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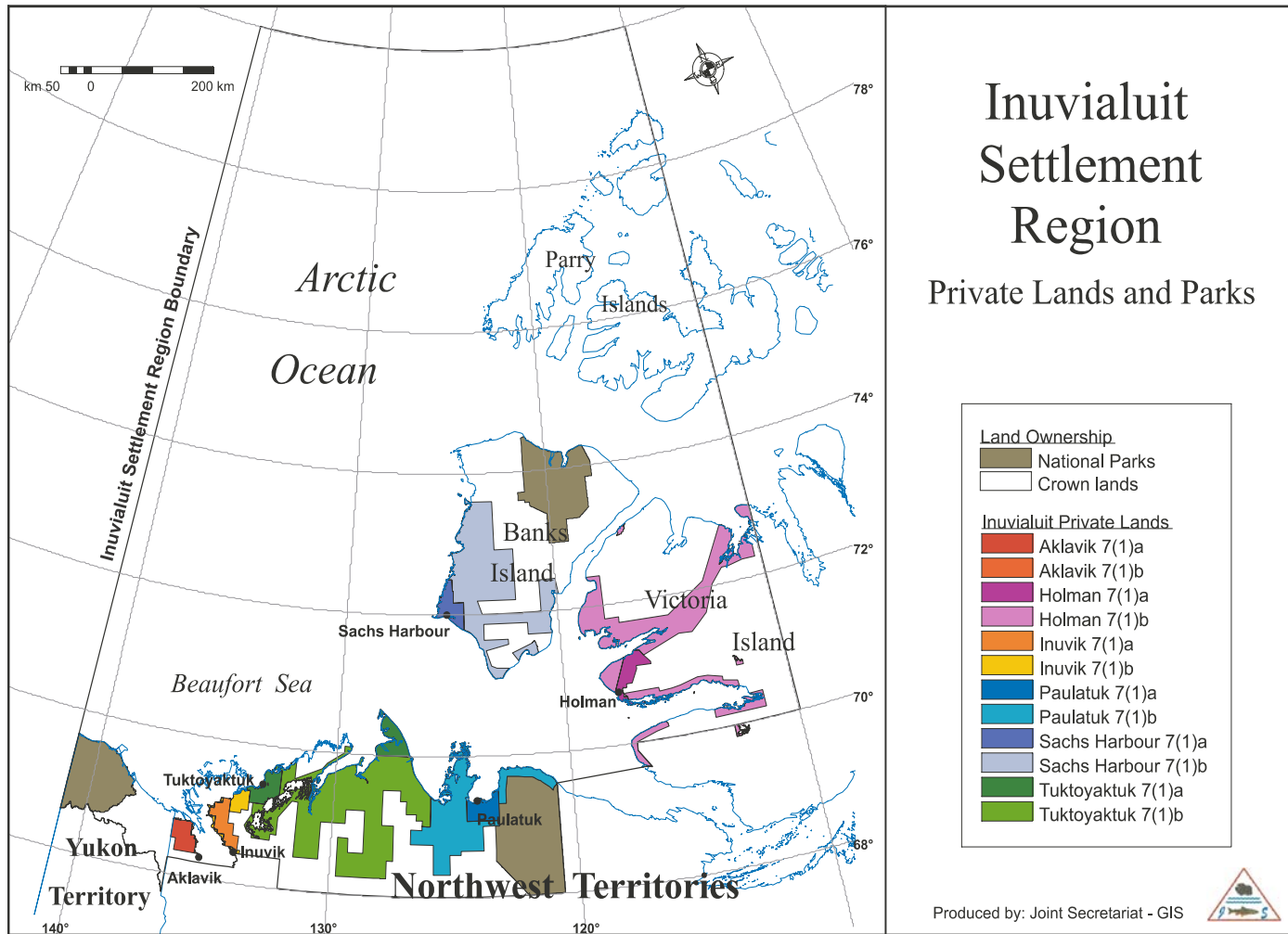


Figure 1. Private Inuvialuit Lands and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

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CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) held two regular meetings, one caucus, and one teleconference during the year. It also sponsored a two-day seminar in Yellowknife entitled *Northern Impact Assessment Seminar* which attracted some 120 delegates.

Throughout the year the EIRB worked on “*developing criteria for establishing acceptable environmental standards and evaluating a developers standard of performance for the Husky Lakes Area*” as required by Section 8 (1) of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. A draft of the criteria was circulated in June 2001. Members of the EIRB travelled to Tuktoyaktuk in August to meet with the Tuktoyaktuk Hunters’ and Trappers’ Committee (HTC) to discuss the draft.

In June and July 2001, the Privy Council reappointed the government members of the EIRB (Mr. Tom Butters, Mr. Peter Bannon, and Mr. Andrew Williams) and the Chair for three-year terms.

Discussions continued throughout the year on ways to avoid duplication of processes should a pipeline be built through the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) and the Mackenzie Valley (MV). In January, 2002 a draft of a Cooperation Plan was released for public comment.

In order to assist developers and others working in the ISR in identifying cumulative impacts, the EIRB and the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) commissioned the preparation of three guidebooks, entitled: *Cumulative Effects Assessments in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region: A Guide for Proponents*; *Cumulative Effects Assessments in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region: A Guide for Reviewers* and; *Cumulative Effects Assessments in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region: Current and Potential Capability*. Copies of these guides are available from the Joint Secretariat (JS).

As Chairman of the EIRB, I wish to thank my fellow board members, its secretary, Eric Chernoff, its advisors and all the staff of the JS for their efforts to help the EIRB provide a fair and efficient review procedure for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Sincerely,

Robert Hornal
Chair, EIRB

PERIOD OF REPORT

This report describes the affairs of the Environmental Impact Review Board for the fiscal period of April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002. During its fifteen years of operation the EIRB has produced *fourteen* Annual Activity Reports.

AUTHORITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

The EIRB was established under the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) between Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement (COPE), representing the Inuvialuit. The IFA was approved, given effect, and declared valid by the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act* [S.C. 32 - 33 Elizabeth II, C.24.], on June 28, 1984.

The IFA provides the groundwork for a two-stage Environmental Screening and Review Process that is carried out by the EISC and the EIRB [IFA Section 11.0]. The EISC conducts environmental screening of development activities proposed for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The EIRB carries out detailed environmental impact assessment and public review of development projects referred to it by the EISC pursuant to the IFA.

The EIRB is structured so that both parties to the IFA, the Inuvialuit, and the Government of Canada are represented equally. The goals of the IFA, directly relevant to EIRB operations, are:

- *to preserve Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society;*
- *to enable Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society, and*
- *to protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment, and biological productivity.*

MEMBERSHIP

The EIRB is composed of seven people. Three members are appointed through Order-in-Council by the Government of Canada; three members are appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council; and a Chair is selected by the Government of Canada with the consent of the Inuvialuit Game Council. Of the three members appointed by Canada, one is nominated by the Government of Yukon, one is nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and one is selected by the Government of Canada.

MEMBERS FOR 2001–2002

Chair: **Robert Hornal**, Vancouver, BC
Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)
Present Term: reappointed June 9th, 2001 for a three year term.
Previous Terms: June 10, 1998 to June 9, 2001
 June 9, 1995 to June 9, 1998
 June 9, 1992 to June 9, 1995

Members: **Jack Akhiatak**, Olokhaktomiut (Holman), NWT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2000)
Present Term: February 15, 2000 to September 30, 2002

Peter Bannon, Yellowknife, NWT
Nominated by the Government of the NWT
Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)
Present Term: June 12, 2001 to June 12, 2004
Past Terms: June 13, 1998 to June 12, 2001
 June 12, 1995 to June 12, 1998
 June 12, 1992 to June 12, 1995

Richard Binder, Inuvik, NWT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1998)
Present Term: September 1999 to September 30, 2002
Past Term: June 1998 to September 1999

Tom Butters, Gillies Bay, BC
Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)
Present Term: June 12, 2001 to June 12, 2004
Past Terms: June 13, 1998 to June 12, 2001
 June 12, 1995 to June 12, 1998
 June 12, 1992 to June 12, 1995

Herbert Felix, Tuktoyaktuk, NWT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1995)
Present Term: September 1999 to September 30, 2002
Past Terms: September 1996 to September 1999
 September 1995 to September 1996

Andrew Williams, Whitehorse, Yukon
Nominated by the Government of Yukon.
Appointed by the Government of Canada (1995)
Present Term: July 6, 2001 to July 6, 2004
Past Term: July 7, 1998 to July 6, 2001
 July 6, 1995 to July 6, 1998

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The EIRB receives administrative, technical, and clerical support from the Joint Secretariat (JS) in Inuvik. Full-time assistance had been provided by the Resource Person (RP), appointed by resolution of the EIRB to the office of Secretary. For the past fiscal year, Eric Chernoff was the Resource Person for the EIRB.

In addition to Ms. Graf and Mr. Chernoff, during the period of this report the following individuals provided assistance to the EIRB:

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| <i>Administrative:</i> | Norm Snow Peggy Madore | Executive Director, JS Senior Administrative Officer, JS |
| <i>Financial:</i> | Angela Hunter | Finance Officer, JS |
| <i>Clerical:</i> | Brigitte Wolki Bernice Joe Myrna Button Dave Button | Receptionist/Travel Coordinator, JS Receptionist, JS Office Clerk/Librarian HTB Management Services– Library Contract |
| <i>Computer:</i> | Amir Hassanzadeh Todd Slack | GIS Specialist, JS GIS Contract |
| <i>Auditors:</i> | Avery Cooper and Company, Yellowknife, N.W.T. | |
| <i>Legal Advisor:</i> | Debra Fendrick | Legal Counsel, Austring, Fendrick, Fairman & Parkkari, Whitehorse, Yukon (from February 2000) |
| <i>Resource People:</i> | Nelson Perry Diane Dillon Robin Fonger Ed McLean Linda Graf Katherine Thiesenhausen | Inuvialuit Game Council RP HTC Administrative Support HTC Technical RP FJMC EISC WMAC (NWT) ¹ |

¹ Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories)

OPERATING PROCEDURES

Persons who are interested in obtaining a copy of the EIRB's current *Operating Procedures* or who have questions about the EIRB should contact:

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ROUTINE OPERATIONS

The EIRB held two regular meetings during the year– one November 1, 2001 and the other February 21, 2002. The EIRB also met once by Teleconference (June 18, 2001) and had one caucus meeting on April 25, 2002.

ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

In addition to conducting public reviews, the EIRB takes part in other activities, as necessary, to advance the Environmental Review Process and to follow the basic goals of the IFA. The following is a list of activities, meetings, workshops, and conferences in which members of the EIRB took part in over the past year:

2001 (April to December)

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| April 2-4 | Interviews for Resource Person in Inuvik, NWT (Robert Hornal) |
| April 10-12 | Roles and Responsibilities Workshop with IGC and others in Inuvik (Robert Hornal) |
| April 24-25 | EIRB-EISC Drilling Workshop in Inuvik (Robert Hornal) |
| April 25 | EIRB Caucus held in Inuvik |
| May 1 & 2 | Oil and Gas regulatory procedures guide for the Inuvialuit region (“Regulatory Roadmaps”) Inuvik (Eric Chernoff) |
| May 22 | Meeting with Robert Nault– Minister of DIAND in Yellowknife, NWT (Robert Hornal) |

- May 23-24 Chairs Pipeline Committee Meeting in Yellowknife (Robert Hornal)
- June 3-4 Joint Secretariat EIRB Meeting in Edmonton, AB (Robert Hornal)
- June 8 EIRB Teleconference regarding: *Criteria for Acceptable Environmental Standards and Evaluating a Developer's Standard of Performance* (Quorum not reached)
- June 15 & 15 Inuvialuit Game Council meeting, Tuktoyaktuk (Robert Hornal)
- June 18 EIRB Teleconference; Amended EIRB *Operating Procedures* released.
- June 18 & 19 ALCES & Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) Workshop, Inuvik (Robert Hornal)
- June 27 Chairs' Teleconference in the Pipeline Coop Plan
- June 28 ALCES & Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) Workshop, Inuvik
- July 26 NWT Chairs caucus regarding pipelines, Yellowknife (Robert Hornal)
- August 14-16 Chairs Pipeline Committee meeting in Ottawa, ON (Robert Hornal)
- August 22-24 Kavik-Axys Workshop: Review of Cumulative Effects by the EISC and EIRB, Inuvik (Robert Hornal)
- August 28 EIRB meeting with Tuktoyaktuk HTC to discuss criteria for the Husky Lakes Area (Area Number 2, Annex D, IFA), Tuktoyaktuk, NWT (Robert Hornal)
- September 6 Chairs' Teleconference in the Pipeline Coop Plan
- September 10 ALCES modeling and CEA Training, Inuvik
- September 13 Prepared talk for Prospects North (Presentation delivered given by Felix Horne Inuvialuit Lands Administration {ILA} due to the events surrounding "September 11th") (Robert Hornal)
- September 19 Meeting with Anderson of DEVON
- September 25 Presentation at Workshop: ISR Preliminary Screening and Environmental Assessment Process (Eric Chernoff)
- Sept.30-Oct.1 Chairs Pipeline Committee meeting in Yellowknife (Robert Hornal)
- Oct. 2-4 Chair represents EIRB at IGC meeting in Yellowknife (Robert Hornal)

- October 18 Teleconference regarding pipeline topics (Robert Hornal)
- Oct. 30-31 Northern Impact Assessment Seminar in Yellowknife sponsored by EIRB (Robert Hornal)
- November 1 Environmental Impact Review Board meeting in Yellowknife (Robert Hornal)
- November 2 Northern Board Relations Unit meeting in Yellowknife (Robert Hornal)
- November 7 Meeting with CEAA and Inuvialuit in regards to Pipeline MOU in Calgary, AB (Robert Hornal)
- November 15 Meeting with CEAA and Inuvialuit regarding Pipeline MOU in Sidney (Robert Hornal)
- Nov. 18 & 19 Inuvialuit Land Administration Review held
- November 19 Teleconference regarding pipeline-related topics (Robert Hornal)
- Nov. 21– 23 Manned the Joint Secretariat booth at Geoscience Forum in Yellowknife (Robert Hornal)
- November 26 ALCES modeling and CEA Training, Inuvik
- December 5 Orientation to CEAA Course, Toronto (Eric Chernoff)
- Dec. 6&7 Ecological Bench Marks (Eric Chernoff)
- December 10 Meeting with Graham White (University of Toronto) (Eric Chernoff)
- December 11 Eric Chernoff made a presentation to WMAC(NS)
- December 12 Research update to IGC (Eric Chernoff)
- Dec.13 & 14 Inuvialuit Game Council meeting held in Inuvik Robert Hornal gave a presentation before the IGC.
- December 17 ALCES modeling and CEA Training, Inuvik
- 2002 (January, February, March)**
- Jan. 7– 11 Joint Secretariat Community Tour of Paulatuk, Holman, Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk, and Aklavik (Presentations)
- Jan. 24–26 Research Gaps Identification Workshop, Inuvik

- Jan.28– Feb.1 Seabed Mapping (Eric Chernoff)
- January 28 Teleconference regarding pipeline-related topics (Robert Hornal)
- February 2 Meeting with ILA/IRC
- February 15 “Pipeline Working Group”–Mackenzie Delta Producers Group and Mackenzie Valley Aboriginal Pipeline Corporation and Northern Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessors & Regulatory Working Committee (teleconference) (Eric Chernoff)
- February 21 Environmental Impact Review Board meeting in Inuvik (Robert Hornal)
- February 22 Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program and Cumulative Effects Assessments Management Framework Meeting, Inuvik (Robert Hornal; Andrew Williams; Richard Binder; Eric Chernoff; Herbert Felix)
- March 1 Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Research and Development Program in Vancouver, BC (Robert Hornal)
- March 4-7 Interviews for new Resource People for the Joint Secretariat held in Inuvik (Robert Hornal and Herbert Felix)
- Mar. 21&22 Attended IGC meeting in Inuvik. Robert Hornal gave a presentation March 22nd
- Mar. 25&26 Assessment and Management of Cumulative Effects of Linear Development, Environment Directorate Northern Affairs Program (DIAND)– Yukon Region Whitehorse, YT (Herbert Felix and Andrew Williams)

Additional Activities

- MOU with Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
- Cumulative Effects Assessment
- Drilling Workshop
- NWT Environmental Assessment and Regulatory Process of Potential Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Meetings
- Husky Lakes Area, Criteria for Establishing Acceptable Environmental Standards
- Beaufort Sea Oil and Gas Offshore Guide
- Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Act Draft Legislation

FINANCES

Funding for the Chair, Canada Member, Yukon Member and the Secretary of the EIRB, and for reviews conducted by the EIRB, is provided by way of Contribution Agreements with DIAND. Funding for the Inuvialuit members is provided by way of a Contribution Agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories. A summary of the finances is attached as Appendix B at the end of this report.

Appendices of the EIRB Annual Report:

Appendix A: Acronyms and Abbreviations

Appendix B: Financial Summary

APPENDIX A: ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
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| CEAA | Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (and Act) |
| DFO | Department of Fisheries and Oceans |
| DIAND | Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development |
| EIRB | Environmental Impact Review Board |
| EISC | Environmental Impact Screening Committee |
| GIS | Geographic Information Systems |
| HTC | Hunters' and Trappers' Committee |
| IFA | Inuvialuit Final Agreement (The Western Arctic Claim) |
| IGC | Inuvialuit Game Council |
| ISR | Inuvialuit Settlement Region |
| Joint Secretariat | Joint Secretariat– Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees |
| RP | Resource Person |
| WMAC (NWT) | Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories) |

APPENDIX B - FINANCIAL SUMMARY

These unaudited financial summaries are for information purposes and should not be considered as definitive statements of account. For full financial details, the audited financial statements of the Joint Secretariat should be consulted. For further information, contact:

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CANADA X0E 0T0***

EIRB- CHAIR & CANADA MEMBER

2000 - 2001 Contribution Agreements - DIAND
For the Year Ending March 31, 2001

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| REVENUE | |
| DIAND Contribution (Implementation Funds) | <u>\$72 938.50</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | |
| Chair - Honoraria | \$45 720.78 |
| Chair - Per Diem | 2 200.05 |
| Chair - Travel | 16 691.45 |
| Chair - Accommodation | 4 409.36 |
| Office Costs | 2 717.56 |
| Meeting Costs | 3 863.18 |
| Telephone & Fax | 1 239.73 |
| Legal/Consulting | 44 895.87 |
| Insurance | 750.00 |
| Canada Member - Honoraria | 100.00 |
| Canada Member - Accommodation | 00.00 |
| TOTAL | \$122 587.98 |
| EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) | <u>(\$49 649.48)</u> |

EIRB- INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION

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| REVENUE | |
| Government of the Northwest Territories (Implementation Funds) | <u>\$54 392.50</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | |
| Honoraria | \$34 199.60 |
| Per Diem | 3 680.98 |
| Travel | 10 269.12 |
| Accommodation | 4 997.99 |
| Meeting Costs | 1 244.81 |
| TOTAL | \$54 392.50 |
| EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) | <u>\$00.00</u> |

ENVIRONMENT ADMINISTRATION

2000 - 2001 Contribution Agreements - DIAND
For the Year Ending March 31, 2001

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| REVENUE | |
| DIAND Contribution (Implementation Funds) | <u>\$100 000.00</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | |
| Staff Salaries & Benefits | \$68 410.71 |
| Recruiting | 150.00 |
| Office Consumables | 10 420.78 |
| Fixed Assets | 00.00 |
| Office Rent | 00.00 |
| Telephone & Fax | 1 186.81 |
| Meeting Costs | 00.00 |
| Travel | 9 400.98 |
| Accommodation | 2 915.47 |
| Per Diem | 1 368.06 |
| TOTAL | \$ 94 233.77 |
| EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) | <u>\$5766.23</u> |

NORTHERN IMPACT ASSESSMENT SEMINAR

EXPENSES:

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| DISBURSEMENT | <u>\$16 100.00</u> |
| Travel | \$ 4 187.60 |
| Accommodation | 403.65 |
| Per Diem | 410.92 |
| Office Consumables | 427.78 |
| Advertising | 1 180.98 |
| Consulting | 4 099.72 |
| Catering Costs | 4 406.10 |
| Equipment Rental | 983.25 |
| TOTAL | \$ 16 100.00 |
| EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) | <u>\$ 00.00</u> |

ALBERTA LANDSCAPE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS SIMULATOR

EXPENSES:

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| DISBURSEMENT | <u>\$14 000.00</u> |
| Travel | \$5 081.28 |
| Accommodation | 719.32 |
| Per Diem | 00.00 |
| Office Consumables | 00.00 |
| Consulting | 7 728.48 |
| Meeting Costs | 470.92 |
| TOTAL | \$14 000.00 |
| EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) | <u>\$ 00.00</u> |

