

# Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

## RM 001-2011 Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

### NWMB Members & staff present

Mikidjuk Akavak	Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer
Willie Nakoolak	Member
Joannie Ikkidluak	Member
Robert Moshenko	Member
Peter Awa	Member
Peter Kusugak	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Robert Kidd	Director, Wildlife Management
Adam Schneidmiller	Wildlife Biologist
Michael d'Eca	Legal advisor
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter

### Other participants / observers

Glenn Williams	Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
Chris Lewis	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Beth Hiltz	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Charlotte Sharkey	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Drikus Gissing	Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment

### Agenda items

1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer**
2. **Opening Remarks**
3. **Agenda: Review and Approval**

#### Resolution

Moved that the Board approve the Agenda as presented.

**Resolution RM 001-2011-01**

4. **Environment Canada (EC): Issues/Decisions**

No issues were brought to the Board.

**5. Parks Canada (PC): Issues/Decisions**

No issues were brought to the Board.

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

**a) Atlantic Walrus Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) Update**

DFO provided an update on the ongoing development of an IFMP for Atlantic Walrus in the eastern Arctic.

Members raised concerns that decisions were being made on the basis of incomplete data, and that this would make it hard for Inuit to support scientific research.

**b) Proposed Changes for Shrimp Fishery Management in the North**

DFO provided an overview of proposed changes for shrimp fishery management, designed to address the problems of overlapping management units and quotas.

**c) Modification of Longline hook size NQLs in Cumberland Sound**

DFO presented the background to their request that the Board consider modifying the Non-Quota Limitation with respect to the approved range of longline hook sizes permitted in the NAFO 0B portion of Cumberland Sound, so that the approved range of hook sizes would include #11 through #16 circle hooks.

**d) 2011 Exploratory Ice Turbot Fishery Request for Clyde River**

DFO explained the four non-quota limitations that they were asking the Board to approve for exploratory turbot fisheries within the Nunavut Settlement Area in the Clyde River area.

**7. Department of Environment (DOE Nunavut): Issues/Decisions**

No issues were brought to the Board.

**8. NTI Wildlife Division (NTI): Issues/Decisions**

No issues were brought to the Board.

**9. NWMB Items: Issues/Decisions**

NWMB staff presented the following items to the Board:

- a) 2010-2013 regional wildlife priorities for Nunavut
- b) A request for decision on Davis Strait polar bear Total Allowable Harvest

- c) An update on narwhal management and DFO consultations
- d) An update on the revision of the NWMB allocation policy for commercial marine fisheries, and
- e) A request for support of the national polar bear conservation strategy.

## 10. Other Presentations

No other presentations were received.

## 11. Date and Location of Next Meeting

The date of the next regular meeting was confirmed as being June 10-16, 2011.

It was proposed that the Davis Strait polar bear public hearing be held on May 16-17, providing a quorum of members could be achieved.

## 12. Move to in-camera session

### Resolution

Moved that the Board move meeting RM 001-2011 in-camera.

**Resolution RM 001-2011-02**

## 13. Discussion on attendance of members

Concern was raised that Member Harry Flaherty had repeatedly failed to attend Board meetings; this had caused quorum issues due to the number of seats currently vacant on the Board.

### Resolutions

Moved that the Board write to Mr Flaherty regarding his poor attendance record, once the Chief Operating Officer has gathered the necessary details.

**Resolution RM 001-2011-03**

Moved that the Board write a letter to co-managers / appointing agencies for all Board members, emphasizing the importance of the NWMB and asking them to endeavour to appoint members as quickly as possible when vacancies arise.

**Resolution RM 001-2011-04**

Moved that NWMB draft a new, stronger, policy with regard to member attendance at meetings.

**Resolution RM 001-2011-05**

## 14. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

The Board moved to adjourn meeting RM 001-2011.

**Resolution RM 001-2011-06**

## Regular Meeting RM 001-2011 Resolutions

**Resolution RM 001-2011-01:** Moved that the Board approve the agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** Willie Nakoolak  
**Seconded by:** Joannie Ikkidluak

Motion Carried

**Resolution RM 001-2011-02:** Moved that the Board move meeting RM 001-2011 in-camera.

**Moved by:** Willie Nakoolak  
**Seconded by:** Joannie Ikkidluak

Motion Carried

**Resolution RM 001-2011-03:** Moved that the Board write to Mr Flaherty regarding his poor attendance record, once the Chief Operating Officer has gathered the necessary details.

**Moved by:** Willie Nakoolak  
**Seconded by:** Robert Moshenko

Motion Carried

**Resolution RM 001-2011-04:** Moved that the Board write a letter to co-managers / appointing agencies for all Board members, emphasizing the importance of the NWMB and asking them to endeavour to appoint members as quickly as possible when vacancies arise.

**Moved by:** Peter Kusugak  
**Seconded by:** Robert Moshenko

Motion Carried

**Resolution RM 001-2011-05:** Moved that NWMB draft a new, stronger, policy with regard to member attendance at meetings.

**Moved by:** Peter Kusugak  
**Seconded by:** Robert Moshenko

Motion Carried

**Resolution RM 001-2011-06:** The Board moved to adjourn meeting RM 001-2011.

**Moved by:** Peter Kusugak  
**Seconded by:** Willie Nakoolak

Motion Carried