

# NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MINUTES: MEETING NO. 37

IQALUIT

23 – 25 MARCH 2004

### Members and Staff Participating

Ben Kovic	Chairperson
Robert Moshenko	Member
Kevin McCormick	Member
Nick Amautinuak	Member
Harry Flaherty	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Paul Pemik	Member
Jim Noble	Executive Director
Michelle Wheatley	Director of Wildlife Management
Josée Galipeau	Wildlife Management Assistant
Michael d'Eça	NWMB Legal Counsel
Tom Demcheson	RLO Baffin
Annie Aningmiuq	Secretary
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Mary Nashook	Interpreter

### Not Available

DIAND Member	Vacant
DSD Member	Vacant

### Other Participants

Gabriel Nirlungayuk	Director of Wildlife, NTI
Bert Dean	Associate Director of Wildlife, NTI
Glen Williams	Advisor, NTI Wildlife
Paul Irngaut	Communications, NTI
Agnes Egotak	Executive Director, KHTA
Karen Ditz	Fisheries Management Biologist, DFO
Stephanie Critch	Habitat Biologist, DFO
Derrick Moggy	Habitat Biologist, DFO
Tania Gordanier	Habitat Biologist, DFO

Mitch Taylor  
Jackie Bourgeois  
Stephen Pinksen  
Chris Nichols

Polar Bear Biologist, Nunavut Environment  
Polar Bear Technician, DOE Nunavut  
Manager, Leg. and Reg, DOE Nunavut  
Land Claims Liaison, DOE Nunavut

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**Tuesday, 23 March 2004**

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

The Chairperson called the 36th Regular Meeting of the NWMB to order at 1:00 p.m. Joannie Ikkidluak led the opening prayer.

### **2. Agenda: Review and Approval**

The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-006**) to accept the agenda for Meeting 37 with the following changes:

- There is no Chairman's report;
- The addition of walrus live capture to the DFO section;
- The addition of Kimmirut experimental license to the DFO section.

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

**3.A.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2004-007**) the minutes for Regular Meeting 35, conducted 3 – 5 June, 2003 with minor changes.

**3.B.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2004-008**) the minutes for Regular Meeting 36, conducted 2 - 4 December, 2003 as presented.

**3.C.** The Board adopted (**Resolution 2004-009**) the minutes for Conference Call 76, conducted 2 February, 2004 with minor changes.

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

#### **4.A. Variance Report for February 29, 2004**

Jim Noble reviewed the Variance Report and noted that while it varies by line item, the overall budget is on track for the year and will likely come in approximately \$100,000 under-budget in addition to the funds already returned to DIAND for future years. The Board accepted (**Resolution 2004-010**) the report as presented.

#### **4.B. Review 2004/2005 Budget Submission to DIAND**

Jim Noble presented a copy of the 2004/05 workplan and budget that was submitted to DIAND by March 1, 2004. The budget for next year is based on the last offer from Canada in the negotiations. There is still flexibility to change items in the future if the Board wishes.

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

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

No report was available due to the Leave of Absence of the Chairperson.

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

The Executive Director referred members to his report.

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

The Director of Wildlife Management referred members to her report.

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

No report was available due to the vacancy in this position.

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

The Legal Advisor referred members to his report in the binder

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

No issues were raised.

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

The Chairperson referred members to the task list in the binder. Items not completed or ongoing were reviewed with the members.

#### **Environment Canada (CWS): Issues / Discussions**

Kevin McCormick reported that the agencies responsible for implementing the Species at Risk Act are developing bilateral agreements with each province / territory on how to implement the process. In Nunavut, the Board will likely need to be directly involved in this process too.

**Wednesday, 24 March, 2004**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:45 am

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

### **2.1.1.1 8.A. Narwhal and Beluga Community Based Management (CBM)**

NWMB Staff updated the Board on Community Based Management for narwhals. Staff are working with DFO and NTI to review last year's harvests and prepare for the coming season.

### **8. B. Bowhead Whale Status Report /RWO Interest**

The Board was notified that the Minister of DFO has approved the decision by the Board to establish a total allowable harvest (TAH) of one bowhead whale from the Foxe Basin Stock in either 2005 or 2006. NTI will work with the RWOs to identify which community will host the hunt.

### **2.1.1.2 8. C. Eastern Hudson Bay Beluga Meeting**

Karen Ditz updated the Board on a meeting held in Sanikiluaq to brief the HTA on recent research on the East Hudson Bay belugas and concerns about harvest levels from this stock. This stock is harvested mostly by communities in Northern Quebec, but some animals are also harvested by hunters from Sanikiluaq.

### **8. D. Habitat**

Stephanie Critch updated the Board on recent activities relating to fisheries habitat and the various development proposals that are currently under review. Two new DFO habitat biologists were also introduced to the NWMB.

### **8. E. Licencing**

Karen Ditz presented a summary of the work that Garth Reid has been doing in licensing of fisheries.

### **8. F. Experimental Licences – Skate and Char**

Karen Ditz presented a request for an experimental license for Arctic Skate for Jencor Fisheries in the area offshore in Division 0A and 0B (Zone I). This was a similar request to the one presented to the Board in December 2003. There continue to be concerns about the slow growth rate of skates and possible by-catch of turbot because both species are found at a similar depth. The recommendation of the Board (**Resolution 2004-011**) was that the fishery be allowed to proceed for one year to harvest 125 mt of arctic skate with by-catch not to exceed 5% of the total (i.e. 6.25 mt) and that DFO should report the results to NWMB including the by-catch rate along with its recommendations for a continuation/termination next year.

A request from Kimmirut to conduct 4 experimental fisheries for char near the community was presented. The request from the Mayukalik HTA was to harvest 2000 kg of char from each of Qivianganik Lake (Ava Inlet); Anaqtuaajuarjuk Lake (Wight Inlet); Qingu Lake (Blandford Bay); and an unnamed lake north of Pritzler Harbour. DFO is recommending approving the requested 2000 kg for all lakes except Anaqtuaajuarjuk Lake. A conservative, low risk, recommendation for this lake is an experimental fishery of 800 kg. The Board approved (**Resolution 2004-012**) the recommendations as presented.

## **8. G. Experimental Licences**

Karen Ditz explained that there are standard licensing conditions. As these are non-quota limitations (NQL's), they need to be approved by the Board. DFO is asking the Board to approve this standard set of conditions to apply to all exploratory licenses issued by DFO. DFO is starting a workshop program to train fishermen to do the sampling and measuring as required by these conditions. Once has been completed in Pangnirtung. The Board approved (**Resolution 2004-013**) the conditions as presented by DFO.

## **8. H. Addition of Wolffish to SARA Schedule 1**

Karen Ditz notified the Board that although it should have come before the NWMB and did not, three species of wolffish were added to Schedule 1 under the SARA and will therefore become listed species in June, 2004. Board members expressed concern that the NLCA process had not been followed. Concerns were also expressed about the possible implications of this designation for the turbot fishery adjacent to Nunavut. While the listing is still going forward, DFO is still requesting the Board's comments on the listing. Karen also gave the Board advance notice that Atlantic Cod will also be reviewed in the near future. The Board will review the material and respond to the Minister of DFO.

## **8. I. Community Tour and Marine Mammal Regulations Consultation**

Karen Ditz notified the Board that DFO staff are currently undertaking a tour of most Baffin communities to give an overview of the SARA and conduct consultations on the marine mammal regulations. A tour of the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot communities will be conducted later.

## **8. J. Walrus Live-Capture Request**

Karen Ditz presented a request from the Quebec Aquarium to conduct a live capture of two walrus and four ringed seals. A report has not yet been received on last year's live-capture near Akpatok Island. The capture would likely take place in Zone II. DFO Nunavut has raised concerns about some of the techniques and suggested some alternatives. Makivik appears to be supporting the request, but it was noted by

NWMB members that the Nunavik Hunting Fishing and Trapping Association had been opposed to the idea during earlier discussions. The Board will hold further discussion and respond to DFO.

#### **8. K. Walrus Sports Hunt Allocations - Supplemental**

Michelle Wheatley presented an application for walrus sport hunts from Cape Dorset. This application was received after the last meeting. Michelle recommended approving the request with associated conditions on assignment and reporting. The Board approved (**Resolution 2004-014**) the recommendations as presented.

#### **9. Nunavut Wildlife (DOE): Issues / Decisions**

Stephen Pinksen told the Board that with the new government, the old Department of Sustainable Development has been split and the wildlife responsibilities will now be managed by the new Department of the Environment. Work is now underway to develop organization charts and budgets.

##### **9. A. Wildlife Act**

The Nunavut Department of the Environment provided an update to the Board on the development of regulations to put into effect the new Nunavut Wildlife Act. Drafts should be ready for community consultations by the fall and should be finalized by early 2005. The Department will continue to work with NWMB and NTI in the development of these regulations.

##### **9. B. Thelon Sanctuary Management Plan**

Chris Nichols, Nunavut Department of the Environment noted that they had responded to the NWMB's concerns with regards to approving the Thelon Sanctuary Management Plan. He also noted that another letter had been sent from DIAND in the previous week, addressing some of the concerns. Chris noted that in the Department's opinion, the plan is flexible enough to allow for future changes and the involvement of other organizations. No response has yet been received from NTI. Nunavut will be meeting with DIAND next week to discuss this issue. Michael d'Eça suggested that the Board encourage DIAND to complete the necessary consultations mentioned in its most recent letter to the NWMB, and ask NTI again for their official response to the Board's concerns. The NWMB will then be in a better position to make a decision regarding the plan.

##### **9. C. Polar Bear MOU's**

Jackie Bourgeois reported on progress towards establishing new MOU's with the communities for polar bear management. The MOU's are now out for final review. One MOU has been completely signed off, while others are partly signed. Some issues have come up in Baffin Bay and a meeting will be held March 30 to discuss

the issues with representatives from Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River and Pond Inlet. It was noted by Mitch Taylor that there still needs to be work on inter-jurisdictional agreements. There are some concerns about the provisions for modifying quotas based on IQ, expressed by other jurisdictions. Concerns were also raised that the time spent on the MOU's might be better spent on other management measures. The Board noted concerns about the costs and ongoing concerns about the MOU's and surveys.

### **Thursday, March 25, 2004**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

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

##### **10. A. Harvest Study**

Michelle Wheatley updated the Board on progress towards producing the final report on the Harvest Study. A publisher has been selected and the final text is being translated and prepared for publication now. The report will consist of the main text in 3 languages, followed by tri-lingual tables (over 600). It will include comments received as feedback from the communities during the community tour. A CD will be included with each report to provide a geographic display of the data. The publication is anticipated by the end of April, 2004.

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

##### **11. A. Polar Bear Management in Nunavut**

Bert Dean, NTI Wildlife, presented a brief to the NWMB raising concerns that the current approach to managing polar bears in Nunavut is not working properly and is not acceptable. NTI is recommending that all co-management partners work together to find the answer and consider alternative approaches that may be more effective, including alternative ways of collecting data on polar bears and their habitat. It was noted that the general approach to managing bears has been for conservation, but in some communities, there are concerns about too many bears. It was suggested that a workshop could be held to reconsider the goals of polar bear management and how we should proceed. There was general agreement that such a workshop would be useful. NTI also made a commitment to try to bring more community-concerns and information to the Board.

##### **11. B. NAMMCO Meeting**

Gabriel Nirlungayuk reported on the NAMMCO meeting held in the Faroe Islands. A key issue at this meeting was concern over the decline in the number of narwhal in Eastern Greenland. There was also discussion about the possibility of one large stock of bowhead whales, shared between Nunavut and Greenland. This could have

implications for the harvesting of bowhead whales in Nunavut.

#### **11. C. RWO/HTO Review**

Bert Dean noted that Consilium has been hired to complete a review of the RWOs and HTOs. They have prepared their questionnaire and will be finalizing that and conducting the interviews in the coming weeks. NTI is also working with the RWOs on funding an alternative ways of managing the funding for the future.

#### **11. D. Overlap Issues with Inuvialuit**

Bert Dean indicated that while attending the Polar Bear Technical Committee Meetings in Winnipeg, NTI had met with the Inuvialuit and discussed issues relating to overlapping hunting rights and shared wildlife populations. Discussions are ongoing.

#### **11. E. WPAC**

It was not possible to hold a WPAC meeting prior to this meeting.

#### **11. F. Other Issues**

NTI raised a concern that DFO was apparently using video-cameras on narwhal during their research in North Baffin. The concern is primarily that the community and NWMB have not been informed about this aspect of the research and that the footage from this video may be used commercially. NTI and NWMB will follow up with DFO.

### **In Camera Session**

Motion to go in camera (**Resolution 2004-015**).

Motion to come out of camera (**Resolution 2004-016**).

#### **Motions from in camera session.**

The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-017**) to allow Royal Roads University to hold a copy of the report prepared by the Director of Wildlife Management on TAH's and BNLs, as a sample for future students, but not for general circulation.

The Board decided to approve (**Resolution 2004-018**) extension of the MOU establishing protocols for the clam fishery in Qikiqtarjuaq to May 31, 2004.

### **12. Applications for Funding: Reviews / Decisions**

#### **12. A. NWRT Funding**



Michelle Wheatley reviewed the NWRT Funding Policy and presented the progress reports for 2003/04 NWRT funded projects. Based on the interim financial reports, \$131,000 will be returned to the NWMB from 2003/04 funds. Two projects will be continuing with previously approved multi-year funding. The Board reviewed 25 new proposals and approved **(Resolution 2004-019)** \$851,300 in funding (including returned funding) for the following continuing and new projects:

- 5130-02-1 - Survival and Population Dynamics of the Northern Common Eider in Nunavut, Canada, CWS, continued funding, \$20,000;
- 5130-03-2 - Population re-assessments of polar bears in western and southern Hudson Bay, CWS, continued funding, \$30,000 for second of three years;
- 5110-04-1 - Vegetation mapping in the Kivalliq using digital Landsat TM/7 data, Nunavut Environment, \$50,000;
- 5110-04-2 - The seasonal distribution and herd delimitation of Northeastern Mainland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus*), Nunavut Environment, \$40,000;
- 5110-04-3 - Population delineation, movements and habitat utilization of Peary caribou and muskoxen on the High Arctic Islands in Nunavut, 2003-2009, Nunavut Environment, \$55,000;
- 5110-04-4 - The monitoring of Qamanirjuaq caribou (*Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus*) using satellite telemetry and spring composition surveys, Nunavut Environment, \$20,000;
- 5110-04-5 - Cooperative ground-aerial surveys of Peary caribou and muskoxen on Prince of Wales and Somerset Islands in Nunavut, 2004 and 2005, Nunavut Environment, \$75,000 for the first year of two years;
- 5110-04-6 - Monitoring condition, feeding habits and demographic parameters of Island Bound Barren-Ground Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus*) Southampton Island, Nunavut, Nunavut Environment, \$25,000;
- 5110-04-7 - Kitikmeot vegetation mapping using Landsat TM/7 data, Nunavut Environment, \$40,000;
- 5120-04-1 - North Baffin Narwhal movements and dive behaviour study by satellite telemetry, DFO, \$30,000;
- 5120-04-3 - Ringed seals in western Hudson Bay, DFO, \$42,000 for first year of three years;
- 5120-04-4 - Surveys of the stock size of Western Hudson Bay belugas, DFO, \$56,000;
- 5120-04-5 - Nelson River beluga movements and dive behaviour study by satellite telemetry, DFO, \$30,000;
- 5120-04-6 - Bowhead whale movements and stock range, DFO, \$35,000;
- 5120-04-7 - Greenland Halibut survey in Baffin Bay, NAFO Division 0A, DFO, \$75,000;
- 5120-04-8 - Whale Sampling and Stock Identification, DFO, \$31,000;
- 5120-04-9 - Walrus capture / recapture and 5120-04-11 - Walrus tagging, DFO, total of \$46,600 for combined project;

- 5120-04-12 - Improving stock assessment for experimental and commercial charr fisheries in Cumberland Sound using community-based sampling, DFO, \$35,700;
- 5130-04-1 - Reproductive ecology and survival of the Pacific common eider in central arctic Canada, CWS, \$55,000 for first year of two years;
- 5130-04-3 - Census and banding of common eiders in the high arctic, CWS, \$30,000 for first year of two years;
- 5130-04-4 - Studies of high arctic marine birds: ivory gulls, murres, kittiwakes, brant, fulmars and gulls, CWS, \$15,000 for first year of two years;
- 5140-04-1 - Arctic and red foxes in a warming north: Current status of populations and development of a monitoring program on Bylot Island, Sirmilik National Park of Canada, Parks Canada, \$15,000.

## **12. B. NWMB Study Funding**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed the NWMB Study Funding Policy and presented the progress reports for 2003/04 Study funded projects. The Board reviewed 7 new proposals and approved **(Resolution 2004-020)** \$94,800 in funding for the following projects:

- 5244-04-1 - Genetic Studies of Polar Bear Mating, Movement and Dispersal Patterns, Gjoa Haven HTA; \$13,000;
- 5246-04-1 - Species at Risk Populations' Monitoring: Grizzly Bear & Wolverine – Test of a promising method, Kugluktuk HTA; \$30,000;
- 5247-04-1 - Study of Narwhal in the Pelly Bay Area, Kurtairojuark HTA, Kugaaruk; \$30,000;
- 5247-04-2 - Muskox Ground Survey East of Management Zone MX/17, Kurtairojuark HTA, Kugaaruk; \$21,800.

## **12. C. Conservation Education Fund**

Michelle Wheatley reviewed a proposal transferred from the Study Funding program, from the Beverly Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board requesting funding to assist in the development of a video on the process of collecting community-based data. The Board approved **(Resolution 2004-021)** \$10,000 for this project.

## **13. Other Presentations**

### **13. A. KHTA**

Agnes Egotak, KHTA Executive Director noted that the RWOs are working with NTI to improve the way funding is handled. She also asked the Board to consider soon what will happen with the vacant RLO positions in the Kitikmeot and Kivalliq regions.

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

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

Ben Kovic referred members to the reports in their binders.

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

The members reviewed the upcoming meeting list and decided who would attend the required meetings.

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

The Board decided (**Resolution 2004-022**) to hold a Strategic Planning meeting and short regular meeting in Iqaluit the week of May 10, 2004. The next regular meeting will be in the Kitikmeot in September.

## **16. Adjournment**

The Chairman thanked members, translators and NWMB staff for their work in preparation for and at the meeting. The 37th Meeting of the NWMB was adjourned.

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

# **NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

## **RESOLUTIONS: MEETING NO. 37**

### **IQALUIT**

**23 – 25 MARCH 2004**

**Resolution 2004-006:** RESOLVED that the NWMB accept the agenda for Meeting No. 37 with the following changes:

- There is no chairman's report;
- The addition of walrus live-capture to the DFO section;
- The addition of Kimmirut experimental license to the DFO section.

Moved by Paul Pemik  
Carried

Seconded by Joannie Ikkidluak  
Date: March 23, 2004

**Resolution 2004-007:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes for Regular Meeting No. 35 conducted at Arviat on 3 – 5 June, 2003, with noted

minor changes.

Moved by Kevin McCormick      Seconded by Nick Amautinuak  
Carried      Date: March 23, 2004

**Resolution 2004-008:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes for Regular Meeting No. 36 conducted at Iqaluit on 2 – 4 December, 2003, as presented.

Moved by Harry Flaherty      Seconded by Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried      Date: March 23, 2004

**Resolution 2004-009:** RESOLVED that the NWMB adopt the minutes for Conference Call No. 76 with minor changes.

Moved by Paul Pemik      Seconded by Kevin McCormick  
Carried      Date: March 23, 2004

**Resolution 2004-010:** RESOLVED that the NWMB accept the variance report for the period ending February 29, 2004 as presented.

Moved by Nick Amautinuak      Seconded by Joannie Ikkidluak  
Carried      Date: March 23, 2004

**Resolution 2004-011:** RESOLVED that the NWMB recommend approval of the proposed skate fishery in Division 0A, with the provisions that the proposed fishery be permitted to proceed for 1 year, with a harvest limit of 125 metric tonnes of arctic skate with by-catch of Greenland halibut not to exceed 5% of the total quota (i.e. 6.25 metric tonnes).

Moved by Harry Flaherty      Seconded by Paul Pemik  
Carried      Date: March 23, 2004

**Resolution 2004-012:** RESOLVED that the NWMB, with reference to a request from Kimmirut to conduct an experimental fishery for char in a number of lakes, approve an experimental fishery for 2000 kg of arctic char for each of three water bodies:

- Qivianganik Lake, Ava Inlet;
- Unnamed Lake North of Pritzler Harbour, first lake of drainage system; and
- Qinngu Lake, Blandford Bay; and

To approve an experimental fishery for 800 kg of arctic char for:

- Anaqtuaquarjuk Lake, Wight Inlet.

With the license conditions for both that:

- Each licence is renewable for up to 5 years;

- Standard test fishery data and samples must be collected and submitted to DFO.

Moved by Paul Pemik  
Carried

Seconded by Harry Flaherty  
Date: March 23, 2004

**Resolution 2004-013:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the general licence conditions to apply to all exploratory licenses issued by DFO as presented, subject to a review by the NWMB's legal advisor and Director of Wildlife Management.

Moved by Harry Flaherty  
Carried

Seconded by Joannie Ikkidluak  
Date: March 23, 2004

**Resolution 2004-014:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the request for 2 walrus sport hunts for Aiviq HTO (Cape Dorset) with the following conditions:

- Total walrus harvest in Cape Dorset in 2004 not to exceed average harvest over the last 5 years.
- Assignment to be done in writing.
- The number of landed and struck and lost animals to be reported to NWMB at the time of application next year.

Moved by Kevin McCormick  
Carried

Seconded by Harry Flaherty  
Date: March 23, 2004

**Resolution 2004-015:** RESOLVED that the NWMB go in-camera.

Moved by Paul Pemik  
Carried

Seconded by Joannie Ikkidluak  
Date: March 24, 2004

**Resolution 2004-016:** RESOLVED that the NWMB come out of camera.

Moved by Kevin McCormick  
Carried

Seconded by Paul Pemik  
Date: March 24, 2004

**Resolution 2004-017:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the holding of one copy of the Final Report prepared by the Director of Wildlife Management on TAH's and BNLs, by Royal Roads University, as a sample for future students, but not for general circulation.

Moved by Kevin McCormick  
Carried

Seconded by Joannie Ikkidluak  
Date: March 24, 2004

**Resolution 2004-018:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve the extension of the MOU establishing protocols for the Qikiqtarjuaq clam fishery to May 31, 2004.

Moved by Harry Flaherty      Seconded by Nick Amautinuak  
Carried      Date: March 24, 2004

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- 5140-04-1 - Arctic and red foxes in a warming north: Current status of populations and development of a monitoring program on Bylot Island, Sirmilik National Park of Canada, Parks Canada, \$15,000.

Moved by Harry Flaherty      Seconded by Robert Moshenko  
Carried      Date: March 25, 2004

**Resolution 2004-020:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve \$94,800 in funding from the NWMB Studies Fund for the following projects, subject to administrative conditions to be met by June 30, 2004:

- 5244-04-1 - Genetic Studies of Polar Bear Mating, Movement and Dispersal Patterns, Gjoa Haven HTA; \$13,000;
- 5246-04-1 - Species at Risk Populations' Monitoring: Grizzly Bear & Wolverine – Test of a promising method, Kugluktuk HTA; \$30,000;
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- 5247-04-2 - Muskox Ground Survey East of Management Zone MX/17, Kurtairojuark HTA, Kugaaruk; \$21,800.

Moved by Robert Moshenko      Seconded by Harry Flaherty  
Carried      Date: March 25, 2004

**Resolution 2004-021:** RESOLVED that the NWMB approve \$10,000 in funding from the Conservation Education Fund to the Beverly Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board to assist with the development of a video on the process of collecting community-based data.

Moved by Kevin McCormick      Seconded by Harry Flaherty  
Carried      Date: March 25, 2004

**Resolution 2004-022:** RESOLVED that the next Board meeting (38<sup>th</sup>) be conducted in Iqaluit the week of 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 with a Strategic Planning Session for two days, followed by a one day meeting.

Moved by Harry Flaherty  
Carried

Seconded by Nick Amautinuvar  
Date: March 25, 2004