

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

RM 002-2011 Regular Meeting

June 13-14, 2011

NWMB Members & staff present

Mikidjuk Akavak	Chairperson-Chief Executive Officer
Peter Awa	Member
Peter Qayutinuak Sr	Member
Manasie Audlakiak	Member
Raymond Ningeocheak	Member
Winston Fillatre	Member
Jim Noble	Chief Operating Officer
Dave Rogers	Director, Finance & Administration
Adam Schneidmiller	Acting Director, Wildlife Management
Rebecca Jeppesen	Wildlife Biologist
Lesley Farrow	Wildlife Biologist
Evie Amagoalik	Interpreter
Lazarus Arreak	Interpreter
Michael d'Eca	Legal advisor

Other participants / observers

Charlotte Sharkey	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Eric Kan	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Glenn Williams	Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
Sui-Ling Han	Canadian Wildlife Service
Mark Mallory	Canadian Wildlife Service
Seth Reinhart	Nunavut General Monitoring Plan

Agenda items

- 1. Call to order and opening prayer**
- 2. Opening remarks**
- 3. Agenda: review and approval**

Moved that the Board accept the agenda as presented.

Resolution RM 002-2011-01

4. Conflicts of interest

Member Manasie Audlakiak declared his vice-chairmanship of the Baffin Fisheries Coalition.

5. Environment Canada (EC): issues / decisions

Approval of recovery strategy for ivory gulls

The Board received a presentation on the history and current status of the ivory gull, and a request to approve the recovery strategy proposed by Environment Canada.

Decision

The Board decided to defer consideration of this item until September, to allow time for Environment Canada to produce the following documents:

- A detailed summary, including an Inuktitut translation
- Details of any non-quota limitations proposed
- Confirmation that any critical habitat identified has been approved as a conservation area
- Supporting evidence for each of the above
- Letters of community support

6. Parks Canada (PC): issues / decisions

No submission was presented to the Board

7. Fisheries and Oceans (DFO): issues / decisions

a) Support for the annual Northern Shrimp Research Foundation (NSRF) research study

DFO staff presented an overview of the history and current situation of the NSRF research study, and asked the Board to issue a letter of support for the survey for either the 2011 season, or for the next three years.

Resolution (made in-camera)

Moved that the Board send a letter of support for the NSRF research survey for the next three years, subject to the approval of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Baffin Fisheries Coalition, and subject to the following conditions:

- That the basic survey design, as used in the first six years of the survey, will not change over the next three-year period of the survey.
- That the licence for the survey work explicitly state that there is no historic attachment for any vessel or fisher participating in the research survey.
- That a representative from the Eastern Arctic Area (Iqaluit office) of DFO continues to be appointed as a member of NSRF.

- That a Nunavut representative (industry or government) continues to be appointed as a member(s) of the NSRF.

Resolution RM 002-2011-02

b) Narwhal scientific results

DFO staff gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of surveys of narwhal populations in the eastern arctic.

c) CITES-Narwhal decision and process

DFO staff provided an update on the current situation with narwhal listing by CITES, and indicated that a re-assessment of narwhal would be carried out in mid-July.

8. Department of Environment (DoE Nunavut): issues / decisions

No submission was presented to the Board.

9. Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. Wildlife Division: issues / decisions

No submission was presented to the Board.

10. NWMB items: issues / decisions

a) US Peary and dolphin-union caribou proposed listing

The Board was informed of the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) proposal to list the Peary and dolphin-union population of caribou as endangered or threatened. Staff were asked to keep the Board updated as to the status of the listing, as the Board may wish to draft a submission opposing the listing if the USFWS proceeds with the listing process.

b) Review and recommendations on NWMB interim walrus sport hunt policy

NWMB staff reported on their meeting with co-management partners to draft a new walrus sport hunt policy, which was currently being revised based on legal advice.

The Board was advised that it should provide notice to outfitters and Hunters and Trappers Organizations that the call for applications for sport hunt licences would be delayed until September.

c) Update from Advisory Committee for the Co-operation on Wildlife Management (ACCWM) – draft caribou management plan

NWMB staff updated the Board on the development of the management plan, and asked the Board to approve funding for a consultation tour to Kugluktuk.

Resolution

Moved that the Board recommend that NWMB staff travel to Kugluktuk on July 25-29, 2011 to meet with the Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization and the public in order to consult further on the caribou management plan.

Resolution RM 002-2011-03

d) Narwhal consultation and way forward

NWMB staff outlined the results of recent community consultations on DFO science advice about narwhals, and DFO's responsibilities under CITES. The Board was also updated on the next steps that both DFO and the NWMB would be taking in response to these consultations.

e) ACCWM – memorandum of understanding

This item was deferred until the September meeting.

f) Polar bear conservation strategy

NWMB staff advised the Board that this conservation strategy was not yet finalized, but that a signing ceremony was planned for October.

g) Review of bowhead whale total allowable harvest

NWMB staff provided the Board with the background to the current commitment to review the total allowable harvest (TAH) of bowhead whales after the 2011 harvest season, and asked the Board to consider the following actions:

- contacting all co-management partners to ask if any of them would be willing to submit a Request for Decision to review the TAH and associated non-quota limitations for bowhead whales.
- holding a public hearing at its December meeting to re-consider the TAH for the Eastern Canada-West Greenland bowhead population, and any non-quota limitations pertaining to the management and/or harvesting of bowhead in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

11. Other presentations

Nunavut General Monitoring Plan (NGMP)

NGMP staff outlined the purpose and scope of the NGMP, emphasizing that it is concerned with monitoring, not research. Board members were informed that the NWMB is represented on the NGMP steering committee by the Nunavut Planning Committee (NPC), so any concerns should be directed to the NPC.

12. Date and location of next meeting

It was decided that the next regular meeting of the NWMB would take place in the second week of September 2011, with the location to be determined by which community was able to provide the necessary accommodation and meeting space.

13. Adjournment

Moved that the Board adjourn meeting RM 002-2011.

Resolution RM 002-2011-04

Regular Meeting RM 002-2011 Resolutions

Resolution RM 002-2011-01: Moved that the Board accept the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Manasie Audlakiak

Seconded by: Peter Awa

Motion Carried

Resolution RM 002-2011-02: Moved that the Board send a letter of support for the NSRF research survey for the next three years, subject to the approval of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and Baffin Fisheries Coalition, and subject to the following conditions:

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Moved by: Raymond Ningeocheak

Seconded by: Manasie Audlakiak

Motion Carried

Resolution RM 002-2011-03: Moved that the Board recommend that NWMB staff travel to Kugluktuk on July 25-29, 2011 to meet with the Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization and the public in order to consult further on the caribou management plan.

Moved by: Raymond Ningeocheak

Seconded by: Manasie Audlakiak

Motion Carried

Resolution RM 002-2011-04: Moved that the Board adjourn meeting RM 002-2011.

Moved by: Manasie Audlakiak

Seconded by: Peter Qayutinuak

Motion Carried