

# **NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

## **MINUTES: MEETING No. 32**

**RANKIN INLET, 4- 6 JUNE 2002**

### **Members and Staff Participating**

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Kevin McCormick	Member
Moses Koonoo	Member
Nick Amautinuvar	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
David Alagalak	Member
Meeka Mike	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Johnny Peters	Alternate Member (Makivik)
Pauloosie Novalinga	Alternate Member (Makivik)
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Michelle Wheatley	Director of Wildlife Management
Gordon Tomlinson	Director of Finance and Administration
Heather Priest	Harvest Study Coordinator
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Counsel
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Mary Nashook	Interpreter

### **Not Available**

Okalik Eegeesiak	Member
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### **Other Participants at Various Times**

Paul Kaludjak	Secretary/Treasurer NTI
Stas Olpinski	Makivik
Karen Ditz	DFO Fisheries Mgmt Biologist, Iqaluit
Keith Pelly	DFO Officer, Rankin Inlet
Bert Dean	NTI Director of Wildlife, Rankin Inlet
Glen Williams	NTI Wildlife Advisor, Iqaluit
Stephen Atkinson	DSD, Director of Wildlife, Iqaluit
Dan Shewchuk	DSD, Wildlife Manager, Kivalliq
Carole Carrier	Quebec Aquarium
Robert Patenaude	Quebec Aquarium
Peter Katorka	Chairperson, SRT
Nicole Sikma	Secretary, SRT

## **Tuesday, 4 June 2002**

### **1. Call to Order and Opening Preliminaries**

The Chairperson called the 32<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting of the NWMB to order at 9:00 am. Ben Kovic welcomed all the participants and asked Moses Koonoo to lead an opening prayer. Ben noted that the meeting was originally scheduled for Arviat but due to hotel renovations, it was necessary to change the meeting to Rankin Inlet. Ben welcomed the new DFO appointee, Robert Moshenko, Robert also served previously as a member of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Advisory Board.

Paul Kaludjak, Secretary/Treasurer NTI, welcomed the Board members to Rankin Inlet and to the Kivalliq. Paul noted that Raymond Ningeocheak, Second Vice-President of NTI was in Tuktoyaktuk on business and would not be available. He commended the Board for its operational success over the past years. Paul invited the Board members to visit people's homes as there is always plenty of country food available.

New member, Robert Moshenko was officially sworn in by Michael d'Eca, NWMB Legal Advisor.

### **2. Agenda for Regular Meeting No. 32**

The Board decided (**Resolution 2002- 039**) to accept the agenda for the Meeting as presented, with the following changes/additions:

- DSD items moved to late Wednesday or Thursday
- Item 8D moved to Thursday
- Item 8G to follow Item 8C for continuity
- "Assignment of Rights" discussion to be added to Item 14

### **3. Minutes: Review and Approval**

**3.A.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2002- 040**) the minutes for Regular Meeting 31, conducted at Iqaluit on 15 – 18 January, 2002 with minor corrections.

**3.B.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2002-041**) the minutes for Conference Call 60, conducted 18 April 2002 as presented.

### **4. Financial and Administrative Business**

#### **4.A Variance Report as at 31 March 2002**

The Director of Finance and Administration referred members to the Variance Report in their binder. The total revised budget for 2001/02 was \$4,899,737. The actual expenses to March 31, 2001 were \$4,816,178. The total projected variance

for March 31, 2002 is \$83,559. There was general discussion on some of the line items and explanation of the reasons for the most significant variances. It was noted that a few minor adjustments may appear in the audit currently underway. Members accepted **(Resolution 2002- 042)** the variance report as presented.

#### **4.B Implementation Contract Negotiations: Update**

The Executive Director provided the members with a brief update on the status of Implementation Contract negotiations. The NWMB presented its submission to the negotiation team in December 2001 and the Board was advised that a response was planned for May 2002, however to-date there has been no communication. Michael d'Eca advised that DIAND's negotiator may have to go back to the Federal Cabinet for an increased mandate and this has still not happened. Michael recommended that the NWMB formally request the time plan for the negotiations and also recommend that the NWMB should be at the table during these negotiations. Kevin McCormick suggested that this delay should be of serious concern to the NWMB and perhaps the Board should address this concern to a higher authority, perhaps the Minister of DIAND or Deputy Minister. It was decided **(Resolution 2002-043)** that a letter be drafted to the Minister of DIAND.

### **5. Chairperson, Senior Staff, Advisors' and Members' Reports**

#### **5.A Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson referred members to his report in the binder. Ben noted that it had been difficult to get the Board together over the last few months, and this has made it difficult for the staff. Ben noted that he had recently been appointed as a new member of the Biodiversity Working Group made up of members from Canada, US and Mexico. This group will only meet once per year, the next meeting is scheduled for Montreal in August. Ben noted that he is attempting to have regular meetings with the President of NTI and the Deputy Minister of DSD. Ben thanked the members for his re-nomination as Chairperson for the Board.

#### **5.B Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director referred members to his report. Jim noted that considerable time and effort has been spent working with the Fisheries Regulation Working Group and Nunavut Wildlife Act Working Group. Considerable time was also spent working with the Nunavut Fisheries Working Group on issues to do with the offshore fishery.

#### **5.C Wildlife Management Director's Report**

The Director of Wildlife Management referred members to her report. Michelle summarised the highlights during the quarter.

## **5.D Finance and Administration Director's Report**

The Director of Finance and Administration referred members to his report. Gordon noted that a training session for HTO managers on Simply Accounting and PowerPoint was conducted in conjunction with NITC. Gordon noted that some computer network upgrading was required. Some upcoming tasks were to finalise the 2001/02 audit and to fill the staff vacancy in the Finance Department. Harry Flaherty requested a full accounting for the course and summary of the attendees for future reference.

## **5.E Legal Advisor's Report**

The Legal Advisor referred members to his report in the binder. Michael d'Eça reviewed some of his major tasks during the quarter and referred members to his proposed work plan for the next period. Members questioned the status of the Conservation Plan for Bowhead, Michael advised that the Board had approved the Plan and it is now up to DFO to proceed.

## **5.F Members' Reports and Concerns**

The Chairperson encouraged all the Members to provide reports on any functions that they attend or in which they participate on behalf of the NWMB.

Nick Amautinuak noted that he participated in the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot wildlife act consultation sessions, except for Salliq and Kugluktuk. Nick noted concern over the narwhal quota system for Kugaaruk, Qqsuqtooq and Taloyoak. Kugaaruk is on the new Community Based Management system with a quota of 40, whereas the other two communities are still on the quota system with a quota of 10 for each community. This is causing difficulties for the region and perhaps needs to be reviewed by the Board.

Robert Moshenko thanked the Board and those that nominated him for membership on the NWMB. Robert noted that he had some experience with the interim Board and with the NWMB in various capacities. Robert noted his commitment to work for the Board in the future.

David Alagalak noted concern regarding the absence of Board members at meetings. David suggested that more effort should be given to attending meetings as the NWMB has important decisions to make. David also suggested that if members are not going to be serious about attending meetings, then the Board should contact the appointing agencies and advise them of the situation. David also voiced concern over the Baffin Bay bowhead quota of one whale every thirteen years. According to the Inuit Bowhead Knowledge Study this quota is too low. The Board spent a lot of time and effort on the Bowhead Knowledge Study and nothing is being done with the report. The Board needs to promote the use of the report by the scientific community. Ben Kovic noted that he had raised this same concern

during the January meeting and recommended that the Board take action on this issue. The Director of Wildlife advised that DFO is currently working on a new stock status report for bowhead and that the IBKS will be used in this review.

Moses Koonoo noted at times it is difficult to attend meetings due to weather conditions or other commitments. Moses advised that Arctic Bay was having difficulty with the Community Based Management of Narwhal. The community is not sure what is happening this season. Moses noted that the system needs improving and understands the Board will be conducting further meetings on this topic.

Harry Flaherty welcomed Robert Moshenko to the Board; he noted David's concern over member's participation at meetings and suggested that the members should be compensated fairly for their lost time when they do attend but a quorum is not achieved. Harry voiced concern that issues brought up at previous meetings are not being acted upon. Harry gave several examples of questions he asked and received no response. Harry also noted concern over the lack of progress with the Davis Strait polar bear inventory work.

Kevin McCormick had no particular concerns to raise. However he responded to a concern of David Alagalak's at the last meeting. Kevin advised that he had talked with people in CWS about guided hunts for geese. Regulation of guides etc. is done under provincial legislation, not federal. Kevin noted that there is nothing in federal legislation that limits guided hunts for geese but this topic may need more discussion with DSD.

## **6. Completion of Assignments and Implementation of Resolutions**

The Executive Director referred members to the task list in the binder. There was some discussion to clarify what was required in some of the tasks and to revise the list. Outstanding issues will be included on the task list from the present meeting.

## **7. Environment Canada (CWS): Issues and Decisions**

### **7.A Approval/Discussion of Designations - COSEWIC**

There was general discussion on the progress towards the new *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). It was noted that if there were no major interruptions this act may be passed by parliament this week. Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note with the members and reviewed possible COSEWIC designations. Kevin McCormick suggested that if the Board is to make an informed decision, the NWMB needs COSEWIC's reasons for their decisions. Kevin further questioned if any information was received on Ross' Gulls. Michelle advised that there was no notice from COSEWIC on this species. Members noted that a letter should be written to COSEWIC regarding the uplisting of Ross' Gull without the proper consultation process and approval by the NWMB. The Board noted that the completion of Peter

Usher's report on the COSEWIC process would likely help to address many of the difficulties that are being encountered. It was decided (**Resolution 2002-044**) that the NWMB write a letter to the Director of CWS:

- Setting out the NWMB's concerns regarding the COSEWIC and RENEW process; and
- Calling for the completion and distribution of Peter Usher's report as soon as possible; and
- Indicating that the NWMB intends to put all issues of substance on hold until these important process matters are addressed.

## **8. Fisheries and Oceans (DFO): Issues and Decisions**

### **8.A Community Based Management for Beluga in Iqaluit/Kimmirut**

Karen Ditz advised that DFO produced poster and recording kits last year. Karen noted that reviews were conducted in Iqaluit and Kimmirut. During the reviews it was noted that some catches were not being reported. Both HTOs were offered suggestions on how to better control the hunt and to get reports. One suggestion was to have reporting by radio or CB. Communities requested that DFO meet in each community to explain the system and to ensure there is no confusion about the information required. Glenn Williams asked if there was a plan in place to get better information from Iqaluit by working with the hunters and monitoring the hunt locally. Karen advised that two patrols were conducted last summer and plans are underway for the current season. Michael d'Eça asked if DFO is generally satisfied with the way the Community Based Management System is working, recognizing that there are a few changes that need to be made to the system. Karen advised that there have been concerns at times but DFO is committed to making the system work. One suggestion they have is to possibly request the communities to have limits on what an individual hunter can land, similar to the Pangnirtung rules.

### **8.B Community Based Narwhal Management System: Update**

Michael d'Eça noted that there were briefing notes from both the Legal Advisor and Executive Director on this issue. Along with the briefing notes are the NWMB letter to the Minister and we now have the Minister's response. Michael noted that during the community tours there was consensus that a three-year trial period was not enough time to work out all the problems that arise. The Minister's response is a cautious endorsement of the Board's decision to continue the CBM System for one more year to allow time for consultation. The Minister is encouraged to see the Board is addressing the concerns but notes that he finds the results to date disappointing. He accepts allowing the review committee time to complete its task and accepts the recommendations for the 2002 hunt. The Minister has some encouraging words with respect to HTOs and recognizes that it takes time to build capacity. Michael recommended that the NWMB, DFO and NTI need to follow the guidelines outlined in the letter to the Minister. He recommended that the Board convene a meeting of the Review Committee and draft a schedule of meetings with

the communities prior to January, 2003. Harry Flaherty questioned if the Board was involved in drafting of the letter to the Minister. Michael advised that the Review Committee met in Iqaluit in February and that the letter's content came from this meeting. There was difficulty arranging a Board meeting, so members were canvassed regarding the decision to send the letter. Harry further questioned the recommendation 3(ii) regarding harpooning as it may not be applicable in all situations. Harry noted that the RWOs were not mentioned as partners in setting guidelines for this season. Moses Koonoo questioned why there was no change in the Arctic Bay quota. Michael responded that by using a five-year average, the Arctic Bay quota did not change very much. Moses noted that it seemed like Arctic Bay is being short-changed by this decision. Nick Amautinuvar advised that he was pleased with the Kugaaruk figures, but questioned if Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven could participate in this system. He noted that the communities do not fully agree with the current system. Michael suggested that maybe DFO could respond to his concerns better as they normally distribute tags. Karen Ditz advised that the communities can share tags, but that the tags must be shared before narwhal are hunted. Kevin McCormick asked DFO if they would move forward quickly on this matter. Karen advised that DFO is still operationally behind this project and will assist in any way possible. Karen noted some concern with the recommendation regarding the training aspect. Glenn Williams noted that it appears that the NWMB is setting limitations based on historical harvests, not on biological information. Glenn questioned the reason for having limits on harvesters when there is a community limit. He also questioned what is considered as the harvest limit, is this struck and landed or total removal. Michael d'Eça advised that this was considered as struck and landed. Glenn further noted that a considerable amount of effort and funding is being put into research but much less effort is being put into collecting the harvest information. Glenn suggested more effort is needed in this area and will be submitting a relevant proposal to the NWMB for consideration. Moses Koonoo asked if an additional 20 or 30 animals could be harvested to ensure collection of the struck/loss information. The Board decided **(Resolution 2002- 045)** to approve the process for review of the Community Based Management System with several recommendations.

### **8.C Future Bowhead Hunt: Decision**

The Executive Director advised that the Wildlife Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC) was to meet and discuss this matter and asked the Board defer this item to later in the meeting when NTI will provide its report.

### **8.D Request for Live Capture: Quebec Aquarium**

Johnny Peters advised that the Quebec aquarium has requested information about the possibility of a live capture of two walrus and four ringed seal for the aquarium. Stas Olpinski advised that some consultation had already taken place and Makivik had indicated to the Aquarium that they should request a meeting with the NWMB to make a presentation. Carole Carrier and Robert Patenaude provided an overview of

the Quebec facility. Kevin McCormick asked if the Aquarium had looked at options of getting animals from other facilities. Robert Patenaude advised that there is no other source in Canada and restrictions on moving animals from the US are extreme. Members asked numerous questions regarding this possible live capture, the aquarium's qualifications and noted that many Inuit organizations are apposed to live capture and removal. Pauloosie Novalinga advised that this issue was discussed at the HTFC AGM and the communities could not come to a consensus. Of the fourteen communities in the region, 10 were apposed and 4 were in favour of the capture. Stas Olpinski suggested that this topic is not an easy one and keeping animals in a captive situation is not appreciated. Stas however pointed out that this is a good educational tool and the Aquarium has answered many of the questions posed to them. It was decided that the Board would need information both from DFO and the communities involved before making a final decision on this matter. A formal request from the Quebec Aquarium would also be required to officially start this process.

#### **8.E Hudson Bay Narwhal Working Group TORs**

Karen Ditz advised that the northern Hudson Bay narwhal stock has recently had both an aerial survey and IQ study completed. The Working Group has agreed to go forward with development of a management plan for the stock. The first steps in this process are to have the NWMB approve the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Working Group, put together the background information and to hold another meeting of the Working Group. The members requested clarification on numerous points in the briefing note. The Board approved in principle (**Resolution 2002-046**) the Terms of Reference for the Northern Hudson Bay Narwhal Working Group.

#### **Wednesday, 5 June, 2002**

The Chairperson reconvened the Meeting at 09:10 a.m.

#### **8.F Experimental Char Licences: Arctic Bay/Kugluktuk**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note provided regarding a commercial charr quota request for Arctic Bay. It was noted that the Board relies on scientific information provided by DFO to make these decisions and that there are often long delays in getting this information to the Board and it was suggested that a policy on turn-around time for these projects should be negotiated with DFO. Glenn Williams noted that the process takes too long and Inuit do not require a licence for this purpose. Considerable discussion followed on the requirements for commercial fishing and references to the NLCA. The Board decided (**Resolution 2002-047**) to approve the commercial quota requests for Arctic Bay.

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the second briefing note regarding a test fishery request for Kugluktuk. Members recommended that reports should be provided on



all test fisheries. The Board approved (**Resolution 2002-048**) 500kg for each of the species request along with recommending a number of conditions required to better assess the abundance of each species.

## **8.G National Code on the Introduction/Transfer of Aquatic Species**

Michael d'Eça reviewed his briefing note with the members noting that the purpose of the code is to establish a decision-making framework for deliberate movement of species into Canada and between or within provinces / territories And further, to establish provincial / territorial Introductions and Transfer Committees. Michael recommended that the Nunavut committee include the NWMB DWM, DFO rep, DSD rep, NTI rep and supplemented by representatives of the RWOs depending on location. The code deals with introductions and movements, for all aquatic species. The NWMB has an appeal role with regards to this code. Michael noted that reference to IQ should be made in four places in the code. Michael recommended that the Board recommend this approach to DSD and DFO along with changes to the code. The Board decided (**Resolution 2002-049**) to recommend to DFO and DSD the proposed revisions to the draft National Code on Introductions and Transfers of Aquatic Life as presented by the NWMB Legal Advisor.

## **8.F Nunavik Request to Harvest Beluga in Western Hudson Bay**

Johnny Peters advised the Board that DFO Quebec had recently advised Makivik that the beluga harvest in Nunavik would have to be reduced due to concern for the stock. DFO Quebec had suggested that the communities would only be allowed a quota of 100 animals from Hudson Strait and that any other harvest would have to come from other areas where beluga populations are more sustainable (e.g. James Bay or Western Hudson Bay). The Board discussed the possibility of conducting surveys on the Western population to ensure there is no over harvest if Nunavik hunters were to hunt in that area. The Board thanked the Makivik members for this update on beluga.

## **9. Nunavut Wildlife (DSD) Issues and Decisions**

### **9.A Makivik Request for Caribou Transplant - Tuutjat**

Johnny Peters advised that Makivik have been asked by the community of Salluit about the possibility of a transplant of caribou onto Nottingham Island. Johnny advised that the purpose of this transplant would be to have an additional source of caribou in the event that the mainland caribou disappeared. Nunavik would like to work with Nunavut on this proposal as it would be a good resource for both parties. Stephen Atkinson passed around a 1968 report on the introduction of caribou on Southampton Island from Coats Island. Stephen noted that a number of technical questions will have to be considered such as the capability of the vegetation to support the caribou, the size of the island and the number of animals that might be required for this transplant. Stephen noted that a cost estimate and feasibility study

will need to be conducted. This could be very expensive and the government would have to review the priority of such a project. Stephen committed to bring back a proposal to the Board outlining the stages of doing a transplant and the cost for each stage. The Board approved **(Resolution 2002-050)** the request of Makivik Corporation to begin exploring the possibilities of introducing caribou to Tuutjat (Nottingham Island) and that all the parties participate in this study.

## **9.B Wildlife Act: Update**

Stephen Atkinson provided an update on progress towards development of the new *Nunavut Wildlife Act*. Stephen advised that consultations with the communities are almost completed with the final wrap up meeting occurring in Iqaluit next week. The next step in this process will be finalizing the community reports. Stephen advised that drafting of the Act was underway and that the first draft of the Act will come to the Board for initial approval before going to the Legislative process. After review by the Legislative Assembly the Board will have the opportunity to review the document and a decision will be required whether to accept the Act as non-quota limitations, hunting methods, etc. The hope is to have the draft Act introduced to the Legislative Assembly this fall. There may be further opportunity for consultation and input during the Standing Committee's review of the Act. Michael d'Eça noted that the time line is very short to complete a full review, which will be a large task. Michael suggested that the Board should be looking to WPAC and NTI for their review of the Act prior to the NWMB doing their review.

## **9.C Peary Caribou: Update**

Stephen Atkinson advised that DSD will be asking for some indication of the Board's view on this matter by the September meeting. Stephen noted that indications are that the Peary caribou population is improving (Bathurst Island and associated areas). Resolute HTA has voluntarily restricted their harvest over the past few years and it now looks like it may be possible to conduct a small harvest. Resolute HTA has expressed an interest in a small harvest. This is a species that is designated nationally as endangered. Stephen advised that they are looking at the possibility of an MOU with the community. The options would be to continue with HTA's existing restrictions; continuing with a small harvest (10 to 12); and establishing a formal TAH between 0 and 12. If a recognized management plan is developed it will be acceptable to have a small harvest even though this is an endangered species. Stephen noted that the Department is now looking for direction from the NWMB on whether this process will be a formal TAH process or an HTO based system. Members discussed this issue at length. Stephen requested that the Board provide direction on this issue so that the Department knows how to proceed. Members felt that there needs to be more consultation with the communities before making a decision.

#### **9.D Muskox Quota Increase: Decision**

Stephen Atkinson noted that this issue was meant to go to the March NWMB meeting but a briefing note was not completed in time. A survey was completed this spring and there are a number of other quota recommendations to be discussed by the NWMB, so it is recommended that this item be deferred to the September meeting.

#### **9.E Polar Bear MOU: Update/Request for Support**

Stephen Atkinson advised the Department is working on reviewing the polar bear MOUs. The first step to be completed is to conduct a community review and a working group with members from NWMB, NTI and RWO was formed. Stephen noted that the biggest cost will be conducting community consultations and there is a proposal in the binder requesting Board support for the consultation initiative. The total cost of this initiative is \$333 K, These cost include community visits for RWO and NWMB reps to participate. DSD is requesting from \$65.2 K from the NWMB for this project. This will likely happen over 2 fiscal years, DSD has committed \$180 K this current year, and will likely add more in next fiscal year. The plan is to begin community consultations in fall of this year 2002. The Board decided to defer decision on this matter until more discussion on budgeting can be conducted.

#### **9.F Davis Strait Polar Bear Inventory: Update**

Stephen Atkinson noted that the Board supported the Davis Strait proposal, but DSD do not seem to be in a position to undertake this research. Stephen noted that there may be other areas where we could use this money. The Davis Strait inventory is still a priority and will be the next project of the polar bear program. Stephen suggested a couple of ideas for ways to use the funds. The first option might be to develop conservation education material for polar bear MOUs (communicating results of research). Also Mitch Taylor has been developing a new way of analyzing harvest data, but the program being used needs some reprogramming to fit our needs. Members noted deep concern over the cancellation of this project and asked that a letter be sent to the Minister or Deputy Minister voicing the concern of the NWMB.

#### **9G. Wild Species 2000: Update**

Stephen Atkinson advised that Wild Species 2000 is a Nunavut version of the national program.. This program provides a checklist for various species it is not part of formal process, so designations have no legal standing, but gives a heads up. Stephen noted that because this was done at Nunavut level, there are some differences from the national level. Stephen advised that this information is just about to be distributed and feedback is welcome.

## **10. NWMB Internal Items: Issues / Decisions**

### **10.A Nunavut Wildlife Harvest Study: Update**

Heather Priest reviewed her briefing note with the members. Heather advised that she had a new casual staff member, Billy Shaw sorting data sheets, and was being assisted by the Wildlife summer student, Peterloosie Papatsie with maps. Heather noted that all 5 years of data are in database and preliminary verification is complete. All hunters are accounted for and all duplicate or missing records have been reviewed, geographic data is being verified with a new computer program. Heather advised that she had attended KWB and QWB AGMs and provided presentations on BNLs. She noted some concern with the data from Pangnirtung, but with several community meetings this problem was resolved. Heather noted that there is an outline of the final report in the binder and time line for completion. Michael d'Eça suggested that the Board consider having staff and legal advisor develop a document entitled "A Total Allowable Harvest management system for Nunavut," as there will be a lot of work required down the road and the Board should be planning for this activity. Heather Priest demonstrated the new geographic program developed to check data results. Kevin McCormick noted that he agreed to chair the Harvest Study Committee, but recognized that he would need help and asked if the Board would appoint an additional member. The Board appointed **(Resolution 2002-051)** Robert Moshenko as a member of the Harvest Study Committee.

### **10.B Big Game Guides Working Group: Update**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note with the members. Michelle noted that this process took longer than anticipated with all the consultations required. She recommended that the Board accept the qualifications so that these qualifications can be considered in the new Wildlife Act. The Board considered the proposed qualifications and decided **(Resolution 2002-052)** to approve the outline, as previously approved by the three RWOs.

### **10.C Walrus Working Group: Update**

Michelle Wheatley again reviewed the briefing note on the Walrus Working Group with the members. Michelle noted that the Working Group met in January in conjunction with the RAP session for the Walrus Stock Status Report. It was noted that the Working Group is still waiting for the stock status report from DFO and once that is received the Working Group will probably consider community consultations as the next step in the process. A management plan still needs to be drafted and approved by the NWMB.

#### **10.D Update Wildlife Priorities Lists**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note with the Board. Michelle noted that the Wildlife Priorities List approved by the Board earlier, had not been separated into management and research priorities, this work was recently completed and is attached to this briefing note. This revised format has been distributed to relevant departments so that they may consider addressing some of the concerns.

#### **10.E Revised NWRT and Study Fund Policy: Approval**

Michelle reviewed the “Revised NWRT Funding Policy” and “Revised Study Fund Policy” with the members. Michelle noted that several issues have arisen with the policies since they were adopted in 1999. One major area of concern was the issue of multi-year funding and the carry-over of unused funds. This matter was causing some concerns with the Departments and required clarification. The Board decided **(Resolution 2002-053)** to approve the revised NWRT Policy as submitted. The Board also decided **(Resolution 2002-054)** to approve the revised Study Fund Policy as presented.

#### **10.F Multi-year Fisheries Allocations: Decision**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the briefing note with the members. Currently the Board is reviewing and approving shrimp and turbot allocations on an annual basis. This request was to have the Board consider three year allocations rather than the current one year. This would allow the fishing industry to make longer term plans and also decrease the approvals required to be made by the NWMB. Members noted concern for the HTOs and private sector businesses that had yet to have an opportunity in the industry and may be unable to break into the industry due to this policy. The Board decided **(Resolution 2002-055)** to approve the recommendations for the turbot and shrimp fisheries as presented in the briefing note.

#### **10.G NWMB Board Members Remuneration: Update**

Item deferred to an in camera session.

#### **10.H Live Capture Policy: Update**

Michelle Wheatley provide a brief update on progress towards a Live Capture Policy, noting that consultations are still ongoing and many organizations have not responded to the questionnaire sent out.

#### **In Camera Session**

The Board moved in-camera to discuss some issues.

The Board approved **(Resolution 2002-056)** a motion to go in camera.

The Board approved **(Resolution 2002-057)** to come out of camera.

### **Thursday, 6 June, 2002**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

The Board first dealt with motions arising from issues discussed during the In-camera session.

1. **(Resolution 2002-058)** Resolved that the NWMB approve Nortext Limited to produce the 2001/02 Annual Report.
2. **(Resolution 2002-059)** Resolved that the NWMB hold a competition for re-design of the NWMB's current logo design or production of a new logo, to be open to everyone except NWMB members and staff, with a prize of \$2,500.00.

### **11. NTI Wildlife Division: Issues / Decisions**

Discussion on this item was moved to the in camera session.

### **12. Matters of Funding: Status Reports on Programs**

#### **12.A Status of NWRT and NWMB Funded Research Funding for 2002/03**

All applicants have been notified the Board decisions and follow up is underway.

#### **12.B Funding Request**

The Executive Director reviewed the briefing note on the request from Nasivvik High School in Pond Inlet, requesting funding assistance for a summer exchange program with Guelph Collegiate High School in Ontario. The Board approved **(Resolution 2002-060)** financial assistance in the amount of \$500.00 for this project.

### **13. Other Presentations**

#### **13.A KWB Presentation**

Item deferred to next meeting in the Kivalliq Region.

### **13.B Surface Rights Tribunal**

The Chairperson of the Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal, Peter Katorka and Secretary, Nicole Sikma attended the NWMB to give an update on the SRT. Peter advised that the SRT had recently hired Nicole as secretary. Peter noted that the SRT office is now up and running again in Rankin Inlet. The SRT just wanted the NWMB to be aware of roles and responsibilities of SRT. The Board will be having more training and two new members have been appointed.

### **14. Meetings, Workshops and Other Pertinent Events**

#### **14.A Past Events: Reports and Briefings**

Board members were referred to the meeting reports in the binder. There was discussion on the Chairperson's brief about working on a MOU with Nunavik. Michael d'Eça advised that he met with a group from the Amarok HTA to discuss the issue of assignment. The women involved with the assignment issue, feel isolated and are requesting the assistance of the NWMB's Legal Advisor to participate in a meeting in Iqaluit the last week of June. Michael asked the members if he should assist groups like this as NWMB Legal Counsel. Most members agreed that it was necessary to provide this assistance.

#### **14.B Upcoming Events: Review and Participation**

The list of upcoming meetings was reviewed and decisions were made with regards to members and staff that would attend various meetings.

### **15. Date and Location of Next Meeting**

The Board decided **(Resolution 2002-061)** to conduct its next (33<sup>rd</sup>) Regular Meeting in Kugaaruk the week of September 16, 2002

### **16. Adjournment**

The Chairman thanked members, translators and NWMB staff for their work in preparation for and at the meeting. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the NWMB was adjourned at 8:00 pm. **(Resolution 2002-062)**

**Minutes Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson Date

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## RESOLUTIONS: MEETING No. 32

### RANKIN INLET, 4- 6 JUNE 2002

**Resolution 2002- 039:** Resolved that the NWMB accept the agenda for Meeting No. 32 as presented, with the following additions:

- DSD items moved to late Wednesday or Thursday
- Item 8D moved to Thursday
- Item 8G to follow Item 8C for continuity
- "Assignment of Rights" discussion to be added to Item 14

Moved by David Alagalak                      Seconded by Harry Flaherty  
Carried    Date: 4 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 040:** Resolved that the NWMB adopt the minutes for Meeting No. 31 conducted at Iqaluit on 15-18 January 2002, with minor revisions.

Moved by Kevin McCormick                      Seconded by Harry Flaherty  
Carried    Date: 4 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 041:** Resolved that the NWMB adopt the minutes for Conference Call No. 60 as presented.

Moved by Nick Amautinuar                      Seconded by Moses Koonoo  
Carried    Date: 4 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 042:** Resolved that the NWMB accept the Variance Report for the period ending 31 March 2002 as presented.

Moved by Kevin McCormick                      Seconded by Robert Moshenko  
Abstention (1) Harry Flaherty  
Carried    Date: 4 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 043:** Resolved that the NWMB draft a letter to the Minister of DIAND:

- requesting an updated negotiating timetable, and a seat at the table when the NWMB Funding Proposal and Workplan is being discussed; and
- noting that further delays in the negotiation process will cause difficulties for the NWMB, as it will soon have to start developing its budget for the 2003/04 fiscal year.

Moved by Harry Flaherty                      Seconded by Kevin McCormick  
Carried    Date: 4 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 044:** Resolved that the NWMB write a letter to the Director General of CWS:

- setting out the NWMB's concerns regarding the COSEWIC and RENEW process; and



- calling for the completion and distribution of Peter Usher's report as soon as possible; and
- indicating that the NWMB intends to put all issues of substance on hold until these important process matters are addressed.

Moved by Harry Flaherty      Seconded by David Alagalak  
Carried      Date: 6 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 045:** Resolved that the NWMB approve the process for review of the Community Based Management System for narwhal with the following recommendations:

- That the NWMB arrange for the Narwhal Community-based Management Review Committee to meet as soon as possible;
- That a schedule/timetable for carrying out and completing the review by January 2003 be developed by the Committee at the meeting; and
- That the NWMB, NTI and DFO urgently establish agreed-upon Guidelines for 2002 Community-Based Management Narwhal Harvesting Season.

Moved by David Alagalak      Seconded by Nick Amautinuvar  
Opposed (3) Meeka Mike, Harry Flaherty, Moses Koonoo  
Carried      Date: 6 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 046:** Resolved that the NWMB accept the North Hudson Bay Working Group Terms of Reference with noted minor changes.

Moved by Harry Flaherty      Seconded by Robert Moshenko  
Carried      Date: 5 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 047:** Resolved that the NWMB approve the following commercial quotas for arctic char for the Arctic Bay HTO:

- Qikuajuk Lake      1000 kg
- Illurtuq Lake      2000 kg

With the conditions as noted by DFO.

Moved by David Alagalak      Seconded by Harry Flaherty  
Carried      Date: 6 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 048:** Resolved that the NWMB approve the request of Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association for various fish and invertebrate species near Kugluktuk in Dolphin and Union Strait for 500 kg of each of the following species:

- Capelin
- Clams and Cockles
- Urchins
- Starry Flounder
- Sea Cucumber
- Blue mussels
- Crabs

Such harvests are subject to the provision of:

1. the following information:
  - Location of sampling
  - Types of gear used, and length of time fishing with each type of gear;
  - Catch by gear type; and
  - Weight of Species caught - including by-catch of species other than those listed above
2. the following samples:
  - the first 20-50 of each species of invertebrates caught; and
  - 5 of each species of fish caught.

Moved by Moses Koonoo                      Seconded by Nick Amautinuvar  
Carried    Date: 5 June 2002

**Resolution 2002-049:** Resolved that the NWMB recommend to DFO and DSD the proposed revisions to the draft *National Code on Introductions and Transfers of Aquatic Life* as presented by the NWMB Legal Advisor.

Moved by Meeka Mike                      Seconded by Harry Flaherty  
Carried    Date: 5 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 050:** Resolved that the NWMB approve the request of Makivik Corporation to begin exploring the possibilities of introducing caribou to Tuutjat (Nottingham Island) and that all the parties (Government of Nunavut, Government of Quebec, Makivik NWMB, NTI) participate in this study.

Moved by David Alagalak                      Seconded by Johnny Peters  
Carried    Date: 4 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 051:** Resolved that the NWMB appoint Robert Moshenko to be a member of the Harvest Study Committee.

Moved by Harry Flaherty                      Seconded by Moses Koonoo  
Carried    Date: 5 June 2002

**Resolution 2002-052:** Resolved that the NWMB approve the *Big Game Hunting Guides Qualifications*, as developed by the Big Game Guides Working Group and approved by the three RWOs.

Moved by David Alagalak                      Seconded by Kevin McCormick  
Carried    Date: 5 June 2002

**Resolution 2002-053:** Resolved that the NWMB approve the revised Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust Policy as presented.

Moved by Harry Flaherty                      Seconded by Kevin McCormick  
Carried    Date: 5 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 054:** Resolved that the NWMB approve the revised NWMB Studies Fund Policy as presented.

Moved by Harry Flaherty

Seconded by Robert Moshenko

Abstention (1) Meeka Mike

Carried

Date: 5 June 2002

**Resolution 2002-055:** Resolved that the NWMB approve multi-year fisheries allocations with the following conditions:

- That allocations in the turbot (OA and OB) and shrimp fisheries (NSA and SFA 2) be renewable for up to three (3) years, conditional on satisfactory effort (to be further defined) to harvest the allocation each year, conditional on the fisheries continuing, including any changes to quotas.
- That the organizations receiving allocations provide comprehensive reports at the close of the fishery each year.
- That the NWMB review these reports on an annual basis and reallocate quotas if necessary.

Moved by David Alagalak

Seconded by Harry Flaherty

Abstention (2) Meeka Mike, Robert Moshenko

Carried

Date: 4 June 2002

**Resolution 2002-056:** Resolved that the Board move to an *in-camera session*.

Moved by Harry Flaherty

Seconded by Kevin McCormick

Carried

Date: 17 January 2002

**Resolution 2002- 057:** Resolved that the Board move out of *in-camera session*.

Moved by David Alagalak

Seconded by Moses Koonoo

Carried

Date: 17 January 2002

**Resolution 2002- 058:** Resolved that the NWMB approve Nortext Limited to produce the 2001/02 Annual Report.

Moved by Kevin McCormick

Seconded by David Alagalak

Carried

Date: 6 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 059:** Resolved that the NWMB hold a competition for re-design of the NWMB's current logo design or production of a new logo, to be open to everyone except NWMB members and staff, with a prize of \$2,500.00.

Moved by Kevin McCormick

Seconded by Nick Amautiuar

Carried

Date: 6 June 2002

**Resolution 2002-060:** Resolved that the NWMB approve \$500.00 in conservation education funds for Nasivvik High School's (Pond Inlet) student exchange program.

Moved by Harry Flaherty

Seconded by David Alagalak

Carried

Date: 6 June 2002

**Resolution 2002- 061:** Resolved that NWMB conduct the next regular scheduled Board meeting in Kugaaruk, the week of September 16, 2002.

Moved by Moses Koonoo                      Seconded by Nick Amautinuvar

Abstained (2) Meeka Mike, Harry Flaherty

Carried    Date: 6 June 2002

**Resolution 2002-062:** Resolved that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting of the NWMB be adjourned.

Moved by David Alagalak                      Seconded by Nick Amautinuvar

Carried    Date: 6 June 2002