

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 112

Thursday, January, 24, 2008; 3:00 P.M.

Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson/CEO
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Willie Nakoolak	Member
Peter Awa	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Not Available:

Harry Flaherty	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member

Guests:

Bert Dean	NTI
David Lee	NTI
Raymond Ningeocheak	NTI
Glenn Williams	NTI

1. Opening by Chairperson

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and thanked all present for participating.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2008-016**) to adopt the agenda as presented.

3. Public Hearing Date – Bowhead TAH Determination

The Wildlife Administrative Biologist reviewed the briefing note with the Members. It was noted that originally it was thought that there were two populations of bowhead, new information now leads scientist to believe that there is only one large population. Recent surveys indicate that population estimates range between 7,307 and 14,400. As this population seems to be stable, DFO suggests that the safe potential biological removal would be approximately 10 whales per year. It was further noted that there is currently a call for one whale for both Greenland and Nunavik and three for Nunavut. Discussion then turned to how best to make this decision and when. Options presented were to make an interim decision and follow up with a public hearing or wait until there is time to hold a proper public hear at one of the next regular board meetings. NTI staff advised that Kugaaruk is planning a hunt for September and a letter has been sent out to all communities for expression of interest for a second hunt. There is enough equipment for two hunts for the summer of 2008. Board Members were concerned about making any decisions until DFO provides an updated status report. It was recommended that a letter be drafted requesting a firm delivery date for this report. Board Members asked if NTI might be willing to submit a proposal for an increase to the bowhead TAH after all the relevant information is received. Staff advised they would discuss this possibility with NTI. The Board decided (**Resolution 2008-017**) to make an interim decision on the bowhead whale TAH for 2008 at the March Board meeting and make a decision for 2009 and beyond, following the 2008 season.

4. Request for Funding Commitment for Development of Offshore Fisheries Licensing Policy

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the briefing note with the Members. This was a request to jointly share the cost of development of a draft offshore licensing policy for Nunavut with GN and NTI. It was noted that the other parties had agreed to provide 15K each for this project. The Board decided (**Resolution 2008-018**) to approve an expenditure of up to 15K for the development of a draft offshore licensing policy.

5. Review of Staff Reports from Regular Meeting No. 54

The Board reviewed each of the staff reports and questioned various items in each report.

6 Other Business

No items

7. Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Minutes Approved by: 
A/Chairperson

Dec 16/08
Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2008-016: RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the agenda for Conference Call No. 112 as presented.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: January 24, 2008

Resolution 2008-017: RESOLVED that the NWMB make an interim decision on the bowhead whale TAH for 2008 at the March Board meeting and make a decision for 2009 and beyond, following the 2008 season.

Moved by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: January 24, 2008

Resolution 2008-018: RESOLVED that the NWMB approve an expenditure of up to 15K for the development of a draft offshore licensing policy.

Moved by: Robert Moshenko
Carried

Seconded by: Willie Nakoolak
Date: January 24, 2008