

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2002 - 2003

For the period April 1, 2002 - March 31, 2003

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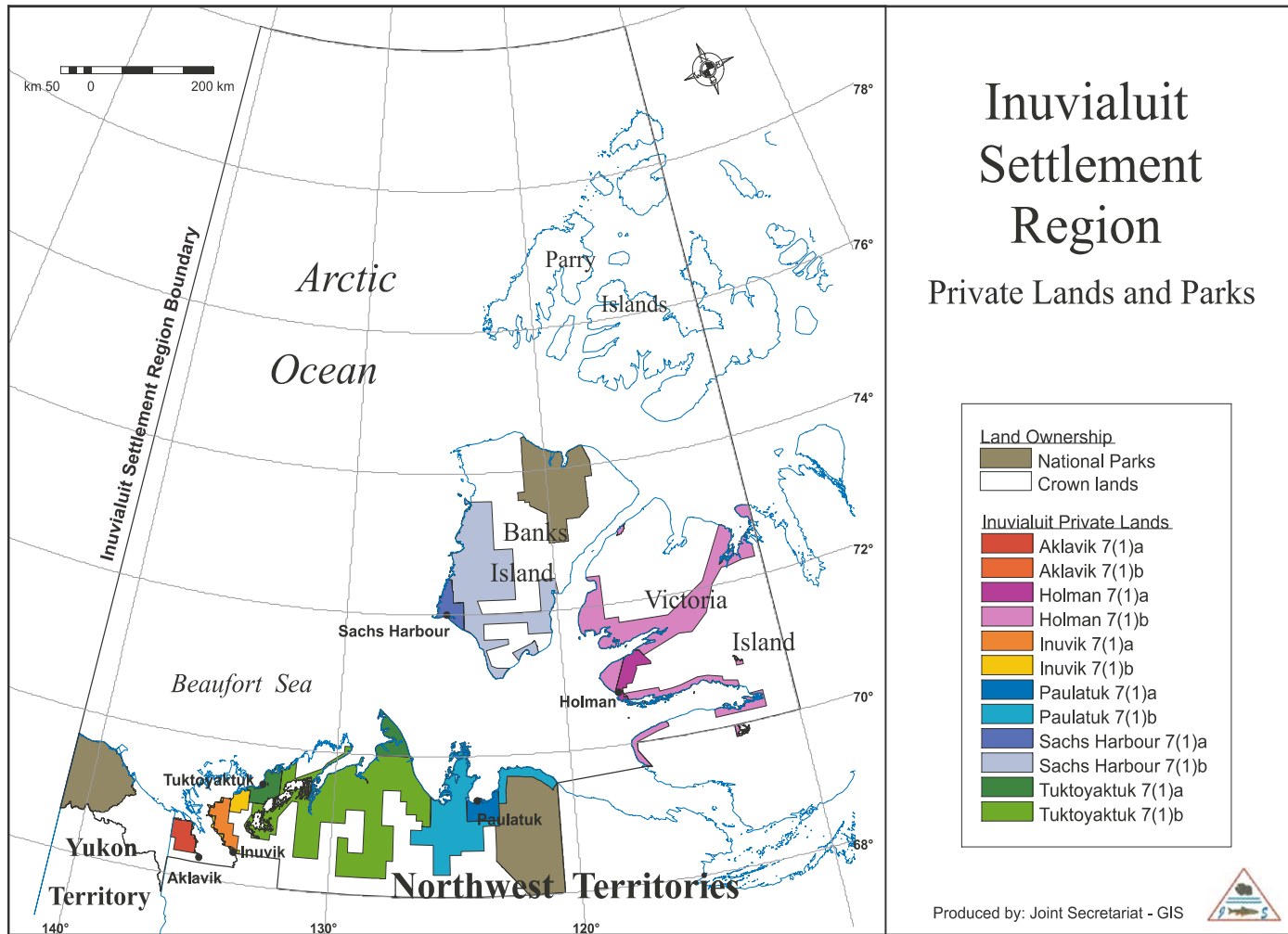


Figure 1. Private Inuvialuit Lands and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

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CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Environmental Impact Review Board (the EIRB) held three regular meetings and five teleconferences during the year.

In 2002, the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) referred two projects to the Environmental Impact Review Board for public review.

Commander Resources' Proposed Diamond Exploration Program, Victoria Island, NWT was referred on September 6, 2002. The developer submitted its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the EIRB in late November. Public meetings were then held in Holman, NWT on February 5 and 6, 2003 to hear the views of the community regarding this project. The EIRB Review Panel considered all of the information before it and their decision, contained in a final report, was released on February 18, 2003. The Review Panel recommended that the project proceed subject to certain terms and conditions, which included mitigative and remedial measures.

The second development WesternGeco Mackenzie Delta River 2D Seismic Program 2002 was referred on June 18, 2002. The developer postponed submission of an EIS to carry out research on their project during the summer of 2002. The developer then submitted its EIS, which included their research results, on January 7, 2003. Public meetings are scheduled to be held in Aklavik, Tuktoyaktuk, and Inuvik in mid April, 2003.

Again this 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*. The Board held a workshop in May in Inuvik which was attended by twenty interested parties. A draft of the criteria was circulated in June. Members of the EIRB travelled to Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk in August to meet with the Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committees to discuss the draft.

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. In June, 2002 a final version of the Cooperation Plan was released for public comment.

As Chair of the EIRB, I wish to thank my fellow board members, our secretary, Jonathan Allen, our advisors and all the staff of the Joint Secretariat 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 EIRB for the fiscal period of April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003. During its sixteen years of operation the EIRB has produced fifteen 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* [sec. 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 (IGC); and a Chair is selected by the Government of Canada with the consent of the IGC. 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 2002–2003

Chair: **Robert Hornal**, Vancouver, BC
Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)
Present Term: reappointed June 9, 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: September 2002 to September 2005
Past 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 2002 to September 2005
Past Term: September 1999 to September 30, 2002
 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 2002 to September 2005
Past Terms: September 1999 to September 30, 2002
 September 1996 to September 1999
 September 1995 to September 1996

Andrew Williams, Whitehorse, YT
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. Eric Chernoff, who was the RP for the EIRB during the previous fiscal year, resigned his position in March 2002 to undertake extensive travel. Jonathan W. Allen replaced Mr. Chernoff in April, 2002.

In addition to Mr. Allen, during the period of this report the following individuals provided assistance to the EIRB:

<i>Administrative:</i>	Norm Snow Peggy Madore	Executive Director, JS Senior Administrative Officer, JS
<i>Financial:</i>	Angela Hunter Evelyn Bullock	Finance Officer, JS Finance Officer, JS
<i>Clerical:</i>	Brigitte Wolki Heather Hansen Bernice Joe Myrna Button Mable Sharpe	Receptionist/Travel Coordinator, JS Receptionist/Travel Coordinator, JS Receptionist/Secretary, JS Librarian, JS Casual Office Clerk, JS
<i>Geographic Information Systems:</i>	Amir Hassanzadeh	GIS Specialist, JS
<i>Auditors:</i>		Avery, Cooper and Co., Yellowknife, NWT
<i>Legal Advisor:</i>	Debra Fendrick	Legal Counsel, Austring, Fendrick, Fairman & Parkkari, Whitehorse, YT (from February 2000)
<i>Resource People:</i>	Nelson Perry Diane Dillon Robin Fonger Ed McLean Kevin Bill Linda Graf Katherine Thiesenhausen Alisha Chauhan Chris Alway Barbara Berg	IGC, RP HTC Admin. Support Officer HTC Technical RP FJMC, RP FJMC, RP EISC, RP WMAC (NWT), RP IGC Technical RP Co-Management Technical RP Environmental Impact Assessment RP

REVIEWS

During the year, the EISC referred two proposed projects to the EIRB for review. These projects were:

- Commander Resources' Proposed Diamond Exploration Program, Victoria Island, NWT
- WesternGeco's Mackenzie Delta River 2D Seismic Program 2002

The EIRB RP served as the Secretary to the EIRB and its subsequent Review Panels for each review. Barbara Berg and Myrna Button assisted the RP and both Review Panels in the completion of the reviews.

On September 6, 2002, the EISC decided to refer the Commander Resources' proposal to the EIRB for review. The EIRB had 26 Registered Participants for the Commander Review. The Technical Advisor was Peter Krizan, a Wildlife Biologist; and Legal Counsel was Debra Fendrick of Austring, Fendrick, Fairman and Parkkari. The Chair for this Panel was Robert Hornal and the Panel members were Jack Akhiatak, Peter Bannon, Richard Binder, and Tom Butters. Meetings were held in the community of Holman, NWT, on February 5 and 6, 2003. The "Commander Review" report was released publically on February 17, 2003. The final report, containing the recommendations of the Review Panel, was forwarded on February 18, 2003, to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The Minister approved the proposal, taking into consideration most of the EIRB Review Panel's recommendation.

On June 18, 2002, the WesternGeco proposal was referred to the EIRB from the EISC, for review. WesternGeco then put the review process on hold from June 26, 2002, until November 25, 2002. There were 30 Registered Participants for this review. The EIRB retained Bill Griffiths, an Aquatic Biologist with LGL Environmental Consultants in Sidney, British Columbia, as the Technical Advisor; and Debra Fendrick of Austring, Fendrick, Fairman and Parkkari in Whitehorse, Yukon, as the Legal Counsel. The Chair for this Panel was Robert Hornal and the Panel members were Herbert Felix, Peter Bannon, Richard Binder, and Tom Butters. Public meetings were scheduled for Aklavik, Tuktoyaktuk, and Inuvik on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of April 2003, respectively. The final report, containing the recommendations of the Review Panel, was forwarded on May 6, 2003, to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The Minister approved the proposal, taking into consideration most of the EIRB Review Panel's recommendation.

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 three regular meetings during the fiscal year – May 8, 2002, in Inuvik, October 29, 2002, in Inuvik, and February 6, 2003, in Holman. In addition, it held five teleconferences.

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 summary of activities, meetings, workshops, and conferences in which the EIRB members or RP took part in over the past year.

Activities and Interests

Cooperation Plan for the Environmental Impact Assessment and Regulatory Review of a Northern Gas Pipeline Project through the NWT.
Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment (YESSA)
Husky Lakes Management Plan
EIRB Operating Procedures
Alberta Landscape Cumulative Effects Simulator (ALCES)
Offshore Regulatory Roadmaps
Offshore Comprehensive Study Report (CSR)
Kunnek Resource Development Corporation
Global Warming and Climate Change
Pipeline Preparedness
EIRB Website creation
Air Quality Code of Practice with regards to O & G Industry
Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project - NIRB
FJMC Student Mentoring Program

Meetings, Workshops and Conferences

May 23, 2002 Regulatory Season's End Meeting (Inuvik, NWT)

May 8, 2002	Husky Lakes Criteria Workshop (Inuvik, NWT)
May 29 - June 3, 2002	CERI Training - "From Wellhead to Burner-tip" Training Course (Calgary, AB)
June 17, 2002	ILA Industry Meeting (Inuvik, NWT)
September 4, 2002	CIMP/CEAM Update Meeting (Inuvik, NWT)
September 12, 2002	Devon Beaufort Sea Exploration Drilling Program (Inuvik, NWT)
September 27, 2002	Preliminary Meeting with Commander Resources (Vancouver, BC)
Sept. 29 - Oct. 6, 2002	Pembina Oil and Gas Issues Workshop (Calgary, AB)
October 28, 2002	Meeting with the Tuktoyaktuk HTC,
October 31, 2002	Meeting with the Inuvik HTC
November 5, 2002	Mackenzie Gas Project Workshop and Public Meeting (Inuvik, NWT)
November 6, 2002	Regional Advisory Council Meeting (Inuvik, NWT)
November 14-15, 2002	Sharing Good Practice Workshop (Ottawa, ON)
November 20-22, 2002	Geo-science Forum (Yellowknife, NWT)
November 23, 2002	Geo-matics Workshop (Yellowknife, NWT)
November 27-28, 2002	Parks Canada CEAA Training Course (Inuvik, NWT)
December 5, 2002	WesternGeco Mackenzie River Acoustic and Fish Test Program Presentation (Calgary, AB)
December 9-11, 2002	Interest-based Negotiations in Environmental Assessment (Vancouver, BC)
December 10-15, 2002	Worst Case Scenario Workshop and Community Presentation - Commander Review (Holman, NWT)
January 30, 2003	Boundaries of the Sea Meeting (Inuvik, NWT)
February 5-6, 2003	Commander Resources' Review Public Meetings (Holman, NWT)
February 10-11, 2003	Regional Land Use Planning and Cumulative Effects Management (Whitehorse, YT)
February 16, 2003	EnCana Kick-off Meeting (Swimming Point, NWT)
February 19-20, 2003	Commander Resources' Review Report Release and Meetings, (Holman, NWT)
February 21, 2003	Meeting with Devon Representatives (Inuvik, NWT)
March 4, 2003	Devon Offshore Exploration Drilling Program Meeting (Inuvik, NWT)
March 4-7, 2003	Northern Contaminants Symposium: Canadian Arctic Contaminants Assessment (Ottawa, ON)
March 6-7, 2003	IAIA Environmental Impact Assessment and Transportation Meeting and AGM (Yellowknife, YT)
March 12, 2003	The Arctic Borderlands Ecological Knowledge Co-op (Whitehorse, YT)
March 26-28, 2003	IGC Meeting (Inuvik, NWT)

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, located 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

COPE	Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement
DIAND	Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
EIRB	Environmental Impact Review Board
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EISC	Environmental Impact Screening Committee
FJMC	Fisheries Joint Management 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
JS	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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EIRB- CHAIR & CANADA MEMBER

2002 - 2003 Contribution Agreements - DIAND
For the Year Ending March 31, 2003

REVENUE	
DIAND Contribution (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$73,433</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Chair - Honoraria	28,980
Chair - Per Diem	1,697
Chair - Travel	17,253
Chair - Accommodation	4,211
Office Costs	1,306
Meeting Costs	2,564
Telephone & Fax	1,435
Consulting	7,507
Insurance	875
Canada Member - Per Diem	109
Canada Member - Accommodation	175
Canada Member - Travel	1,956
TOTAL	68,068
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)	<u>\$5,365</u>

EIRB- INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION

REVENUE	
Government of the Northwest Territories (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$36,713</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Honoraria	20,561
Per Diems	3,006
Travel	15,290
Meeting Costs	147
TOTAL	39,004
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)	<u>(\$2,291)</u>

ENVIRONMENT ADMINISTRATION

2002 - 2003 Contribution Agreements - DIAND
For the Year Ending March 31, 2003

REVENUE	
DIAND - Contribution (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$100 000.00</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Staff Salaries & Benefits	71,931.49
Recruiting	0.00
Staff Development	0.00
Relocation	879.75
Office Costs	9,993.94
Telephone & Fax	1,621.03
Registration Fees	173.88
Travel	4,422.06
Accommodation	2,677.01
Per Diem	1,290.10
TOTAL	92,989.26
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)	<u>\$7,010.74</u>

COMMANDER REVIEW

REVENUE

DIAND - Contribution \$189,853

EXPENDITURES

Chairman's Expenses

Honoraria 12,938

Per Diem 1,059

Travel 5,746

Accommodation 2,308

Canada Member

Honoraria 2,625

Per Diem 290

Travel 2,771

Accommodation 526

Government Member

Travel 2,670

Accommodation 527

Yukon Member

Travel 1,253

Accommodation 697

Staff Expenses

Wages 15,267

Per Diem 939

Travel 6,221

Accommodation 2,208

Inuvialuit Expenses

Honoraria 9,591

Per Diem 694

Travel 4,538

Accommodation 1,563

Other

Advertising 3,211

Telephone and Fax 1,894

Courier 1,220

Office Costs 970

Facilities 1,540

Services

Legal 17,375

Consulting 22,787

Transcription 1,714

TOTAL 125,142

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)	<u>\$ 64,711</u>
WESTERNGECO REVIEW	
REVENUE	
DIAND - Contribution	<u>\$243,171</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Chairman's Expenses	
Honoraria	3,209
Per Diem	117
Travel	95
Accommodation	84
Staff Expenses	
Wages	4,414
Travel	1,266
Other	
Advertising	3,550
Telephone and Fax	271
Courier	1,948
Office Costs	3,765
Services	
Legal	1,865
Consulting	8,980
TOTAL	29,564
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)	<u>\$213,607</u>

