut

The Board decided (**Resolution 2007-113**) to approve the Nunavut Bilingual Education Societies request for thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) for the following books:

1. Final production, printing and shipping of Insects of Nunavut
2. Writing, Research of Fish of Nunavut
3. Acquisition of illustrations and photographs for Rocks and Minerals of Nunavut.

8. In-Camera Session

The Board decided to move to an in camera session (**Resolution 2007-114**).
The Board decided to move out of in camera session (**Resolution 2007-115**).

9. Meeting adjourned

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by: _____

A/Chairperson

Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2007-109: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the agenda with the addition of one item under Other Business, Item 7.1 Request for Additional Funding for Wildlife Book Series.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak
Date: November 1, 2007

Resolution 2007-110: RESOLVED that the NWMB support the harvest of the entrapped beluga at Targioyuq (Cumberland Sound) as soon as possible to prevent the whale from suffering and that this harvest not be counted against next years' quota.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak
Date: November 1, 2007

Resolution 2007-111: RESOLVED that the NWMB maintain the status quo for turbot and shrimp allocations for the 2008 fishing season.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Peter Awa
Date: November 1, 2007

Resolution 2007-112 RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the Minister of Environment's (Nunavut) request for an extension of sixty (60) days to review and respond to the NWMB's decisions on the Wildlife Regulations and Orders

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: November 1, 2007

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Moved by: Kevin McCormick
Carried`

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: November 1, 2007

Resolution 2007-114: RESOLVED that the NWMB move to an in camera session.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak
Date: November 1, 2007

Resolution 2007-115: RESOLVED that the NWMB move out of in camera session.

Moved by Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak
Date: November 1, 2007