

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes Conference Call No. 102

Monday, October 16, 2006; 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Time)

Members and Staff Participating:

Joe Tigullaraq	Chairperson
Abraham Kaunak	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Makabe Nartok	Member
Pitseolak Alainga	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Erin Calder	Wildlife Management Biologist
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

Guests:

Ipeelie Ittorcheak	DFO
Keith Pelley	DFO
Glenn Williams	NTI

Not Available:

Paul Pemik	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
DFO Nominee	Vacant

1. Opening by Chairperson

Welcome by Chairperson and introduction of guests.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-130**) to approve the agenda as presented.

3. Entrapped Beluga Whales in Cumberland Sound

The Wildlife Management Biologist reviewed the briefing note with the members. The Board discussed the information and posed some questions to the DFO participants. There was some question whether DFO would maintain surveillance of the entrapped

beluga whales. DFO confirmed that confirmed that they commit to a further surveillance flight after the next high tide November 9th.

Joe Tigullaraq explained that the beluga whale population in Cumberland Sound is considered endangered. It was suggested that the entrapped whales are probably depleting their food supply in this restricted area. It was further suggested that since the whales went into the lake with the highest tide of the month (October), they would likely not be able to get out as there would not be another tide that high during the rest of the open-water season. Some members felt that it would be best to harvest the entrapped whales before the ice set in and that the local HTA should be doing the harvesting. It was noted that possibly up to 14 whales may be entrapped. DFO staff noted that they preferred to wait until the next high tide on November 9th as the whales seem to come and go with each tide. Joe Tigullaraq advised that the ice will be forming soon and that November 9th may be too late. Elders at Pangnirtung feel that the Beluga will starve over the winter and should be harvested now or they will not be suitable for consumption. It was noted that no matter what the Board decides, there will be criticism from other groups.

The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-131**) to send a decision letter to the DFO Minister recommending that the Pangnirtung HTO be immediately authorized to harvest the entrapped beluga whales in Tajajiaq Bay for humane/wastage concerns.

4. Other Business

a) Meeting Matrix

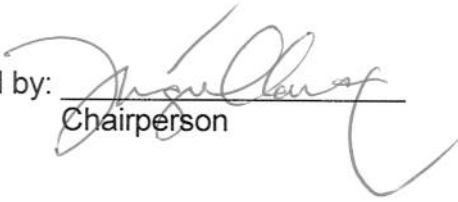
The Chief Operating Officer advised that a meeting matrix for up-coming meetings would be drawn up and circulated to Members. Another conference call meeting would be scheduled for October 19.

b) Contract with Brian Bourke - Ray Andrews - Fisheries Allocation Policy

The Chief Operating Officer advised that the NWMB's Legal Advisor would require assistance in development of the Nunavut Fisheries Allocation Policy. It was felt that Brian Burke and Ray Andrews would assist greatly in this process as they had both worked with the fishery and the NWMB previously. The Board decided (**Resolution 2006-132**) to approve \$6,000.00 for payment to contractors assisting the NWMB's Legal Advisor with development of the Nunavut Offshore Fisheries Allocation Policy.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. noon.

Minutes Approved by:  Chairperson Oct 1/07 Date

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2006-130: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: 16 October 2006

Resolution 2006-131: RESOLVED, that the NWMB send a letter to the DFO Minister recommending that the Pangnirtung HTO be immediately authorized to harvest the entrapped Beluga whales in Tajagiaq Bay for humane/wastage concerns.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga
Opposed (1) Abraham Kaunak
Carried

Seconded by: Makabe Nartok
Date: 16 October 2006

Resolution 2006-132: RESOLVED, that the NWMB approve \$6,000.00 for payment to contractors assisting NWMB Legal Advisor with development of the Nunavut Fisheries Allocation Policy.

Moved by: Pitseolak Alainga
Carried

Seconded by: Joannie Ikkidluak
Date: 16 October 2006