

**TORNGAT JOINT FISHERIES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING # 36  
OCTOBER 27 - 28, 2015**

Minutes of the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board regular meeting scheduled October 27-28 2015, Komatik Real Estate Board Room, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Mercer, Chairperson	Alphonsus Pittman
Eric Andersen	Craig Taylor
David Bonnell	Keith Watts
Ricky Edmunds	

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**REGRETS:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Rosamond Andersen, Finance and Administration Officer	Julie Whalen, Fisheries Research Program Manager
Jamie Snook, Executive Director	Bryn Wood, GIS Analyst
	Bev White, Executive Assistant

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:**

Bev White, Executive Assistant.

**MEETING CONVENED**

A quorum being present, John Mercer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

**Review and Adoption of the Agenda  
Swearing In**

R. Edmunds, Board member, was sworn in by R. Andersen, Finance and Administration Officer, as a Board member newly appointed by the Nunatsiavut Government.

**Record of Decision**

That the Agenda for the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board Meeting #36 scheduled October 27 - 28, 2015 be adopted as amended:

- Add: Election discussion
- Add: Appointments discussion
- Fisheries Workshop Discussion to be discussed during 15-16 Workplan Update
- Discuss topics when time allows

**Correspondence**

*Document titled "Labrador SEA Update-WG Invitation-Torngat Joint Fisheries Board"*  
*Document titled "Labrador Shelf SEA Update-WG Terms of Reference"*

J. Snook, Executive Director, discussed the documents with the Board.

The Board would like D. Bonnell, Board member, to participate in the process as a representative of the Board.

**CONSENSUS ACHIEVED**

**Adoption Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Record of Decision**

That the minutes from the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board meeting #35 held March 26, 2015 be adopted as presented.

**CONSENSUS ACHIEVED**

That the minutes from the Joint Board meeting June 17 - 18, 2015 be adopted as presented.

**CONSENSUS ACHIEVED**

**Financial Report**

*Presentation titled "TJFB Statement of Expenses Oct 15 2015)"*

*Presentation titled "Secretariat Statement of Expenses Oct 15 2015"*

R. Andersen, Finance and Administration Officer, discussed the presentations with the Board. There were no action items, recommendations or decisions to record.

R. Andersen, Finance and Administration Officer, departed the meeting.

**2015-2016 Work Plan Update**

*Presentation titled "Oct-27-2015-Workplan 15-16 Update- Ver 1"*

*Document titled "snow crab turbot video clips interim rpt Sept 2015"*

*Document titled "Report\_Torngat\_09302015"*

J. Whalen, Fisheries Research Program Manager, discussed the presentation with the Board. There were no action items, recommendations or decisions to record.

**Health Break:** *The meeting recessed at 10:25 am and reconvened at 10:43 am.*

**2015-2016 Work Plan Update Continued**

*Presentation titled "Oct-27-2015-Workplan 15-16 Update- Ver 1"*

*Document titled "snow crab turbot video clips interim rpt Sept 2015"*

*Document titled "Report\_Torngat\_09302015"*

J. Whalen, Fisheries Research Program Manager, discussed the presentation with the Board. The following points were made during discussion:

- The Board would like water depths to be included in maps that are provided by the Secretariat
- Regarding movement of the tagged snow crab, the Board is interested in learning more about currents and comparing currents between deeper and shallower water depths.

**Lunch Break:** *The meeting recessed at 12:02 pm and reconvened at 12:58 pm.*

B. Wood, GIS Analyst, joined the meeting.

E. Andersen, Board member, departed the meeting.

**2015-2016 Work Plan Update Continued**

*Presentation titled "Oct-27-2015-Workplan 15-16 Update- Ver 1"*

*Document titled "snow crab turbot video clips interim rpt Sept 2015"*

*Document titled "Report\_Torngat\_09302015"*

J. Whalen, Fisheries Research Program Manager, and B. Wood, GIS Analyst, discussed with the Board, the Spatial Research and Analysis portion of the presentation.

#### **2016-2017 Work Plan Discussion**

*Presentation titled "Sept-16-2015-Workplan 16-17"*

J. Snook, Executive Director, and J. Whalen, Fisheries Research Program Manager, discussed the presentation with the Board.

#### **IC Meeting Update**

J. Mercer, Chairperson, updated the Board on the meeting he attended on August 26, 2015 with the Implementation Committee (IC), J. Snook, Executive Director, and Ronald Sparkes, Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-management Board Chairperson.

#### **Election Discussion**

The Board discussed previous meetings they have had with different government officials. The Board agrees that with the recent federal election and the upcoming provincial election, they would like to have a more in depth discussion on a communications approach to meeting with governments.

The Board suggests J. Snook, Executive Director, arrange a meeting with Yvonne Jones, newly re-elected Member of Parliament.

#### **Request for Action (RFA 36-01)**

*It was requested that J. Snook, Executive Director, arrange a meeting with Y. Jones, MP.*

#### **Request for Action (RFA 36-02)**

*It was requested that the Secretariat include a discussion on a communications approach to meeting with governments on the next TJFB meeting agenda.*

**Health Break:** *The meeting recessed at 2:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.*

E. Andersen, Board member, joined the meeting.

#### **Communications Update**

J. Snook, Executive Director, informed the Board of the process to develop a communications plan.

#### **NFP Training Debrief**

J. Snook, Executive Director, updated the Board on the training he recently received. He suggests any Board members, who haven't yet participated in the training, to do so if they're interested.

#### **Request for Action (RFA 36-03)**

*It was requested that J. Snook, Executive Director, share the NFP training schedule with the Board.*

## **NASCO**

*Briefing note titled "6-9-2015 NASCO Meeting"*

J. Snook, Executive Director, engaged in discussion with the Board regarding the NASCO annual meeting that was hosted in Happy Valley-Goose Bay in June, 2015.

The Board is interested in having one Board member each year attend NASCO's annual meetings should the opportunity become available.

### **Request for Action (RFA 36-04)**

*It was requested that J. Snook, Executive Director, email to the Board the details of the next annual NASCO meeting.*

## **Next meeting**

*Briefing note titled "TJFB January 2016 meeting rationale"*

The next regular TJFB meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 13 - 14, 2016 in St. John's, NL.

The Board would like to know details of the Northern Lights 2016 Conference schedule before deciding whether or not they will have a Board member attend.

### **Request for Action (RFA 36-05)**

*It was requested that the Secretariat share details of the Northern Lights schedule once it becomes available.*

## **Adjournment**

The Torngat Joint Fisheries Board Meeting held October 27-28, 2015 adjourned at 3:40 p.m. on Day 1 and scheduled to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Day 2.

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**REGRETS:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Melissa Abbott, Oceans Biologist, Department of Fisheries and Oceans  
Jamie Snook, Executive Director

Julie Whalen, Fisheries Research Program Manager  
Bev White, Executive Assistant

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:**

Bev White, Executive Assistant.

**MEETING CONVENED**

A quorum being present, John Mercer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., initiating introductions.

**DFO Presentation on Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network Strategies**

*Presentation titled "Canada's Network of Marine Protected Areas: Newfoundland and Labrador Shelves Bioregion"*

M. Abbott, Oceans Biologist, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, discussed the presentation with the Board.

*Health Break: The meeting recessed at 10:19 am and reconvened at 10:41 am.*

**DFO Presentation on Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network Strategies Continued**

*Presentation titled "Canada's Network of Marine Protected Areas: Newfoundland and Labrador Shelves Bioregion"*

M. Abbott, Oceans Biologist, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, discussed the presentation with the Board.

M. Abbott, Oceans Biologist, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, departed the meeting.

*Lunch Break: The meeting recessed at 11:58 am and reconvened at 1:11 pm.*

**NAFO Meeting Discussion**

*Briefing note titled "NAFO SC-Grenadier"*

*Briefing note titled "NAFO Scientific Council-Process"*

*Briefing note titled "NAFO SC-Northern Cod"*  
*Briefing note titled "NAFO SC-Turbot"*  
*Briefing note titled "NAFO SC-Witch Flounder"*  
*Briefing note titled "2015 NAFO AGM Briefing"*

J. Whalen, Fisheries Research Program Manager, discussed the briefing notes with the Board. The following points were made during discussion:

- Process: The Board accepts the recommendation to have Mariano Koen-Alonso and/or Don Stansbury present at next Board meeting.
- Northern Cod in Division 2J+3KL Stock Update: The Board would like to invite the Centre for Fisheries Ecosystems Research (CFER) to present at the next scheduled TJFB meeting.
- North Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Annual Meeting, September 21-25, 2015:

**Request for Action (RFA 36-06)**

*It was requested that the Secretariat invite Mariano Koen-Alonso (DFO, St. John's) to present Ecosystem Research and/or Don Stansbury (chair) present general NAFO science at the next scheduled TJFB Meeting.*

**Request for Action (RFA 36-07)**

*It was requested that the Secretariat invite the Centre for Fisheries Ecosystems Research (CFER) to present at the next scheduled TJFB meeting.*

**Fisheries Update**

*Briefing note titled "Arctic Char Season Summary 2015"*  
*Briefing note titled "Northern Shrimp Season Summary 2015"*  
*Briefing note titled "Snow Crab Season Summary 2015"*  
*Briefing note titled "Turbot Season Summary 2015"*

J. Whalen, Fisheries Research Program Manager, discussed the briefing notes with the Board.

**In Camera**

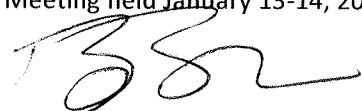
The Board participated in an in camera discussion. Minutes were not recorded during the discussion.

**Conclusion**

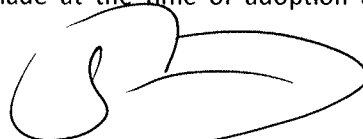
The Torngat Joint Fisheries Board Meeting held October 27-28, 2015 concluded at 3:20 p.m. on Day 2, October 28, 2015.

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board Meeting held October 27-28, 2015 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption at the Regular Meeting held January 13-14, 2016.



Bev White, Recording Secretary



John Mercer, Chairperson