### TUKTOYAKTUK COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLAN

### Tuktuuyaqtuum Angalatchivingit Niryutinik

A plan for the conservation and management of renewable resources and lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the vicinity of Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories



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The Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee, Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation, and The Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), The Fisheries Joint Management Committee and the Joint Secretariat The Inuvialuit have and will always be conservationists. However, with the influx of people of different cultures with different values we must protect our lands and the animals that live there lest it be lost to us all. This is our responsibility to both our generation and future generations.

- Dennis Raddi, Tuktoyaktuk Conservation Plan Working Group

The 2016 updated Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan has been prepared in consultation with the Inuvialuit Community in Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit bodies with an interest in the area. The undersigned representatives hereby adopt this document for the purpose of guiding policy and resource management in the planning area.

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### IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The following important words and abbreviations have been used in the Community Conservation Plan and are explained below.

### Community

Refers to all the Inuvialuit individuals living in the area and the local organizations, which represent them. Those organizations include the Hunters and Trappers Committee, Elders Committee, Community Corporation, Community Education Council and Hamlet.

### Conservation

Is ensuring that if we take caribou, there will be caribou the next year and the year after that. The same for anything else. This applies to all uses of the land: if it is used and enjoyed now, it must be left and preserved so that it will be there for the next year and for future years.

### **Ecosystem**

Refers to all of the plants and animals in an area, including the air, water and land on which they depend. The parts of the ecosystem are interconnected and influence one another. Food and energy flow through the ecosystem and are returned to it. Successful conservation and management depend on the recognition that changing one part of the ecosystem may affect the other parts.

**CWS -** Canadian Wildlife Service

**DFO -** Department of Fisheries and Oceans

**DoL-** Department of Lands, GNWT

**DOT -** Department of Transportation

**ENR -** Department of Environment and Natural Resources

**EIRB - Environmental Impact Review Board** 

**EISC -** Environmental Impact Screening Committee

**FJMC - Fisheries Joint Management Committee** 

**GNWT -** Government of the Northwest Territories

**GRRB -** Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board

**GTC -** Gwich'in Tribal Council

**HTC -** Hunters and Trappers Committee

IFA - Inuvialuit Final Agreement

IGC - Inuvialuit Game Council

IHTC - Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee

**ILA -** Inuvialuit Land Administration

**IRC -** Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

ISR - Inuvialuit Settlement Region

ITI – Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment

**NWT - Northwest Territories** 

**PWNHC** - Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre

**RRC** - Renewable Resource Council

TCC - Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation

**THTC -** Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee

**WMAC (NS)** - Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)

WMAC (NWT) - Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories)

**YTG -** Yukon Territorial Government

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The **Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan** is a community-based planning document that was originally spearheaded and prepared in 1993 by the Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee, Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation, and Tuktoyaktuk Elders Committee. Creation of community-based conservation plans was the first objective of the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan (1988), a document jointly prepared by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) and the Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC) in partial fulfilment of their obligations under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. Numerous Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit organizations were consulted during the planning process. A wide range of existing conservation plans were considered by the working group and extensive use was made of the Land Use Plan for the Mackenzie Delta Beaufort Sea Region (1991).

The updated 2000 Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan built upon the work of the original document. A Working Group was re-established as part of the review exercise, and extensive consultation was once again undertaken with Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit organizations.

In the spring of 2008 the conservation plans were updated with new working groups from each of the Inuvialuit communities.

In early 2015, Community Conservation Plan Working Groups were re-established in all 6 ISR communities. The Working group reviewed the plans, provided feedback of changes and consultation was once again undertaken with Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit organizations. In spring of 2016, all 6 Working Groups were brought together for a verification workshop in Inuvik.

The document is intended to provide guidance to all those with an interest in the planning area, but is not a legally binding document.

The Plan contains a brief description of the current conservation and resource management system in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and describes the strategy to address five broad goals:

- 1. To identify important wildlife habitat and seasonal harvesting areas and make recommendations for their management.
- To describe a community process for land use decisions and managing cumulative impacts, which will help, protect community values and the resources on which priority lifestyles depend.
- 3. To identify educational initiatives for the Inuvialuit of Tuktoyaktuk and others interested in the area, which will promote conservation, understanding and appreciation.
- 4. To describe a general system of wildlife management and identify population goals and conservation measures appropriate for each species of concern in the planning area using the knowledge of community and others with expertise.
- 5. To enhance the local economy by adopting a cooperative and consistent approach to community decision making and renewable resource management.

All excerpts of other documents included in this plan are not a substitute for the originals; original source documents should be used for legal accuracy or citation purposes.

The Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan will be subject to a progress review and potential amendment every five years or as needed. The HTC is responsible for initiating the review, to be conducted by the Community Conservation Plan Working Group. All feedback should be provided to the Joint Secretariat for integration in updated versions of the Plan. Minor revisions or corrections to the Plan may be sent to the Joint Secretariat at any time, for entry into subsequent versions. A complete review of the Plan by all stakeholders will occur a minimum of every eight years.

Copies of the plan are available at the WMAC (NWT) P.O. Box 2120 Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0 Phone: (867) 777- 2828.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### 1993

The Tuktoyaktuk Conservation Plan results from the efforts of many people. The Working Group was established to work on conservation principles as mandated in the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. Members of this group also participated in the Land Use Planning Process for the Mackenzie Delta Beaufort Sea Region. The Working Group represents the interests of different organizations within the community. Working Group members who participated in the development of this plan were Fred Wolkie (Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee), Noah Felix (Elders Committee), Dennis Raddi (Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee), Vince Teddy (Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation), Rex Cockney (Mackenzie Delta/Beaufort Sea Land Use Planning Community Working Group Representative), and Jane Bicknell and Charles Klengenberg (Inuvialuit Land Administration).

### 2000

Revisions to the 2000 Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan could not have been achieved without the dedicated efforts of: Dennis Raddi, Billy Emaghok, Rex Cockney, Fred Wolki, James Pokiak, Chucky Gruben, and the staff of the Joint Secretariat. Brian Johnston (Resource Person, WMAC (NWT)) and Michael Muller (GIS Specialist, Joint Secretariat) conducted community consultations and drafted the updated document, based on the recommendations of the community. The current plan is produced and distributed by the Joint Secretariat.

### 2008

The 2008 Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan would have not been such a success if it were not for the following: The Tuktoyaktuk Working Group, the Wildlife Management Advisory Council, Fisheries Joint Management Committee and the Joint Secretariat. Also a very big Thank You to the Environment and Natural Resources Department for making the old maps available to the Working Group and drafting the amended maps.

### 2016

Revisions to the 2015 Community Conservation Plan would not have been so successful without the dedicated efforts of: The Tuktoyaktuk Community Working Group (Peter Nogasak, Lennie Emaghok, Darrel Nasogaluak, Evelyn Cockney, and Charles Gruben), The Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NS), Fisheries Joint Management Committee & Joint Secretariat. Thanks to CWS, DFO and ENR for reviewing and providing comments and to IRC and ENRfor providing GIS support to change the maps. On behalf of the Tuktoyaktuk Working Group, we would like to recognize and acknowledge the advice and wisdom of the elders who helped lay out the original document.

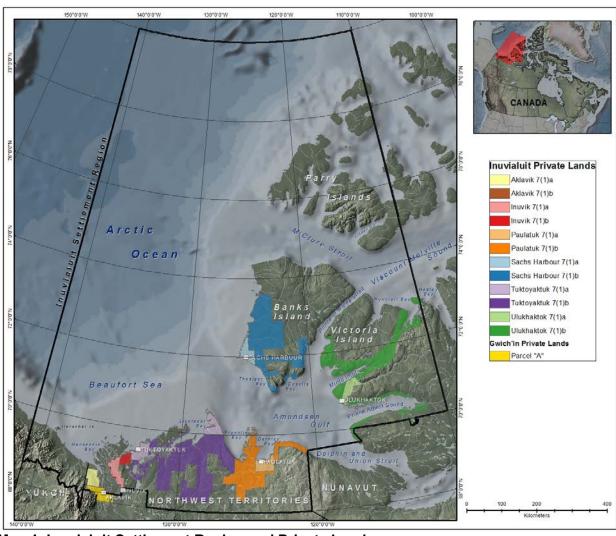
### 1 INTRODUCTION

The Inuvialuit of the Beaufort Sea coastal area have relied upon the area's wildlife for many years. This plan was developed to help protect the environment in the Delta / Beaufort Sea coastal area and onshore and offshore areas to ensure cultural survival of the Inuvialuit Community, in accordance with the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act* and the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan.

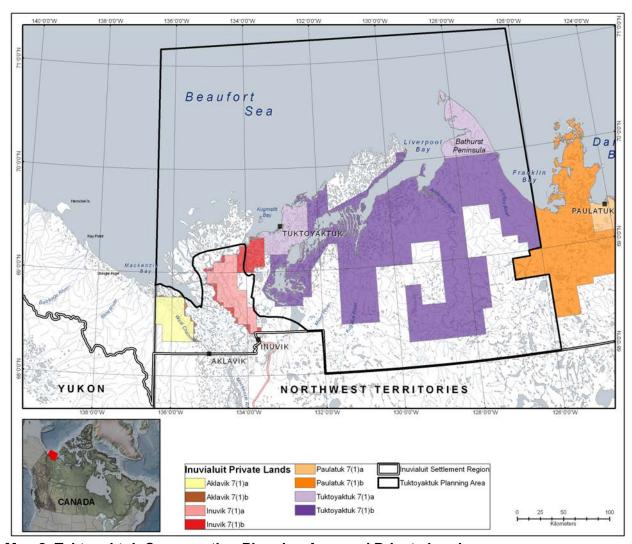
Development of the original plan was coordinated by representatives of the Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee (THTC), the Community Corporation (TCC), the Elders and other community representatives. To prepare this plan, the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan Working Group and the Joint Secretariat carefully reviewed the previous community conservation plan, and species management plans.

In addition, considerable effort was made to obtain opinion and advice from Inuvialuit members of the Community as well as government agencies. The plan is intended to express the Inuvialuit community's specific goals and objectives with respect to conservation of lands, waters and living resources in the vicinity of Tuktoyaktuk in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Figure 1). It makes recommendations and describes activities to be undertaken by individuals and organizations at the local, regional and national level. The plan describes a process for avoiding land use conflicts and dealing with cumulative impacts. We hope the plan will assist the Inuvialuit and others in ensuring conservation and environmental protection of the area.

The updating exercise that has produced the present version of the plan was spearheaded by the THTC and TCC, a newly re-established Community Conservation Plan Working Group, and the staff of the Joint Secretariat. Once again, consultation with Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit organizations and co-management bodies played an important role in the review process. A multi-stakeholder workshop was held in 2016 to exchange advice and recommendations before the final version of the Community Conservation Plans were drafted.



Map 1. Inuvialuit Settlement Region and Private Lands.



Map 2. Tuktoyaktuk Conservation Planning Area and Private Lands

### 1.1 A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TUKTOYAKTUK AREA

Tuktoyaktuk is at the northern end of a peninsula extending into Kugmallit Bay, just east of the Mackenzie River Delta, on the Arctic Coast. The name in Inuvialuktun means "resembling a caribou". It was formerly called Port Brabant, and the present name is commonly abbreviated to "Tuk". Tuktoyaktuk is 122 km (76 mi.) by air or 177 km (110 mi.) by river north of Inuvik. In 1934 the Hudson's Bay Company (H.B.C.) chose this site as an alternative to Herschel Island and as the most suitable harbour in the region for trans-shipping freight brought by barge down the Mackenzie River to deeper-draught coastal vessels for distribution along the arctic coast.

The Inuvialuit have lived in this area for thousands of years. They have two main foci in their land use patterns (Usher 1976): one is the Tuktoyaktuk - Kitigaaryuit area and the other is the Cape Bathurst area.

In the 1920's high fur prices and the increase in schooner ownership facilitated the expansion of trapping areas. The regular occupation of Banks Island began during this time.

In 1937 the H.B.C. store and Anglican and Roman Catholic missions were opened; a school was opened in 1947 and an R.C.M.P. post in 1950.

During the 1950's the decline of fur prices and the commencement of DEW - Line construction in Tuktoyaktuk precipitated a population shift from the surrounding areas into the community. This caused a temporary contraction in the areas used for hunting and trapping, but with the introduction of the snowmobile the Inuvialuit have re-expanded into these areas.

During the 1970's and 80's oil exploration created massive changes in the community. The continued decline in the fur market and the availability of employment with industry shifted large numbers of people into a wage-earning economy. The decline of the oil and gas industry in the late 80's created a high level of unemployment. Limited employment is available in private business and government services. Guided sports hunting in the winter and other forms of tourism during the summer provide employment to a few people, although the future potential for tourism in the region is very large due to Tuktoyaktuk's close proximity to Inuvik and its access to the South.

Most community residents still depend on the land, in addition to their wage earning, and a large portion of households derive a large portion of their food from hunting and fishing. Because many of the people are tied to the community by some form of wage employment and can travel only on weekends and holidays, their dependence on nearby areas is now even more acute. This shift towards wage employment has increased dependence on many key areas within 100 km (62 mi.) of the community.

Residents of Tuktoyaktuk have experienced many changes in the recent past, and they expect more changes for the future. To cope with this they have tried to plan for development of their community. In 1984 Tuktoyaktuk and the other Inuvialuit communities signed the Inuvialuit Final Agreement with Canada. In accordance with the principles of the IFA, this Conservation Plan will help the community to further manage change and preserve the option of living off the land for the present and future generations.

### 1.2 INUVIALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT AND RENEWABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### 1.2.1 Inuvialuit Final Agreement

To secure and protect the homeland of the Inuvialuit in the Beaufort Sea region, known as the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR), the Inuvialuit and the governments of Canada, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon, negotiated The Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA). Proclaimed on July 24, 1984, the IFA includes the Northern Mackenzie Delta, Yukon North Slope and the western portion of the Arctic Islands. The IFA established several new management bodies to help ensure that the land and its living resources are conserved for the benefit of the Inuvialuit (see Appendices D and E). In addition to the summaries presented below, additional detailed information is available from the organizations described.

### 1.2.2 Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (NWT and North Slope) and Fisheries Joint Management Committee

The IFA created three new co-management bodies: the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC (NWT)), the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope) (WMAC (NS)) and the Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC). The WMAC (NWT) provides advice to appropriate government ministers and Inuvialuit agencies on all matters relating to wildlife policy and the management, regulation and administration of wildlife, habitat and harvesting in the Northwest Territories portion of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The WMAC (NWT) also advises government on wildlife related issues of park planning and management. The WMAC (NS) fills a similar role as the WMAC (NWT) however; its focus is on the Yukon North Slope. In addition to providing advice to government ministers, the WMAC (NS) is also expected to provide advice to the Porcupine Caribou Management Board, the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) and other groups. The FJMC assists Canada and the Inuvialuit in a similar fashion, managing the area's marine mammals and marine and freshwater fisheries. The FJMC also coordinates delivery of the Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC) registration system for fishing by non-beneficiaries on private land.

### 1.2.3 Inuvialuit Game Council and Hunters and Trappers Committees

The IFA also created the Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) and provided for the creation of a Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC) in each of the six Inuvialuit communities. The IGC is intended to represent the collective Inuvialuit interest in wildlife and to advise the government, often through the WMAC (NWT) and FJMC. The HTC is, among other things, responsible for local resource allocation and is expected to encourage and promote Inuvialuit involvement in conservation, research, management, enforcement and utilization.

### 1.2.4 Inuvialuit Land Administration

The Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA) manages and administers access to Inuvialuit private lands - 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands (see Map 2). The ILA screens development proposals on private land although the Inuvialuit may also refer them to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee.

All applications submitted to the ILA are distributed to the local HTCs and Community Corporations for review and comment. The ILA makes final approval of applications. ILA has the authority to attach a variety of conditions to land use authorizations for projects on Inuvialuit lands as described in the IFA. ILA is concerned with ensuring development activities are carried out responsibly and that economic benefits from development flow to Inuvialuit. The Inuvialuit Land Commission (ILAC) provides ILA with advice and guidance considers policy considerations and

acts as a liaison between ILA and Inuvialuit communities.

### 1.2.5 Environmental Impact Screening Committee and Environmental Impact Review Board

Under the terms of the IFA, the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) screens all development proposals on Crown lands within the ISR to determine if there is potential for significant negative environmental impact (see Appendix G). Projects in the offshore are also screened by the EISC, in response to a request from the Inuvialuit Game Council. Projects, which may have significant negative impact, are referred to the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) or other equivalent environmental review processes for a public assessment and review. The EIRB has the authority to conduct a detailed public review and make recommendations to the competent governmental authority, with respect to proposed developments.

The community believes that the existing methods for environmental screening and review can be incorporated as part of the general conservation process for the Planning Area (see also Section 4.4). The community supports development where it is compatible with the Conservation Plan's land use and species management priorities. Copies of the EISC's "Operating Guidelines and Procedures" and EIRB's "Operating Procedures" has been provided to the HTC for public information.

### **2 COMMUNITY VALUES**

The following principles express Inuvialuit community beliefs and values with respect to conservation and resource management in the planning area (see Map 2).

### a) Conservation is First Priority

All uses of the land in the Planning Area, including renewable and non-renewable resource development, must recognize conservation of the renewable resource base as the foremost priority. This applies to uses of the land by the community and by other interests.

### b) Integrated Management

All parts of the environment are interconnected, so they must be managed together. Conservation, stable economic development and sound resource management can only be achieved if all parties work toward a common goal. The Inuvialuit community of Tuktoyaktuk recognizes the relationship between direct economic security and resource conservation and the importance of maintaining a spirit of cooperation between all people living in the region.

### c) Maximize Community Benefit

Renewable and non-renewable resource development in the Tuktoyaktuk planning area should be of maximum benefit to community residents, with priorities for Inuvialuit as detailed in the IFA. Development projects should be scaled to retain opportunities and ensure the most lasting benefit to the local economy.

### d) Protect Priority Community Activities

Priority activities to be protected by the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan are hunting, fishing, guiding, trapping, tourism and arts and crafts manufacturing.

### e) Cooperative Management of Shared Resources

The Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan recognizes a special need for cooperation in the management of migratory species, which are also used by other Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit.

### f) Maintain Healthy Environment

The Inuvialuit of Tuktoyaktuk place a high priority on maintaining air and water quality and the health of the resources.

### g) Consistency

The Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan should be consistent with the Principles of Wildlife Harvesting and Management from the IFA, (Appendix A), the goals and principles of the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan (1988), (Appendix B), the goals of the North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan (2003) (Appendix C), the Regional Land Use Plan (1991), the Arctic Environmental Strategy (1991), and other conservation plans or agreements endorsed by the Community's representatives (e.g. Management Agreement for Polar Bears in the Southern Beaufort Population (1991), the Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan (1998).

### 3 GOALS

The Inuvialuit Community has identified an overall strategy for conservation and resource management in the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area. This strategy is based on five general goals:

### 1. Identify and Protect Important Habitats and Harvesting Areas

To identify important wildlife habitat, seasonal harvesting areas and cultural sites (for example, cabin sites) and make recommendations for their management.

### 2. Land Use Decisions

To describe the community process for making land use decisions and managing cumulative impacts which will help protect community values and conserve the resources on which priority lifestyles depend.

### 3. Education

To identify educational initiatives for the Inuvialuit of Tuktoyaktuk and others interested in the area which will promote conservation, understanding and appreciation.

### 4. Define Species Management

To describe a general system for wildlife management and conservation and identify population goals and conservation measures appropriate for each species of concern in the planning area. This will be done using the knowledge of the Community and others with expertise.

### 5. Enhance Economy

To enhance the local economy by adopting a cooperative and consistent approach to community decision making and resource management. This approach will help ensure economic stability and maintenance of all components of the Arctic ecosystem.

Information and recommendations required to satisfy the above goals for the Planning Area are described in the sections which follow.

### 4 SPECIAL AREAS AND RECOMMENDED LAND USE PRACTICES FOR THE PLANNING AREA

Some of the areas and recommended land use practices described in this section were originally identified in the Regional Land Use Plan for the Mackenzie Delta-Beaufort Sea Region (1991). These areas have been identified because they contain important wildlife habitat and/or harvesting areas. Recommendations have been revised and in some cases moved to more appropriate sections of this plan.

Guidelines for land use practices to be followed in these areas are included in the area descriptions which follow, as well as in other sections of this plan. A set of general land use recommendations is provided at the end of Section 4.1. A community-based process for arriving at land use decisions is presented in Section 4.2. Processes to assist with the management of cumulative impacts and recommendations for environmental screening and review of development proposals are presented in Sections 4.3 and Section 4.4, respectively.

In designating land management categories, the Inuvialuit community has attempted to recognize priority land uses and activities, as well as areas of special ecological and cultural importance. Land designations may be modified as additional information becomes available and provided the health and biological productivity of the planning area is maintained. Each area of importance has been given a letter designation corresponding to the categories below:

### Category A

Lands and waters where there are no known significant and sensitive cultural or renewable resources. Lands shall be managed according to current regulatory practices.

### Category B

Lands and waters where there are cultural or renewable resources of some significance and sensitivity but where terms and conditions associated with permits and leases shall assure the conservation of these resources.

### Category C

Lands and waters where cultural or renewable resources are of particular significance and sensitivity during specific times of the year. These lands and waters shall be managed so as to eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, potential damage and disruption.

### Category D

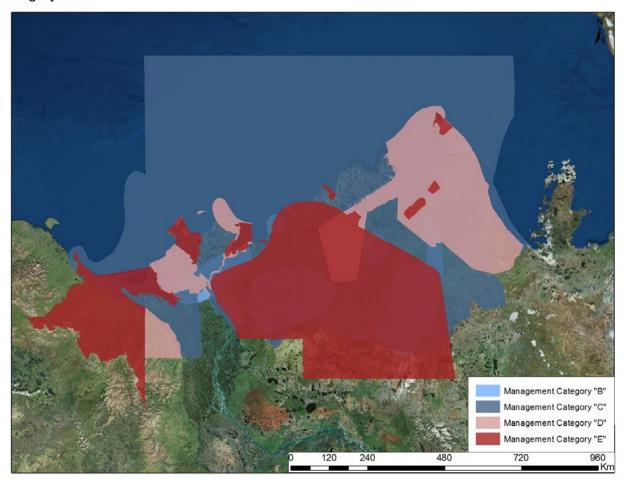
Lands and waters where cultural or renewable resources are of particular significance and sensitivity throughout the year. As with Category C, these areas shall be managed so as to eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, potential damage and disruption.

### Category E

Lands and waters where cultural or renewable resources are of extreme significance and sensitivity. There shall be no development on these areas. These lands and waters shall be managed to eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, potential damage and disruption. This category recommends the highest degree of protection in this document.

### 4.1 TUKTOYAKTUK PLANNING AREA - SPECIAL DESIGNATED LANDS

Maps and detailed descriptions of the special designated lands listed below are described in the text which follows (see List of pames, page 7-8 for list of Tuktoyaktuk sites). The f ollowing map (Map 3) shows an overlay of all designated sites in the Aklavik planning area by management category.



Map 3. Overlay of all sites in the Tuktoyaktuk planning area by managment category.

### SITE NO. 301C SPRING SEAL HARVESTING AREAS



Map 5. Site 301C Spring Seal Harvesting Areas

### **Identified by**

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

C

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private Lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

The Husky Lakes region, just inside the Finger Lakes area.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Seal hunting area during spring from April to June.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

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### SITE NO. 302C SPRING CARIBOU HARVESTING AREAS

Map 6. Site 302C Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas

### Identified By

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

С

### Ownership

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### Description

Surrounding Husky Lakes, east of Cape Bathurst, just west of Mason River, extending south from the Mackenzie River to Sitidgi Lake, with the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula at the northern boundary.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key harvesting area for caribou in the spring.

Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 305C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

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### SITE NO. 303B SPRING MOOSE HARVESTING AREAS

Map 7. Site 303B Spring Moose Harvesting Areas

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

В

### Ownership

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### Description

South boundary at Sitidgi Lake, northward to the southern end of Husky Lakes, east to Kugaluk River.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important area for subsistence hunting of moose.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the= Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Caribou Hills (Site no. 702B)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Fort Anderson (Site no. 709E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities

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### SITE NO. 304C SPRING GOOSE HARVESTING AREAS

Map 8. Site 304C Spring Goose Harvesting Areas

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### Description

Islands in the western portion of the Mackenzie River Estuary, from eastern Richards Island along the coast, including all of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, to Mason River Estuary, and the Husky Lakes. Other areas include sections of the Miner River, Anderson River and Crossley Lakes.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence hunting of geese in the spring.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 305C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

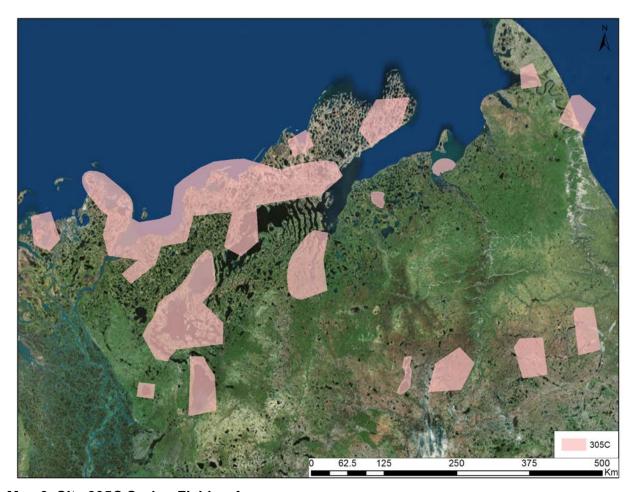
Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities

### SITE NO. 305C SPRING FISHING AREAS



Map 9. Site 305C Spring Fishing Areas

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Various sites within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence fishing during the spring.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)
Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)
Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)
Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)
Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)
Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)
Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

### SITE NO. 306C SUMMER CARIBOU HARVESTING AREAS

Map 10. Site 306C Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas

### Identified By

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

С

### Ownership

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Eastern part of Richards Island, Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula (including an area southeast of Husky Lakes) and Anderson River and Rendezvous.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence harvesting of caribou during the summer.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C) Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktovatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Fort Anderson (Site no. 709E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

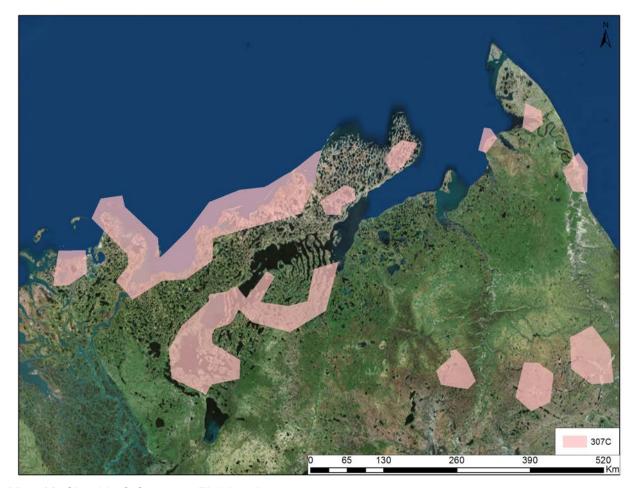
Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

### SITE NO. 307C SUMMER FISHING AREAS



Map 11. Site 307C Summer Fishing Areas

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Various sites within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence fishing during the summer.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

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### SITE NO. 308C SUMMER GOOSE HARVESTING AREAS

Map 12. Site 308C Summer Goose Harvesting Area

### **Identified By**

**Tuktoyaktuk Working Group** 

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

A variety of sites within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area, including: outer islands of Mackenzie Estuary, mouth of Anderson River, mouth of Mason River, Summer Island, Warren Point and McKinley Bay.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence harvesting of geese during the summer.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### SITE NO. 309C FALL CARIBOU HARVESTING AREAS

Map 13. Site 309C Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas

### **Identified By**

**Tuktoyaktuk Working Group** 

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Eastern part of Richards Island, Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula (including an area southeast of Husky Lakes) and Anderson River and Rendezvous.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence harvesting of caribou during the fall.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Fort Anderson (Site no. 709E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

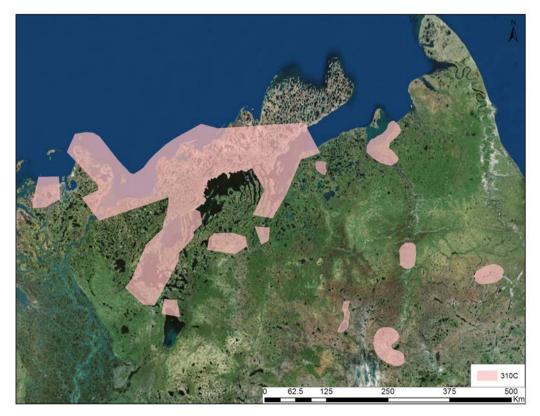
Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

### SITE NO. 310C FALL FISHING AREAS



Map 14. Site 310C Fall Fishing Areas

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

С

### Ownership

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Various sites within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area of subsistence fishing during the fall.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities

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### SITE NO. 311C FALL SEAL HARVESTING AREAS

Map 15. Site 311C Fall Seal Harvesting Areas

### **Identified By**

**Tuktoyaktuk Working Group** 

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Two sites within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area, including: from Kugmallit Bay, extending north to Atkinson Bay; Liverpool Bay/Wood Bay, extending through Fingers Area, into Husky Lakes.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence harvesting of seals during the fall.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

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### SITE NO. 312C FALL WATERFOWL HARVESTING AREAS

Map 16. Site 312C Fall Waterfowl Harvesting Areas

### **Identified By**

**Tuktoyaktuk Working Group** 

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

All of the coastline from Yukon/Alaska border in the west, to the Mason River in the east, including sites on Anderson River and Crossley Lakes.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence harvesting of waterfowl during the fall.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Caribou Hills (Site no. 702B)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site no. 716CE)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

### SITE NO. 313C WINTER SEAL & POLAR BEAR HARVESTING AREAS



Map 17. Site 313C Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Entire offshore within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence harvesting of seals and polar bears during the winter.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities

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### SITE NO. 314C WINTER WOLVERINE HARVESTING AREAS

Map 18. Site 314C Winter Wolvering Harvesting Areas

### **Identified By**

**Tuktoyaktuk Working Group** 

### **Management Category**

С

### Ownership

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### Description

Husky Lakes, Finger Lakes and area southeast of Husky Lakes.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence harvesting of wolverine during the winter.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 305C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Caribou Hills (Site no. 702B)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Fort Anderson (Site no. 709E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

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### SITE NO. 315C WINTER CARIBOU HARVESTING AREAS

Map 19. Site 315C Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas

### Identified By

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

C

### Ownership

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### Description

Richards Island, south to the northern part of Sitidgi Lake; Anderson River to the mouth of Mason River, including the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence harvesting of caribou during the winter.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Fort Anderson (Site no. 709E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

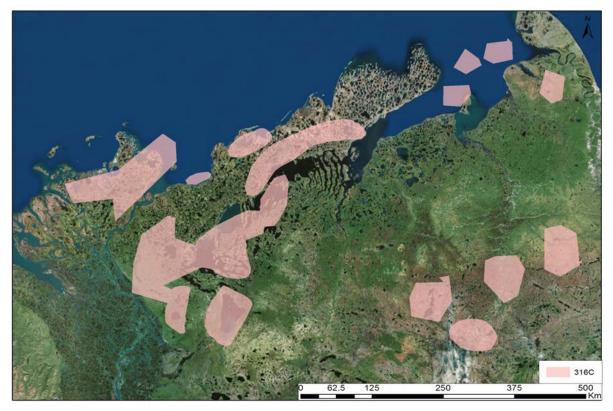
Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region.

There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### SITE NO. 316C WINTER FISHING AREAS



Map 20. Site 316C Winter Fishing Areas

### **Identified By**

**Tuktoyaktuk Working Group** 

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private lands 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Various sites within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area, including Liverpool Bay.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key area for subsistence fishing during the winter.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Caribou Hills (Site no. 702B)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Fort Anderson (Site no. 709E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

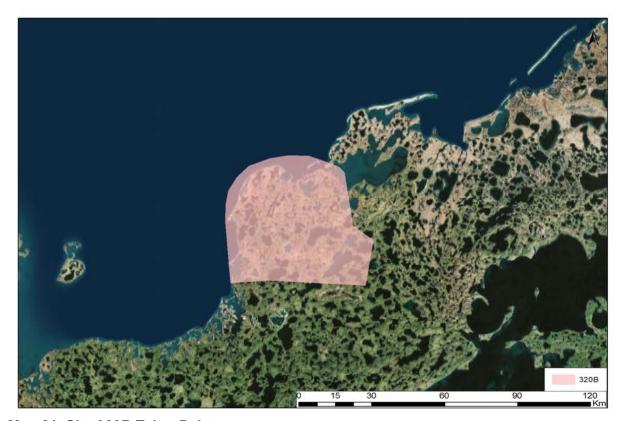
Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region.

There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010.

### SITE NO. 320B TOKER POINT



Map 21. Site 320B Toker Point

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

### **Management Category**

В

### Ownership

Private 7(1)(a) lands within Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

An area of land starting at Toker Point and extending southward, to approximately halfway between Toker Point and Tuktoyaktuk.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Dome-shaped pingos. Typical tundra vegetation of coastlines. Large number of nesting birds. Barrenground grizzly bear dens.

Important for subsistence harvesting of: fish (inconnu, whitefish, loche and herring) (spring/summer/fall), berry picking (summer), and geese and other waterfowl (spring).

Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

### SITE NO. 321D HARROWBY BAY KEY MIGRATORY BIRD TERRESTRIAL HABITAT



Map 22. Site 321D Harrowby Boy Key Migratory Bird Terrestrial Harbitat

### **Identified By**

Canadian Wildlife Service

### **Management Category**

D

### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(a) lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement.

### **Description**

From the mouth of the Horton River to the mouth of the Old Horton River, including Harrowby Bay. A second area includes the mouth of the Mason River.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

From late June until early August, the Old Horton River bed provides habitat for moulting, non-breeding Canada Geese and Greater white-fronted geese.

Oldsquaws, scoters and sometimes scaup moult in the waters of Harrowby Bay.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

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### SITE NO. 322C CRITICAL GRIZZLY BEAR DENNING AREAS

Map 23. Site 322C Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas

### **Identified By**

**Tuktoyaktuk Working Group** 

### **Management Category**

С

### Ownership

Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Coastal areas, starting at western portion of Richards Island, east to Fingers Area, northeast to include Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula. A second area from mouth of Anderson River along the coast of Wood Bay, to include the mouth of the Horton River, south along the Horton River, southeast to include the main section of the Anderson River.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important (from Oct. to May) for denning grizzly bears.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Caribou Hills (Site no. 702B)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Fort Anderson (Site no. 709E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

Natural gas exploration and potential development.

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Possible access roads and air access points with oil and gas development.

Year-round road from Inuvik to Tuktovaktuk.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

Disturbance of grizzly bears and their denning sites by human or industrial activity.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

All land users should refrain from any activity near known grizzly bear denning sites from October to May. Denning sites should not be physically disturbed at any time.

### SITE NO. 323C MAINLAND COASTAL POLAR BEAR DENNING AREAS



Map 24. Site 323C Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk Community Working Groups

### **Management Category**

C

### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)a and 7(1)b lands and Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Includes three coastal areas: Kay Point to Summer Island; northeast portion of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula; northern portion of Cape Bathurst and Baillie Islands.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important (from Oct. to March) for polar bear denning.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site no. 716CE)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Eastern North Slope, East of Babbage River (Site no. 725DE)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region.

There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Possible access roads and air access points associated with oil and gas development.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

Disturbance of polar bears and their denning sites by human or industrial activity.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

All land users should refrain from any activity near known polar bear denning sites from October to March. Denning sites should not be physically disturbed at any time.

### SITE NO. 324C MIGRATORY BIRD SUMMER NESTING SITES



Map 25. Site 324C Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Community Working Groups

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands; Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important nesting and breeding habitat for birds (May to September).

Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktov (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

### Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

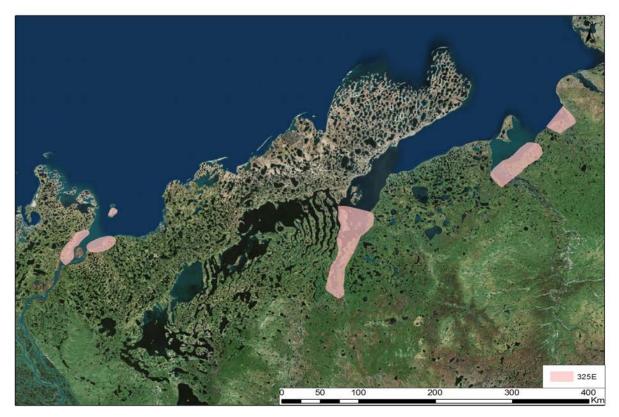
### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Possible access roads and air access points associated with oil and gas development.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

Disturbance of nesting sites by human or industrial activity.

### SITE NO. 325E TRADITIONAL AND HISTORICAL CULTURAL AREAS



Map 26. Site 325E Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Community Working Groups

### **Management Category**

Ε

### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands; Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### Description

Importatnt historical sites, including; Kuukpak and Cache Point, Hendrickson Island, Kittigaryuit, Nuvuuq, Nalluq, Stanton, Kikilliuvik, Killivituyuk, and Abvuq.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important historical sites for the Inuvialuat.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

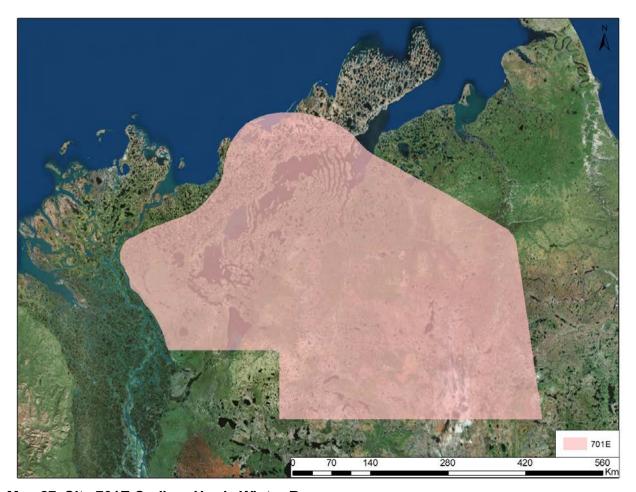
### Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

Loss of sites due to erosion. The Inuvialuit of Tuktoyaktuk are concerned that if these sites are not identified and protected they may be harmed by development and or may lose their cultural significance.

### SITE NO. 701E CARIBOU HERDS WINTER RANGE



Map 27. Site 701E Caribou Herds Winter Range

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik Working Groups, and ENR

### **Management Category**

Ε

### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)a and 7(1)b lands and Crown lands within the ISR (Maps 1 and 2).

### **Description**

Starting at the southern ISR boundary, up to Tununuk, northeast to include the western portion of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, southeast to include the Anderson River, and south to the ISR boundary. The winter range of the also herd extends into the Gwich'in Settlement Area and the Sahtu Settlement Area.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important winter habitat for the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West caribou caribou herd, which are valued for subsistence harvest year-round.

Due to the fact that the caribou herds are relied upon for subsistence use by various Inuvialuit communities as well as aboriginal communities outside of the ISR, the "Taking Care of Caribou Management Plan" and an Advisory Committee for Cooperative Wildlife Management (ACCWM) Agreement have been developed with the cooperation of all stakeholders, to ensure proper management measures are in place.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 305C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Caribou Hills (Site no. 702B)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Fort Anderson (Site no. 709E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

Granular deposits have been identified around Parsons Lake, south end of Husky Lakes, in the Caribou Hills and Travaillant Lake regions.

Operation and maintenance of Ikhil Natural Gas Pipeline.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Sports hunting and wildlife viewing tours by boat or snowmobile, around Husky Lakes and the east channel of the Mackenzie Delta.

Year-round road from Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk, once completed, will see an estimated 200 vehicles per day transitting through the caribou range.

Reindeer herd on the wintering grounds of the caribou.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

Potential oil and gas related activities within the ISR and the neighbouring Gwich'in Settlement Area and Sahtu Settlement Area might negatively affect caribou movements which would in turn make subsistence hunting more difficult.

That growth in tourism could disturb the herd or degrade its habitat.

Re-location and expansion of the reindeer herd to the wintering grounds of the caribou could cause disruption to caribou and degradation of habitat.

Constuction of the all-weather Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk highway and the increased access that the road provided will disrupt caribou migration routes and degrade habitiat.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

See Caribou conservation measures in Section 6.4.

### SITE NO. 702B CARIBOU HILLS



Map 28. Site 702B Caribou Hills

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik Working Groups and ENR

### **Management Category**

R

### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(a) lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2).

### **Description**

Upland area west of Parson's Lake and paralleling East Channel of Mackenzie River.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Caribou Hills have a unique succession plant life.

The Middle Mackenzie Delta is a unique transition zone between alluvial taiga and low tundra habitats.

It is also an important subsistence berry picking area and subsistence harvesting including fishing.

Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C) Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C) Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C) Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E) Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

Operation and maintenance of Ikhil Natural Gas Pipeline.

Several granular deposits identified in the area.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Tourism outfitting license for Reindeer Station/Qunngilaaq and nearby Peter Lake. Various boat tours, which use the site when travelling down the Mackenzie River East Channel.

Reindeer Station/Qunngilaaq has been identified as a Historic Site and is used as a cultural healing camp owned and operated by ICC.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

That land use activities such as seismic, oil and gas and road corridor development would have a negative impact on this sensitive area.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

ILA should consider the sensitivity of this site when reviewing land use applications to ensure no negative impact of this area's unique habitat.

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### SITE NO. 703D KUGALUK RIVER ESTUARY

Map 29. Site 703D Kugaluk River Estuary

### **Identified By**

Inuvik, Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk Working Groups, CWS and DFO

### **Management Category**

D

### **Ownership**

Crown Lands (lakebed) and Private 7(1)(a) lands (shoreline) within the ISR (Maps 1 and 2).

### **Description**

From Liverpool Bay, southward including Kugaluk and Miner River estuaries, linking the Husky Lakes and Liverpool Bay.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important spawning area for Pacific herring and lake trout.

Seals and occasionally beluga enter the Fingers area to feed.

Birds are present during part of the year - breeding season in May-August, and until September. Nesting habitat for lesser snow geese, brant, white-fronted geese and tundra swans. Important area during the moulting period for greater white-fronted geese, Canada geese and Tundra swans. Moulting scoters, scaup and oldsquaw are present during mid- to late summer. A few

thousand fish-eating birds, notably red-breasted and common mergansers and glaucus gulls, feed in the area from June to mid-August.

Wetland habitat is sensitive year-round.

Important area for research of effects of fire on the tree line.

Denning habitat for barren ground grizzly bear.

There is an archaeological site in the northeastern part of the Smoke River delta, and an outpost camp at the mouth of the Kugaluk River.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Sité no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Air traffic.

Some unguided canoeing tourism— 1-2 trips per year.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

Increased aircraft traffic over the area could result from development activities in the Beaufort Sea and on the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula.

Potential oil and gas development in the area.

## SITE NO. 704C FISH LAKES AND RIVERS



Map 30. Site 704C Fish Lakes and Rivers

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik Working Groups

### **Management Category**

С

### **Ownership**

Crown lands and Private 7(1)(a); 7(1)(b) lands within the ISR (Maps 1 and 2).

### **Description**

The site includes the rivers and lakes along the shoreline west of Tuktoyaktuk, inland to their headwaters, including Parsons Lake, Yaya Lakes, Baby Island, Richards Island and Garry Island.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important fish habitat and important historic and present subsistence harvest area for people of Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Sité no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaarvuit (Site no. 729E)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

Operation and maintenance of Ikhil Natural Gas Pipeline.

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

Several identified granular sources within this area, largely concentrated around Tuktoyaktuk and the coast.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

A North Warning System radar site borders this site.

Year-round road from Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk.

A number of lakes have been identified as potential sites for outdoor recreation and/or territorial parks: Parsons, Yaya, Sitidgi and Noel.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

The Community Working Group is concerned that some land use activities in the area are contributing to the destruction of fish spawning and over wintering habitat of rivers along the coast (log jam up rivers).

There are concerns that the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk highway project may impact fish habitat in the area.

There is also concern regarding overfishing along the highway corridor.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

- 1. FJMC should advise on, and DFO should regulate development activities near or on Fish Lakes and Rivers during the fall and winter.
- 2. HTC recommends no development activities at East Whitefish Station (Nalrugiav) and Kendall Island (subsistence whaling camp) from July 1 through August 31.
- 3. High priority to finish Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Fishery Managmnet Plan and Wildlife Protection Plan for the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk corridor. Once these plans have been finalized, management recommendations should be followed with regilations enforced by DFO and ENR.

### SITE NO. 705E HUSKY LAKES



Map 31. Site 795E Husky Lakes

### **Identified By**

Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Community Working Groups and DFO

# Management Category

D

### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(b) lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1& 2).

### **Description**

The site is south and east of Tuktoyaktuk, and includes the bays, islands and shorelines of the Husky Lakes beginning at Sitidgi Creek and extending northeastward to Liverpool Bay.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Past and present use by Inuvialuit for year-round subsistence fishing, hunting, trapping and berry picking. There are approximately 50 recreational, educational and trapping cabins located throughout the area.

Important spawning area for Pacific herring, lake trout and beluga.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

Granular deposits have been identified at Husky Lakes, Hans Creek, Jimmy Lake and Parsons Lake areas.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Sports fishing by Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik residents and tourists.

An automated North Warning System radar site borders this site.

A year-round road between Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik is being constructed adjacent to area.

Canoe route to Inuvik from Anderson River.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

That sports fishing, particularly in spring, does not interfere with Inuvialuit enjoyment of their privately-held lands around the lakes, and with subsistence fishing activities.

That potential extraction of granular deposits may threaten the habitat.

A year-round road between Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik may threaten the habitat.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

- 1. ILA should continue to enforce IFA section 7(15)d which protects the Inuvialuit right to "peaceable enjoyment of the lands".
- 2. EISC and DFO should enforce Section 8(4) of the IFA, which states no dredging, or development activities such as the building of drilling platforms or fuel storage facilities shall be carried out on the waters of the area.
- 3. FJMC should produce fish species management plans for Husky Lakes, establishing quotas and restrictions on particular species. FJMC should continue to regulate sports fishing licenses through Tuktoyaktuk HTC.
- 4. ILA should develop a land use/recreation plan for Husky Lakes to define travel-restricted zones, access points, tourism/fishing use areas and facilities.

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### SITE NO. 706E KENDALL ISLAND BIRD SANCTUARY

Map 32. Site 706D Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary

### **Identified By**

Canadian Wildlife Service

### **Management Category**

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The Bird Sanctuary is legislatively protected under Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994.

### **Ownership**

Crown lands within Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

The sanctuary is represented by an area of land and sea with Middle Channel and Harry Channels as boundaries, and the northern boundary extending from the southern tip of Garry Island, extending northeastward, bisecting Kendall Island, as far as the mouth of Harry Channel. Garry and Pelly Island are also included

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Birds are present during only part of the year - breeding season is May-August. Wetland habitat is sensitive year-round. In its review of bird sanctuaries in response to the Northern Mineral Policy, the Canadian Wildlife Service proposed changing the Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary to include an area of high use by geese and waterfowl (CWS 1989).

The islands of the outer delta are important staging grounds from late August to late September for several species of species and shorebirds.

Shallow Bay area is an important staging area for Greater White-fronted Geese. Black Brants also migrate west through the outer Mackenzie Delta. Large numbers of shorebirds migrate through the delta area.

Small islands south of Kendall Island support a colony of Lesser snow geese. Tundra swans, Greater white-fronted geese, Sandhill cranes, brant, ducks and shorebirds, nest and moult throughout this area.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

### Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

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### SITE NO. 707D ANDERSON RIVER MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

Map 33. Site 707D Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary

### **Identified By**

Canadian Wildlife Service

### **Management Category**

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### Ownership

Private 7(1)(b) lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

The site includes the land and water surrounding the lower Anderson River. The delta of low alluvial islands, channels and lakes extends northward into the shallow waters of Wood Bay.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Key nesting habitat for Lesser snow geese, Black brants, Greater white-fronted geese, Canada geese, (Late May - end of August) and Tundra swans (May - early October)

Key nesting and moulting habitat in Wood Bay for oldsquaw, scaup and scoters.

Wetland habitat is sensitive year-round.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktovatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region.

There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Canoe route.

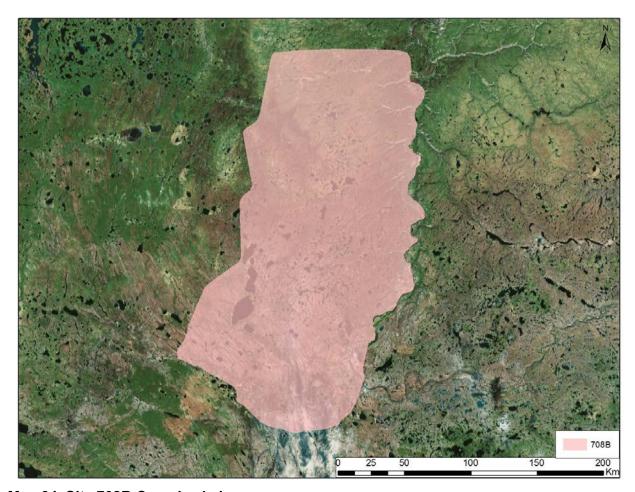
### **Community Working Group Concerns**

This is a critical habitat for snow geese in spring; grizzly bears may have an impact on snow geese eggs.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

None.

### SITE NO. 708B CROSSLEY LAKES



Map 34. Site 708B Crossley Lake

### Identified By

Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik Working Groups, and ENR

### **Management Category**

В

### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(b) lands and Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2).

### Description

Area of varied terrain east of Anderson River in proximity to Crossley Lakes, Carnwath and Wolverine Rivers.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Crossley Lakes is a representative treeline area. Important habitat for moose and woodland caribou and barrenground caribou.

Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 305C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

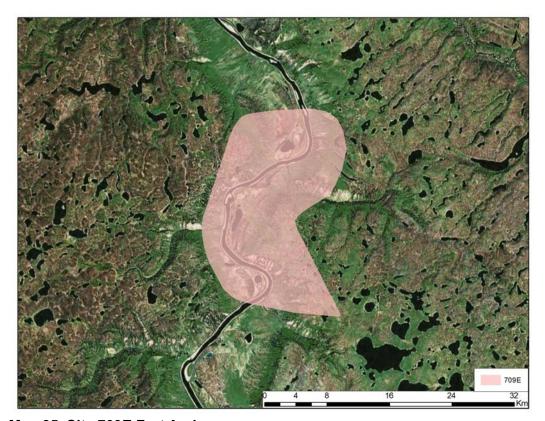
Fort Anderson (Site no. 709E)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region.

There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### **SITE NO. 709E FORT ANDERSON**



Map 35. Site 709E Fort Anderson

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik Working Groups, and ENR

### **Management Category**

### Ownership

Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Located east of Crossly Lakes, on the shore of the Anderson River.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

At the Fort Anderson site, flora, soil conditions, and the active soil layer have been undisturbed since 1866 when the Fort was abandoned.

Fort Anderson represents a notable archaeological site in the Western Arctic Region.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

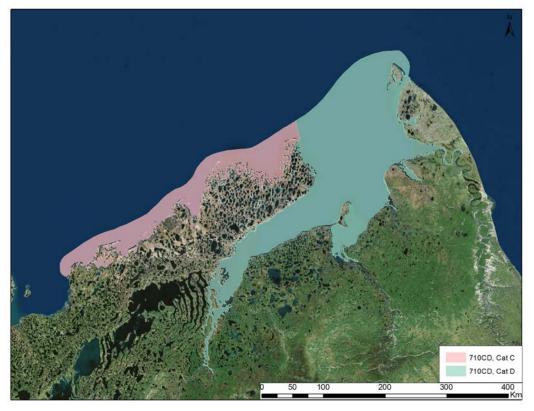
Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C) Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C) Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C) Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E) Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C) Crossley Lakes (Site no. 708B)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

# SITE NO. 710CD COASTAL ZONES OF THE TUKTOYAKTUK PENINSULA, LIVERPOOL BAY, WOOD BAY, BAILLIE ISLANDS



Map 36. Site 710CD Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik Working Groups, and DFO

### **Management Category**

C: Western portion

D: all areas east and south to the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula

### Ownership

Crown waters within Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2)

### Description

A 10 km (6 mi) coastline buffer, starting at Toker Point and extending east to Baillie Islands, including Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay and Harrowby Bay.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula - migrating fish. Feeding and rearing areas in bays and lagoons. Important feeding area for beluga, bowhead whales and seals. Important denning habitat for polar bears. McKinley Bay may be a spawning area for Pacific herring. Important summer beluga habitat. Liverpool Bay provides spawning habitat for Pacific herring.

Wood Bay/Baillie Islands is important for feeding, nursery, overwintering areas for both anadromous and marine species.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

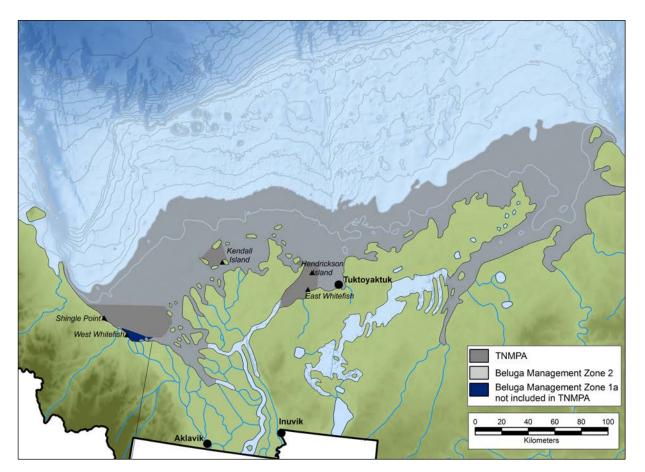
Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region.

There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

# SITE NO. 711E TARIUM NIRYUTAIT MARINE PROTECTED AREA (TNMPA) / BELUGA MANAGEMENT PLAN ZONE 1A



Map 37. Site 711E Tarium Niryutait Marine Protected Area (TNMPA)/Beluga Management Plan Zone 1A

### **Identified By**

Fisheries Joint Management Committee

### **Land Management Category**

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### **Ownership**

Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

The zone includes about 1800 km² (695 mi²) of shallow waters at the mouth of the Mackenzie River and encompasses the only known traditional summer concentration areas (Shallow Bay, east Mackenzie Bay and Kugmallit Bay) for the Beaufort Sea beluga stock. These areas are shallow (less than 2 m (6.6 ft.)), warm, brackish and highly turbid.

### Importance of Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Traditional beluga harvesting/concentration areas. Canadian Beaufort Sea beluga stock concentrates in these areas in summer. Could be for calving, calf rearing, moulting and/or

socializing. Inuvialuit from Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and Aklavik harvests beluga in these areas.

Tarium Niryutait Marine Protected Area (TNMPA):

The Tarium Niryutait Marine Protected Area (TNMPA) was officially announced on August 26th 2010. It is Canada's first arctic MPA and consists of three individual areas called Niaqunnaq, Okeevik, and Kittigaryuit. Together these three areas cover approximately 1,800 square kilometres of the Mackenzie River Delta and estuary in the Beaufort Sea.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Inuvialuit people, the Fisheries Joint Management Committee, private industry, local stakeholders and governments created the TNMPA through a collaborative effort. The MPA is part of Canada's expanding network of protected ocean areas, it also plays an important role in fulfilling Canada's commitments to managing Canada's oceans resources.

The purpose of the TNMPA is to conserve and protect the biological resources within the MPA and to support the viability of a healthy population of beluga whales. This area is particularly important to the Beaufort Sea beluga whale stock that travels to the Mackenzie Estuary during the summer months. These whales come to this area for feeding, rearing calves, moulting, socializing, and for energetics (i.e. thermal advantage).

The Tarium Niryutait MPA has traditionally been used by the Inuvialuit and is importantfrom a cultural, subsistence and economic perspective. The MPA protects harvesting traditions central to the Inuvialuit culture in the communities of Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk. It balances the cultural and economic aspirations of northerners, while advancing the Government's environmental conservation plans.

Key objectives of the TNMPA are:

• To of the ecosystem in the areas upon which they depend.

TNMPA Regulations: Tarium Niryutait Marine Protected Areas Regulations SOR/2010-190

OCEANS ACT Registration 2010-08-25

Tarium Niryutait Marine Protected Areas Regulations P.C. 2010-1081 2010-08-25

Her Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, pursuant to subsection 35(3) of the *Oceans Act*, hereby makes the annexed *Tarium Niryutait Marine Protected Areas Regulations*. aS.C. 1996, c. 31

- 1. INTERPRETATION: The following definitions apply in these Regulations. "Agreement" means the Inuvialuit Final Agreement as approved, given effect and declared valid by the Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act. (Convention) "Areas" means the Tarium Niryutait Marine Protected Areas. (Zones) "Waters" includes the seabed and subsoil below the waters to a depth of five metres.
- 2. DESIGNATIONS: The Areas consist of
  - (a) the Niagunnag Marine Protected Area designated under section 3;
  - (b) the Okeevik Marine Protected Area designated under section 4; and
  - (c) the Kittigaryuit Marine Protected Area designated under section 5.

- 3. Niaqunnaq Marine Protected Area: The area of the sea in Mackenzie Bay consisting of the waters within the boundaries described in plan number FB36305, certified on February 19, 2009 and depicted in plan number CLSR 91991, Sheet 2, which plans are deposited in the Canada Lands Survey Records, is designated as the Niaqunnaq Marine Protected Area.
- 4. Okeevik Marine Protected Area: (1) The area of the sea in the Mackenzie River Estuary consisting of the waters within the boundaries described in plan number FB36305, certified on February 19, 2009 and depicted in plan number CLSR 91991, Sheet 3, which plans are deposited in the Canada Lands Surveys Records, is designated as the Okeevik Marine Protected Area. (2) The Okeevik Marine Protected Area is comprised of Special Management Zones 1 and 2 and the Primary Protection Zone as described in plan number FB36305, certified on February 19, 2009 and depicted in plan number CLSR 91991, Sheet 3, which plans are deposited in the Canada Lands Surveys Records.
- 5. Kittigaryuit Marine Protected Area: The area of the sea in the Mackenzie River Estuary consisting of the waters within the boundaries described in plan number FB36305, certified on February 19, 2009 and depicted in plan number CLSR 91991, Sheet 4, which plans are deposited in the Canada Lands Surveys Records, is designated as the Kittigaryuit Marine Protected Area.
- 6. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: No person shall
  - (a) disturb, damage or destroy in the Areas, or remove from them, any living marine organism or any part of its habitat; or
  - (b) carry out any activity in the Areas including depositing, discharging or dumping any substance, or causing any substance to be deposited, discharged or dumped that is likely to result in the disturbance, damage, destruction or removal of a living marine organism or any part of its habitat.
- 7. EXCEPTIONS: The following activities may be carried out in the Areas:
  - (a) fishing in accordance with the Agreement;
  - (b) dredging (i) that has been recommended in accordance with the Agreement and authorized by a competent government authority, (ii) that is carried out in accordance with the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* and the *Fisheries Act* and their regulations, and (iii) that does not result in and is not likely to result in the disturbance, damage, destruction or removal of a marine mammal;
  - (c) fishing in accordance with the Fisheries Act and its regulations;
  - (d) a scientific activity that is carried out in accordance with the Fisheries Act and its regulations or (i) that has been recommended in accordance with the Agreement and authorized by a competent government authority, and (ii) that is carried out for the purpose of managing the Areas or for monitoring the effectiveness of conservation measures implemented in the Areas;
  - (e) a geophysical operation, as defined in section 2 of the Canada Oil and Gas Geophysical Operations Regulations, (i) that has been recommended in accordance with the Agreement and authorized by a competent government authority, (ii) that is carried out on, through or under the ice cover of the Areas, (iii) that is carried out in accordance with the Navigable Waters Protection Act, Species at Risk Act, Fisheries Act and Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 and their regulations, and (iv) that does not result in and is not likely to result in the disturbance, damage, destruction or removal of a marine mammal;
  - (f) exploratory drilling for oil or gas in the Special Management Zones of the Okeevik Marine Protected Area (i) that has been recommended in accordance with the Agreement and authorized by a competent government authority, (ii) that is carried out on, through or under the ice cover of the Areas, (iii) that is carried out in

- accordance with the *Navigable Waters Protection Act, Species at Risk Act, Fisheries Act* and *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* and their regulations, and (iv) that does not result in and is not likely to result in the disturbance, damage, destruction or removal of a marine mammal;
- (g) oil or gas production in the Special Management Zones of the Okeevik Marine Protected Area, (i) that has been recommended in accordance with the Agreement and authorized by a competent government authority, (ii) that is carried out in accordance with the Navigable Waters Protection Act, Species at Risk Act, Fisheries Act and Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 and their regulations, and (iii) that does not result in and is not likely to result in the disturbance, damage, destruction or removal of a marine mammal;
- (h) the construction or decommissioning of an oil or gas pipeline (i) that has been recommended in accordance with the Agreement and authorized by a competent government authority, (ii) that is carried out on, through or under the ice cover of the Areas, (iii) that is carried out in accordance with the Navigable Waters Protection Act, Species at Risk Act, Fisheries Act and Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 and their regulations, and (iv) that does not result in and is not likely to result in the disturbance, damage, destruction or removal of a marine mammal;
- (i) the maintenance of an oil or gas pipeline, (i) that has been recommended in accordance with the Agreement and authorized by a competent government authority, (ii) that is carried out in accordance with the Navigable Waters Protection Act, Species at Risk Act, Fisheries Act and Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 and their regulations, and (iii) that does not result in and is not likely to result in the disturbance, damage, destruction or removal of a marine mammal;
- (j) any movement or other activity of a ship, submarine or aircraft if the movement or other activity is carried out for the purpose of (i) public safety, law enforcement or national security or for the exercise of Canadian sovereignty and the ship, submarine or aircraft is owned or operated by or on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Canada or by a foreign military force acting in cooperation with, or under the command or control of, the Canadian Forces, or (ii) an emergency response under the direction, command or control of the Canadian Coast Guard; and
- (k) any activity carried out for the purpose of public health and safety.
- 8. REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS: Every person who is involved in an accident that is likely to result in any disturbance, damage, destruction or removal prohibited under section 6 shall, within two hours after its occurrence, report the accident to the Canadian Coast Guard.
- 9. COMING INTO FORCE: These Regulations come into force on the day on which they are registered.

### Guidelines for Beluga Management Zone 1a:

In the review of any development proposal Zone 1 is to be considered a Protected Area according to the guidelines described in the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan.

The oil and gas industry should not be permitted to explore for resources within Zone 1 waters nor to produce hydrocarbons or construct/operate any type of facility.

No mining activities (e.g. gravel removal) should be permitted within or on the shores of any Zone 1a waters.

Development activities such as hydroelectric developments, even if located outside of Zone 1 should be evaluated for their potential deleterious effects on water quality and quantity, or on the stability and integrity of ice in Zone 1a waters.

All shipping activities (including dredging) should be confined to designated routes and areas. Passage through or close to Zone 1 outside of designated routes, even if it's the shortest route, should be avoided from break-up to 15 August.

No port development should be allowed within or on the shores of any Zone 1 waters.

It is recommended that parties proposing industrial development and government agencies evaluating development proposals and other parties interested in development within the zone should seek the advice of the HTCs. To ensure the protection of the beluga resource and harvest, HTCs should be consulted regarding any licenses, permits or operating procedures approved for activities within the zones.

Commercial fishing proposals for Zone 1 should be evaluated and regulated with regard to beluga food species.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site no. 716CE)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Water traffic: barges, local harvesters. Increased tourism (e.g., canoes, kayaks) and aircraft in area.

### Community Working Group Concerns and Recommendations

See above Guidelines.

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# SITE NO. 712C BELUGA MANAGEMENT PLAN ZONE 2 - ALL MACKENZIE SHELF WATERS SHALLOWER THAN 20 METRES



Map 38. Site 712C Beluga Management Plan Zone 2 – All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 Metres

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik Working Groups and Fisheries Joint Management Committee

# Management Category

C

### Ownership

Crown waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2)

### Description

Includes the Mackenzie Shelf waters shallower than 20 metres (66 ft.) that are not already included in Zone 1. It extends from Baillie Islands (Cape Bathurst) in the east to Kay Point on the Yukon coast to the west.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Major beluga travel corridor to move into, out of, and amongst bays of the Mackenzie estuary.

Each spring, beluga migrate from wintering areas in the Bering Sea to summering areas in the Beaufort Sea. Depending on a number of factors including time of year and ice conditions, the migration occurs along the edge of the land fast ice (Zone 2), far offshore through leads in the

pack ice (Zone 3), or both.

After the migration, from about late June through to late July or early August, a large proportion of the stock concentrates in the Mackenzie estuary (Zone 1a). However, at the same time, a large portion of the stock is widely distributed throughout both Zones 2 and 3. There is evidence to suggest calving may occur in these waters at this time.

During August, beluga are widely distributed throughout the off-shore in both Zones 2 and 3. They tend to occur in greatest numbers in Zone 2 waters near headlands and in the lee of islands, where fishing is apparently most favourable. Feeding is probably their most important activity in these Zones during August. Beluga usually begin their return migration in mid-August, using both near shore waters (Zone 2) and offshore waters (Zone 3). Few whales remain in the region past early September.

Deep water generally precludes hunting of beluga in Zone 2.

### Guidelines for Zone 2:

Industrial activities or other projects may be permitted if they do not adversely affect the conservation of beluga and the protection of beluga habitat and beluga hunting, and they are conducted in a controlled and responsible manner. Assessment of proposed activities must consider the direct effects on beluga (e.g. contamination, disruption, displacement) as well as indirect effects (e.g. stability and integrity of ice, timing of breakup, food availability).

Commercial fishing proposals should be evaluated and regulated with regard to beluga food species.

Assessments must consider the potential for cumulative impact and long-term effects.

It is recommended that parties proposing industrial development and government agencies evaluating development proposals and other parties interested in development within the zone, seek the advice of the HTC's. To ensure the protection of the beluga resource and harvest, HTC's should be consulted regarding any licenses, permits or operating procedures approved for activities within the zones.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktovaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Kugaluk River Estuary (Site no. 703D)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Husky Lakes (Site no. 705E)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site no. 716CE)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving Grounds (Site no. 731D)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region.

There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### SITE NO. 714CDE KUGMALLIT BAY



Map 39. Site 714DE Kugmallit Bay

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik Working Groups, and DFO

### **Management Category**

C (eastern half of the bay)

D (western half of the bay)

E (designated Beluga Management Zone 1A)

### **Ownership**

East shoreline is Private 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands; west shoreline is Crown lands; islands are Private 7(1)(a) and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

### **Description**

Management Category C is the eastern portion of Kugmallit Bay, along the coastline and coastal waters, east to Warren Point.

Management Category D extends from Pullen Island in the north, southward through portions of Richards Island, surrounding Beluga Management Zone 1A with a buffer zone in Mackenzie Bay.

Management Category E is Beluga Management Zone 1A situated in Mackenzie Bay.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important past and present beluga whale subsistence harvesting area from June 15 to August 15.

Whales concentrate in these shallow warm, brackish and highly turbid waters during the summer possibly to calve, rear calves, moult and/or socialize.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 301C)

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Toker Point (Site no. 320B)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Migratory Bird Summer Nesting Sites (Site no. 324C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site no. 701E)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Pingo Canadian Landmark (Site no. 728E)

Kitigaaryuit (Site no. 729E)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

Kugmallit Bay is a marine traffic zone.

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Possible marine traffic associated with oil and gas exploration and development.

During the summer, several tourism outfitters travel the east channel to Tuktoyaktuk with visitors. There is potential for tourism activity at whaling camps within this site.

Shipping activity.

An automated North Warning System radar site borders this site.

Canoe, kayak and boat trips to Tuktoyaktuk from Inuvik.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

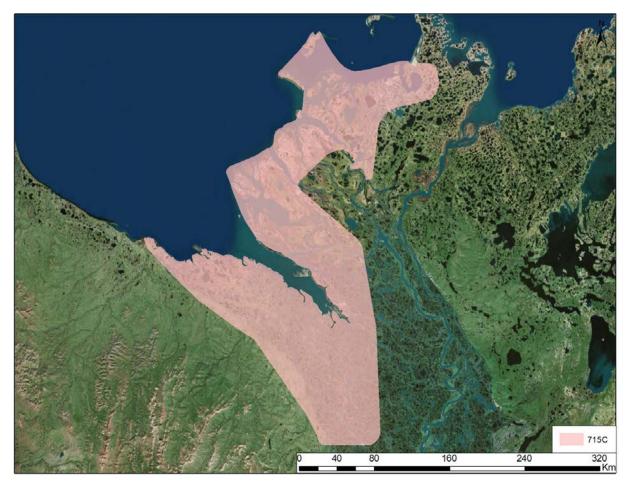
The Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik Community Working Groups are concerned that shipping and oil and gas activities are interfering with the habitat of wildlife species they rely on for subsistence harvest, in particular beluga whales and fish. The concern is these land use activities take place during sensitive times of the species life cycle (i.e., beluga calving and bird nesting times).

There is also concern that tourism and some animal rights group might interfere with subsistence harvest practices. These people may unknowingly get between hunters and the whales, especially if they are alone or with unlicensed tourism operations.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

- 1. FJMC should designate a shipping channel through Kugmallit Bay to Tuktoyaktuk Harbour and if necessary through Zone 1a as stipulated in the Beluga Management Plan (FJMC 1998).
- 2. Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan tourism guidelines should be considered, along with consultation with the local HTC, in the review of all whale watching tourism proposals. Violations of *Marine Mammal Regulations* regarding the harassment of marine mammals should be enforced by DFO.
- 3. DOL should ensure no oil and gas seismic or production activities is allowed in the Zone 1a of Kugmallit Bay from break up to August 15, as outlined in the Beluga Management Plan (FJMC 1998).
- 4. FJMC and DoL should ensure that industrial activities or other projects permitted in zone 2 areas do not adversely affect the conservation of beluga and their habitat, as outlined in the Beluga Management Plan (FJMC 1998).
- 5. WMAC (NWT), CWS and DoL should ensure that waterfowl and their habitat are protected from industrial activities and other projects in the area from May 1 to September 30.
- 6. FJMC and DoL should ensure seals; their habitat and food sources are protected from July to September during fish runs/migrations.
- 7. FJMC and DoL should ensure that no dredging equipment or other facilities be deployed in Kugmallit Bay before the end of the first week of August.
- 8. Community members should abide by the Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan Tourism Guidelines within the ISR (FJMC 1994).

# SITE NO. 715C MACKENZIE RIVER DELTA KEY MIGRATORY BIRD HABITAT



Map 40. Site 715C Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat

### **Identified By**

Canadian Wildlife Service

# Management Category

С

### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands, Gwich'in Parcel A Lands, and Crown lands and waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2).

### Description

Total area is 2,889 km<sup>2</sup> (1,115 mi<sup>2</sup>) The habitat zone includes Shallow Bay, Olivier and Ellice Islands, Pelly Island, and part of Richards Island.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important nesting and breeding habitat for birds (May to September).

Important denning areas for grizzly bears from October to May.

The surrounding waters are important habitat to beluga whales from June to September.

Important as a polar bear denning area from November to April.

Important past and present subsistence harvesting area, especially for beluga whales (from June 15 to August 15) and waterfowl (June to September).

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site no. 716CE)

Outer Delta Islands (Site no. 717D)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Eastern North Slope, East of Babbage River (Site no. 725DE)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

There are six main granular sources identified within the southern end of the existing boundaries of the bird sanctuary.

### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Some tourism activity at Kendall Island whaling camps.

Shipping activity.

Possible access roads and air access points associated with oil and gas development.

Canoe and kayak tourism.

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

The Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and Aklavik Community Working Groups are concerned that oil and gas and tourism activities, and their associated air flights, may have a negative impact on the birds, beluga whales and traditional lifestyles.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

1. CWS and DoL should ensure no non-renewable development permits are issued within the

- Bird Sanctuary for activities from May 1 to September 30.
- 2. CWS, EISC and DOT should ensure no air traffic related to non-renewable resource development is allowed within a 16 km (10 mi.) radius of the centre of the bird sanctuary and below 914 m (3000 ft.) between May 1 and September 30. HTC should be involved in a monitoring program to enforce this regulation and should be involved in the establishment of regulations for tourism and traditional/ domestic air traffic requirements in the area.
- 3. As a means of conserving the traditional life style of the Inuvialuit using Kendall Island, maintaining social harmony and avoiding unnecessary disturbance of whales, visitors to Kendall Island are requested to abide by Sections 4.1.1, 6.3 and the Beluga Conservation Summary (Section 6.4) of this plan.

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### SITE NO. 716CE MACKENZIE BAY AND SHALLOW BAY

Map 41. Site 716CE Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay

### **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik Community Working Groups and DFO

### **Management Category**

С

E (designated Beluga Management Zone 1A)

### **Ownership**

Crown waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region; and within the Yukon Territory.

### **Description**

Management Category C: represents all of the site, with the exception of the Beluga Management Zone 1A in Mackenzie Bay, but includes a shoreline/water buffer around the Beluga Management Zone, extending southward into Shallow Bay.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important habitat for beluga whales and various species of waterfowl. Important past and present subsistence harvesting area for the Inuvialuit.

Overwintering area for anadromous coregonids. Feeding and nursery area for young fish. Concentration area for major part of beluga population - late June to early August.

Important traditional fishing area.

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

Eastern North Slope, East of Babbage River (Site no. 725DE)

The North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan has designated the area referred to as "Work Boat Passage/Shallow Bay" extending from Herschel Island to the Mackenzie River Delta as deserving of special protection.

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s.

## **Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities** Shipping activity.

An automated North Warning System radar site borders this site.

Several tourism outfitters conduct boat tours through the west part of the Delta to camps at Running River and Shingle Point in the Yukon.

Unguided kayak tourism.

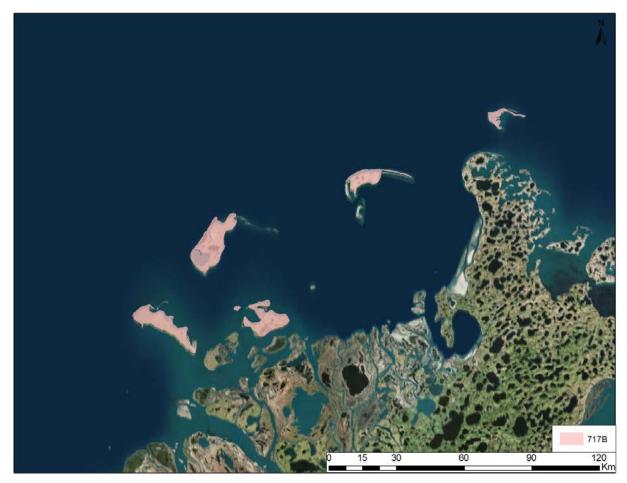
### **Community Working Group Concerns**

The Inuvik, Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk Community Working Groups are concerned that marine transportation, oil and gas development, tourism and animal rights groups may interfere with the calving of belugas, nesting of birds and subsistence harvesting by local people.

### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

- 1. As stated in the Beluga Management Plan, FJMC should see that a shipping channel is designated through zone 1a when necessary
- 2. Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan tourism guidelines should be considered, along with consultation with the local HTC, in the review of all whale watching tourism proposals. Violations of *Marine Mammal Regulations* regarding the harassment of marine mammals should be enforced by DFO
- 3. DoL should enforce the Beluga Management Plan recommendation that in Zone 1a, no oil/gas seismic or production activities will be allowed from break-up to August 15.
- 4. EISC and CWS should recommend that any non-renewable resource land use activity proposed for the bird sanctuary between May 1 and September 30 will be referred to the EIRB.

### SITE NO. 717D OUTTER DELTA ISLANDS



Map 42. Site 717B Outter Delta Islands

### **Identified By**

Inuvik, Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk Working Groups and ENR

# Management Category

D

### Ownership

Crown lands within Inuvialuit Settlement Region. (See Maps 1 and 2)

### **Description**

These islands (including Garry, Pullen, Kendall, Baby and Pelly) are located on the eastern end of Mackenzie Bay, as it meets the Beaufort Sea.

### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Subsistence hunting of beluga whales

Inuvialuit grave sites

Important geomorphology features, vegetation, and waterfowl nesting.

Important polar bear denning area

### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 706E)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s

### **Community Working Group Concerns**

The Inuvik, Aklavik, and Tuktoyaktuk Community working Groups are concened that increased erosion and sediment run off in area is causing changes to fish habitiat.

### **Community Working Group Reoccomendation**

None.

#### **SITE NO. 718D CENTRAL MACKENZIE ESTUARY**

Map 43. Site 718D Central Mackenzie Estuary

# Identified By

Department of Fisheries and Oceans

# Management Category

D

#### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(a) lands and Crown lands within Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

# Description

Lands and waters defined by the eastern edge of Mackenzie Bay, bordered to the south by Reindeer Channel, with the eastern border as Main Channel, with an extension along the East Channel.

# Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk Concentration area for beluga.

Transit area between Shallow and Kugmallit bays.

Used extensively by feeding anadromous coregonids.

Overwintering and nursery areas for a variety of fish.

# Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Seal & Polar Bear Harvesting Areas - Tuktoy (Site no. 313C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site no. 716CE)

# **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s

# SITE NO. 719C INNER MACKENZIE DELTA



Map 44. Site 719C Inner Mackenzie Delta

#### **Identified By**

Aklavik and Inuvik Working Groups and DFO

# Management Category

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#### Ownership

Private 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands and Gwich'in Parcel A Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

#### **Description**

The boundary is marked by the western edge of the Mackenzie Delta, along Shallow Bay, with the northern border being Reindeer Channel, the eastern border being the East Channel, and the southern border being the ISR boundary line.

# Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Important habitat for fish, waterfowl, moose and furbearers.

Many historical, cultural and archaeological sites.

The Peel, East, Husky and West Channels are important migration and spawning areas for

numerous fish species that migrate inland from the Beaufort Coast.

Lakes and channels, including the Rat River are important nursery areas for larval coregonids and smelt.

Migration routes for anadromous char and coregonids.

Spawning areas - overwintering.

Lakes are feeding areas, or suspected spawning, nursery, overwintering areas for coregonids and fish.

#### Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site 711E)

Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site 712C)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site No. 715C)

Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site No. 716CE)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site No. 718D)

Fish Hole/Cache Creek And Big Fish River (Site No. 720DE)

First Creek Watershed (Site No. 723C)

## **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

There is fluctuating interest in oil and gas activity in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort region. There was increased industry interest in the 2000s, but activity slowed in 2010s Gravel deposits on western edge of site.

#### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Inuvik Channel is an important transportation route for shipping and barging. The Peel, Husky and West Channels are used occasionally by small barges.

Canoe and kayak tourism. Guided boat trips.

# **Community Working Group Concerns**

Aklavik is concerned industrial development will have a major impact on sensitive wildlife habitat that the community has traditionally used for subsistence harvesting.

Aklavik is concerned that industrial development, especially hydrocarbon exploration/production and shipping and barging operations will have a major impact on the fish resources.

#### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

DoL and DFO should provide more thorough clean-up conditions to each permit holder. These conditions must state that all land and water used will be returned to its natural state.

- 1. DFO should continue to closely monitor the conduct of commercial fishing in the area to ensure it is only conducted in areas and in a manner consistent with regulations.
- 2. Commercial fishing should not be undertaken near Jiggling Creeks.

# 725DE, Cat D 725DE, Cat E

# SITE NO. 725DE EASTERN NORTH SLOPE, EAST OF BABBAGE RIVER

Map 45. Site 725DE Eastern North Slope, East of Babbage River

# **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik and Inuvik Community Working Groups

#### **Management Category**

E (Yukon North Slope area) Under Withdrawl Order (Order-in-Council) since 1980 withdrawing the lands from disposition

D for area west of Mackenzie Delta in the NWT

#### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(a), Gwich'in Parcel A lands, and Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, straddling the Yukon and NWT border.

# **Description**

Land base lying between the eastern border of Ivvavik National Park (with the exception of the fish hole at the top of the Babbage River, inside the Park) and the west side of the Mackenzie Delta, the southern boundary of the ISR and the Beaufort Sea.

#### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Yukon portion of the site has been withdrawn from any potential industrial development.

The site is important habitat for Porcupine caribou. In the past and at present, the people of Aklavik and other nearby communities hunt caribou year-round in this area.

The area is important for: Thinhorn sheep (winter range, lambing areas, and migration corridors), for wolves (spring and summer denning areas), polar bears (winter denning), moose and muskoxen (year-round).

A number of raptors use the area for summer nesting sites including golden eagle, rough-legged hawk, peregrine falcon, gyrfalcon, and alpine raptors.

Geese use the area for fall-staging, and swans use the area for summer moulting and nesting.

Important fish hole at the top of the Babbage River, for charr and grayling (April).

The southeast portion of the area is important for: year-round range of the Dall's sheep, including lambing and rutting areas; nesting habitat for peregrine and gyrfalcons; charr spawning, overwintering, and spring habitat at Fish Creek.

Yukon Heritage Branch - archaeological sites throughout the region of cultural and historic importance.

# Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site no. 715C)

Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site no. 716CE)

# **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

Presently there is a moratorium on mineral exploration on the eastern section of the North Slope outside of the park boundary.

Stokes Point is a base for the petroleum industry. An airstrip and gravel pads remain.

#### Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

Stokes Point and Komakuk Beach are Department of National Defence North Warning System sites with unmanned short-range radar station.

Bar-2 Dew Line site near Shingle Point is an automated long-range radar site with airstrip and road access to the coast.

Kayak tourism.

#### **Community Working Group Concerns**

Oil and gas development could have a negative impact on caribou, moose, fur-bearer and waterfowl habitat, and therefore on community subsistence harvest.

The past proposals for oil and gas development infrastructure at Stokes Point and King Point on the Beaufort coast may, if implemented, negatively affect habitat, especially that related to caribou and waterfowl.

#### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

- 1. Regulatory bodies should ensure there be no hydrocarbon activity within the area including pipelines and harbours.
- 2. The Community should continue to support and promote the recommendations of the

International and Canada Porcupine Caribou Management Plans and the Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan.

# 728E

#### SITE NO. 728E PINGO CANADIAN LANDMARK

Map 46. Site 728E Pingo Canadian Landmark

#### **Identified By**

Parks Canada and Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

# **Management Category**

Legislatively protected under National Parks Act and Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act.

#### The IFA (s. 7.(73)) states that:

"The Pingo Canadian Landmark shall be managed under the *National Parks Act*, in consultation with the Inuvialuit Land Administration and the people of Tuktoyaktuk, as a joint management regime".

# **Ownership**

Surface rights belong to the Crown, while subsurface rights belong to the Inuvialuit.

# **Description**

The Landmark is located approximately 4 km (2.4 mi) southwest of Tuktoyaktuk, covering a total of 16.4 km<sup>2</sup> (6.3 mi<sup>2</sup>).

#### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktovaktuk

Rare geological landforms of ice-cored hills. The greatest concentration (approx. 1,450) and some of the largest pingos in the world occur in the vicinity of Tuktoyaktuk. Ibyuk Pingo is 50m

(164 ft) and approximately 1,000 years old.

Ibyuk Pingo is the highest pingo in Canada, and the second-highest pingo in the world.

# Overlapping Lands and Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

# Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities

An automated North Warning System is operating in Tuktoyaktuk.

# SITE NO. 729E KITIGAARYUIT



Map 47. Site 729E Kitigaaryuit

# **Identified By**

Canadian Parks Service

#### **Management Category**

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#### **Ownership**

Private Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

#### **Description**

The village and adjacent graveyards sit at the south end of an island which lies at the mouth of the east branch of the Mackenzie River, on the east side of Kugmallit Bay. The peninsula is 1.5 km (0.9 mi) in length. The village is located south of the isthmus.

#### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Established as a National Historic Site in 1978. Kitigaaryuit, as a semi-permanent settlement, played a vital role for the Inuvialuit for centuries, and continues to be occupied today on a seasonal basis. It represents a significant archaeological site in the Western Arctic Region.

# Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

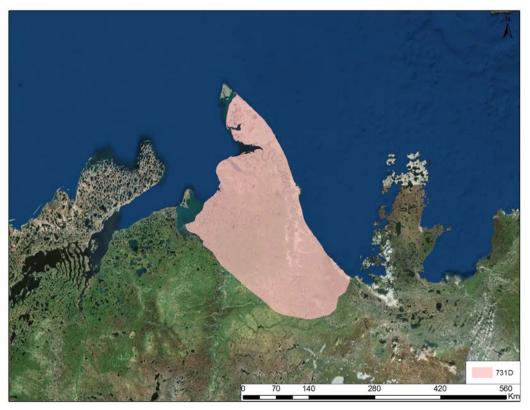
Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site no. 711E)

Kugmallit Bay (Site no. 714CDE)

Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site no. 718D)

# SITE NO. 731D CAPE BATHURST CARIBOU CORE CALVING AND POST-CALVING GROUNDS



Map 48. Site 731D Cape Bathurst Caribou Core Calving and Post-Calving Grounds

# **Identified By**

Tuktoyaktuk and Paulatuk Working Groups

# **Management Category**

#### **Ownership**

Private 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

# **Description**

Situated on the Cape Bathurst Peninsula, with the Anderson River representing the western boundary, and the mouth of the Horton River representing the eastern boundary and extending south through Coal Creek.

#### Importance of the Site to the Community of Tuktoyaktuk

Core and post-calving grounds of the Cape Bathurst caribou herd.

# Overlapping with Other Special Designated Areas within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area

Spring Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 302C)

Spring Moose Harvesting Areas (Site no. 303B)

Spring Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 304C)

Spring Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 305C)

Summer Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 306C)

Summer Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 307C)

Summer Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 308C)

Fall Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 309C)

Fall Fishing Areas - Tuktoyatuk (Site no. 310C)

Fall Seal Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 311C)

Fall Goose Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 312C)

Winter Wolverine Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 314C)

Winter Caribou Harvesting Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 315C)

Winter Fishing Areas - Tuktoyaktuk (Site no. 316C)

Harrowby Bay Key Migration Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site no. 321D)

Critical Grizzly Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 322C)

Mainland Coastal Polar Bear Denning Areas (Site no. 323C)

Traditional and Historical Cultural Areas (Site no. 325E)

Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site no. 704C)

Anderson River Migratory Bird Sanctuary (Site no. 707D)

Coastal Zones of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site no. 710CD)

Beluga Management Zone 2 - All Mackenzie Shelf Waters Shallower than 20 metres (Site no. 712C)

#### **Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities**

Mineral exploration activity is occurring west of Tuktut Nogait National Park. Aeromagnetic surveys have been conducted and core sampling is planned for more specific sites.

# **Community Working Group Concerns**

The Community Working Group is concerned that future non-renewable resource development and exploration would have a negative impact on the caribou calving grounds and summer range, and the fish species found in the area.

#### **Community Working Group Recommendations**

All regulatory agencies must take appropriate measures to protect caribou from disturbances during the calving period.

#### 4.1.1 GENERAL LAND USE GUIDELINES

These recommended guidelines relate to all lands in the Inuvialuit Community Planning Area for Tuktoyaktuk:

- 1. The Inuvialuit Community, the WMAC (NWT), FJMC, IGC, EISC, EIRB and ILA will rely on their procedures, the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan and the provisions of the IFA to ensure the protection of the Tuktoyaktuk community harvesting areas that are within the ISR.
- 2. All Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit bodies with an interest in the planning area acknowledge and actively support the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan, associated land use designations and recommendations.
- 3. The Community supports the maintenance of the bird sanctuaries.
- 4. The protective status of all other candidate areas (areas identified by non-Inuvialuit) for protection be resolved by having the government (e.g. Minister of the Environment, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and GNWT and YTG, Minister of Renewable Resources) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Community, WMAC (NWT and NS), FJMC and IGC that such areas are necessary.
- 5. All regulatory agencies support the priority land uses as outlined in the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan.
- 6. Individuals wishing to build a camp will abide by any Camp-building bylaw specified by the HTC
- 7. The permission granting authority for camps on private land is the ILA. ILA has adopted a practice to canvass for comments from existing cabin owners within a 8 km (5 mi) radius and will base a decision for a permit on the merits of each case and not on an HTC bylaw. Reasonable concerns or comments will be considered.
- 8. The Community, HTC, WMAC (NWT) and FJMC will encourage the people of Tuktoyaktuk and others using and visiting the area to keep the land clean and to bring back any garbage for disposal at the local dump or other appropriate location (as determined by the community).
- 9. The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre and DoL should implement protection of heritage resources through a strengthened *Heritage Resources Act*.

# 4.2 INUVIALUIT COMMUNITY PROCESS FOR LAND USE DECISIONS

The community land use decision-making process involves a number of steps which are described below and also presented graphically in Appendix H.

- 1. The Community Corporation and Hunters and Trappers Committee receive notification of development proposals from the ILA, DoL and/or the EISC.
- 2. The Community Corporation and HTC hold separate meetings to discuss the proposal.
- 3. The Community Corporation and HTC review relevant sections of the Community Conservation Plan with careful consideration of management categories (Sections 4) and independently pass on their concerns to the ILA and/or EISC.
- 4. The HTC and Community Corporation formally work together to develop a consensus or community- based land use decision in special cases.
- 5. The HTC and Community Corporation will hold a secret ballot when considered necessary.
- 6. The Community Corporation and HTC review relevant sections of the Community Conservation Plan with careful consideration of management categories (Section 4).
- 7. The ILA or EISC (see Section 4.4) review the responses and decide whether to grant approval (where the ILA is involved) or to refer the project to the Environmental Impact

Review Board (for further public review) or to the appropriate government department(s) for permitting (where the EISC is involved).

# 4.3 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS MANAGEMENT

Cumulative impacts occur when changes to the environment, both good and bad, add to one another over time. Several small impacts may appear unimportant when they occur but, if continued, may result in a large impact over time. Successful management of cumulative impacts involves the following three steps:

- Clearly identify the type of environment and lifestyle you want in the future;
- Monitoring environmental change;
- · Appropriate decision making.

In order to better account for incremental or gradual losses of wildlife habitat resulting from changes in land use over time, the Community, as represented by the HTC and Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation, will re-designate areas of remaining habitat in a given land use category (Category A, B, C, D) to a more protective category (Category B, C, D, E) in proportion to the amount of effective habitat lost or affected by the authorized land use.

For example, if a proposed land use has negative effects on five percent of Category A wildlife habitat, then five percent (or any other amount) of what Category A habitat remains would be re-designated Category B or higher until such time as the impact of the land use has stopped and the land restored to its original ecological productivity.

This process acknowledges the principle that as wildlife habitat is lost, that which remains becomes more valuable and should require greater public support to alter. The Community Working Group, and the complete review by all stakeholders will carry out re-designation coincident with the two-year conservation plan review every four years.

# 4.4 ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING & REVIEW

Review of development proposals within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region is carried out in a cooperative manner and primarily involves the EISC, the EIRB and ILA (as described in Section 1.2 and Appendices F and G). These committees routinely seek the advice and comments of the community in reaching their decisions.

At the present time, the ILA is able to specify enforceable conditions for attachment to ILA Land Use Permits on Inuvialuit 7.1(a), 7.1(b) Lands. On Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region non- Inuvialuit bodies, such as DoL, are responsible for attaching conditions to land use permits. ENR issues wildlife research permits and ITI issues tourism licences. The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre issues permits for archaeological research. Within a national park, Parks Canada issues permits.

# 4.4.1 Recommendations

- 1. DoL and ILA work together wherever possible to develop a consistent set of general land use procedures.
- 2. The Community recommends that the ILA require developers to indicate the extent to which relevant elements of their development are at variance or consistent with Section 19

(Conduct of Operations in the ILA Rules and Procedures) (Appendix I of this plan).

- 3. Environmental Screening Procedures The HTC, IGC, WMAC (NWT), WMAC (NS) and the FJMC will periodically review the Environmental Impact Screening Committee, Environmental Impact Review Board and Inuvialuit Land Administration operating rules/guidelines and procedures and offer advice with regard to any changes that may be required to help improve environmental screening and review.
- 4. Regulatory bodies with jurisdiction over lands within the ISR should work with the Community to ensure that developers are bound to adequately address the Community's environmental concerns. These regulatory bodies should also work with the Community to identify practical state-of-the-art mitigation and reclamation techniques and to involve local people as environmental inspectors (see Section 5.0).
- 5. Reclamation Plans As part of land use permits, reclamation plans should be agreed to and a costing mechanism (e.g. bond, promissory note) established to ensure compliance.
- 6. Consultation The Community should be consulted on all land use activities in the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area.
- 7. Revoke Permits Where there is a violation of land use permit conditions deemed serious by the THTC or Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation, the permitting agency (e.g. ILA, DoL) shall investigate immediately and take appropriate action which, with HTC support, may include revoking permits.
- 8. Education The Environmental Impact Screening Committee, Environmental Impact Review Board, and Inuvialuit Land Administration should increase community awareness of their mandates and activities (see also Section 5.0).
- 9. The Inuvialuit Community in Tuktoyaktuk will:
  - a) Carefully review all land use proposals and only give their support to land use activities where they are consistent with the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan.
  - b) Through the HTC, IGC or the IRC, refer any projects on Inuvialuit Land that may be in conflict with the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan to the environmental screening and review process;
  - c) Through its HTC, consult with developers on projects proposed within the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area;
  - d) With the assistance of the IGC, familiarize itself with the terms and conditions of any relevant Wildlife Compensation Agreements prior to signing off by the IGC and Developer.
  - e) Through its HTC, advise the EISC or ILA of community concerns about development projects in the Tuktoyaktuk Planning area;
  - f) Develop a monitoring system with industry, transportation companies and local tourist operators to determine the numbers, impacts and rate of increase of activity to provide the data for increased regulations as required.

Through the HTC, ensure that community harvest data are kept current in order to facilitate development of practical and fair Wildlife Compensation Agreements.

# 5 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The successful implementation of the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan will require ongoing efforts to educate, train and exchange information. The community recommends that the WMAC (NWT and NS) and FJMC work with other Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit agencies to obtain funding and expertise to fulfill the following initiatives:

- a) Prepare an educational audio and video tape or tapes on the local ecosystem, the people, conservation practices and the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.
- b) Organize training for local Inuvialuit in environmental inspection and monitoring as well as proper harvesting techniques.
- c) Prepare summaries (written summaries and as translated audio tapes) of the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan suitable for school use and for elders.
- d) Prepare home education package (for delivery by parents) to convey cultural values, language and conservation.
- e) Develop and implement a Community Information Program to present and explain the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan.
- f) Promote the use of environmentally friendly products and proper handling of hazardous wastes.
- g) Encourage researchers visiting the area to make presentations to the Community, and to convey the results of their studies.
- h) Continue to record and convey traditional knowledge of the land, culture, wildlife, and conservation.
- i) Continue to promote the use of the local language among the young and others with an interest.
- j) The Community should actively assist with the undertaking of the above initiatives.

# 6 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH

The Community supports the general wildlife management process as described in the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan (1988), the IFA and the goals of the Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan. Interested readers are advised to consult both of these documents. All three documents provide for the full consultation and participation of the Community and its representatives in the management process.

Improvements to the system can be made in terms of more use of local knowledge, more community involvement in wildlife research and better communication between the Community, government agencies, researchers and the joint management groups. To that end, the Community has developed preliminary guidelines for wildlife management and conservation, including subsistence and commercial harvesting, tourism and local enjoyment. The Community has incorporated local knowledge and outside expertise in developing a conservation summary for each species of concern in the area (Section 6.4).

# **6.1 GENERAL GUIDELINES**

To implement the strategy for wildlife management and research the following steps will be taken:

#### 6.1.1 The Tuktoyaktuk HTC will:

- a) Provide input to the IGC and the joint management groups on wildlife management and research programs in the Planning Area.
- b) Through the IGC and the joint management groups, inform government agencies of its priorities for wildlife research in the Planning Area.
- c) Support conservation initiatives for shared migratory species developed by others, where the Inuvialuit bodies with a mandate for wildlife management endorse those initiatives.
- d) Participate in wildlife research projects in the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area, when they have been consulted and support such projects.

- e) Discourage the use of aircraft for low level (<610m) (<2,000 ft.) wildlife spotting at any time unless being done in conjunction with authorized research in order to avoid unnecessary disturbance or harassment of wildlife (see also Section 6.3(c)).
- f) Monitor the state of the wildlife and habitats in the Planning Area in cooperation with the biologists employed by the Government of the NWT, FJMC, DFO, Parks Canada and DOE and report any concerns to the WMAC and FJMC through the HTC and the IGC.
- g) Regulate Inuvialuit harvesting using bylaws and traditional conservation methods as described in this plan (see Section 6.4), or when this is recommended through community monitoring, by the joint management committees or the IGC.
- h) Pass a bylaw which provides a strong and positive incentive for trappers to carefully manage their harvest. This bylaw will define individual trapping areas and allow trappers to rotate their harvest within their trapping area from one year to the next. The system to be covered by the bylaw will be biologically and culturally based.
- i) Keep the joint management bodies informed, through the Hunters and Trappers Committee, of education programs (see Section 5.0) which are needed to increase community awareness of conservation, wildlife management and research.
- j) Where appropriate, participate in the development and delivery of education programs (see Section 5.0).
- k) Encourage active participation in implementing the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan. Membership and privileges associated with membership in the HTC will only be granted where individuals support the plan to the satisfaction of the HTC membership.
- I) Manage all harvests on a sustained yield basis.
- m) Participate in the regulation of the subsistence harvest and the collection of subsistence harvest information.

# 6.1.2 The WMACs (NWT and NS), FJMC and IGC will:

- a) Assist the Community in obtaining regular monitoring information on water quality and ecosystem integrity. (This is a very high priority within the Community). The Community would also like to know more about change in water levels in the Delta and its impacts.
- b) Recommend to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Ministers of GNWT Environment and Natural Resources and Minister of YTG Department of Environment that species management plans continue to be developed for important wildlife populations identified by the Community in the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area, in consultation with the Community and joint management groups. These plans should build upon the species conservation summaries presented in Section 6.4.
- c) Make more use of the media to publicize their activities in the Tuktoyaktuk Planning Area.
- d) Recommend to the Aurora Research Institute of the Northwest Territories, the CWS, the DFO, GNWT and YTG that they continue to work with the WMACs to develop a consistent process for community consultation on wildlife research and the distribution of research results to the Community (see also Section 5.0). They (FJMC, WMAC (NWT), WMAC (NS), IGC) will further recommend that as part of their research permit, all researchers in the Planning Area mail or fax a one-page summary of the work undertaken to the HTC, within two weeks of leaving the area.
- e) Respond to Community initiatives for conservation measures and education programs.
- f) Develop a consistent set of criteria for establishment of harvest quotas in cooperation with the HTC.

#### 6.1.3 Community, the WMAC (NWT), FJMC and IGC will:

a) Support the development of species management plans, when such plans are

- prepared in consultation with all groups. In the interim, these bodies and the people represented will endorse and follow conservation guidelines provided in the species summaries (Section 6.4).
- b) Ensure that Inuvialuit are aware that animal numbers typically increase and decrease with the seasons and over the years as part of natural cycles. Ensure that harvesting and management programs consider natural cycles of animal abundance.
- c) Support proposals for renewable resource development in the Planning Area, when they are consistent with the Principles of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, the Regional Conservation Plan, and with the Community Conservation Plan.
- d) Revise the species conservation summaries listed in Section 6.4 every two years.

# 6.2 SUBSISTENCE AND COMMERCIAL HARVESTING - GENERAL GUIDELINES

Under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (Section 14(36)(a)) the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) is required to determine the total allowable harvest for game to ensure long-term resource conservation. The effectiveness of this activity is very dependent on the cooperation of local subsistence harvesters in Tuktoyaktuk and those involved in promotion of commercial wildlife harvesting.

In addition to recommendations and guidelines described elsewhere in this document, the guidelines below will be followed:

- a) Subsistence harvest and traditional patterns of land use associated with subsistence harvesting will take precedence over commercial harvesting.
- b) Subsistence and commercial harvesting will be done in a manner consistent with the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan, specific population goals and conservation measures stated in the species conservation summaries.
- c) Commercial harvesting of wildlife will be undertaken in a manner developed cooperatively with and endorsed by the FJMC (for crustaceans, fish, seals, whales), WMAC (NWT and North Slope) (for all other animals) and the GNWT.
- d) Where a commercial quota is identified and considered consistent with conservation for a given species (for example, caribou), a percentage of tags will be retained for small-scale operations (for example, sport hunting, individual supply to commercial market).
- e) Harvests will be monitored periodically in order to provide information necessary for compensation and resource conservation.
- f) Well-managed commercial fishing will be allowed in the rivers but is not recommended for the lakes.
- g) The Community will consider and support the use of alternate harvesting methods (e.g. humane traps, steel shot) where there is a demonstrated need.

# 6.3 TOURISM GUIDELINES

The Community of Tuktoyaktuk believes tourism is a valuable economic activity within the area, which is compatible with conservation and cultural needs, provided it is properly managed. The Community recognizes the need to maintain the environment and cultural lifestyles in order to promote tourism. To do this the Community recommends the following:

a) The total number of tourist operators and/or tourists should be restricted in certain areas at certain times of the year (e.g. nesting and moulting areas for migratory birds, calving areas, denning areas).

- b) The ILA, and ITI will request that all tourist operators (Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit) endorse the Tuktoyaktuk Community Conservation Plan and follow its recommendations as one of the conditions of operator's license or permit. Licences may be revoked when operators contravene the recommendations and guidelines of this Plan and the conditions of their permit.
- c) Aircraft should fly no lower than 1,100 m (3,500 ft.) over a migratory bird sanctuary during times when nesting birds are present.
- d) Aircraft will not be used to land at sites where concentrations of nesting birds may occur.
- e) Aircraft will not be used for low level (<610 m (<2,000 ft.) wildlife spotting at any time unless being done in conjunction with authorized research.
- f) Wolf dens should be approached no closer than 500 m (1,640 ft.) if wolves are present.
- g) Tourists and tourist operators should not handle or harass wildlife.
- h) DoL and ILA, in conjunction with the HTC, should establish a Travel Restricted Area to protect heritage resources when necessary.
- i) The Department should inform tourist operators of concerns regarding protection of heritage resources when issuing outfitting licences.
- j) Tourists and tourist operators shall respect any bylaws passed by the HTC with respect to tourism.
- k) Tourists and tourist operators shall respect ILA Rules and Regulations regarding vehicular access to/on pingos, including pingos on the Pingo Canadian Landmark.

# 6.4 SPECIES CONSERVATION SUMMARIES

The following Species Conservation Summaries have been prepared in consultation with the WMAC (NWT), IGC, FJMC, ENR, CWS and DFO. Both local indigenous knowledge and that of others with expertise has been used. General conservation measures are provided in addition to those to be followed in the event of declining wildlife populations. Additional information on important wildlife habitat is contained in the Land Use Section (4.1).

The WMAC (NWT) commissions ENR and CWS to provide updated Species Status Reports on an annual basis for key terrestrial species in the NWT portion of the ISR.

Regularly updated, detailed Species Status Reports can be found in the Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan. Research review tables outlining the current state of knowledge for a number of wildlife species on the Yukon North Slope can be found in the Yukon North Slope Long-term Research and Monitoring Plan.

Species Conservation summaries will be updated every eight years by the WMAC (NWT), with input from the appropriate agencies. In most cases, precise population or threshold levels remain to be specified. The WMAC (NWT), WMAC (NS), FJMC, IGC, CWS, ENR and DFO are encouraged to move forward with species management plans, with priority to species of importance to the Community and which may be impacted by likely developments.

# BEAVER (Castor canadensis) / KIGIAQ

## Biology

Mating occurs in the water during late winter (February and March). After spring break-up, 3 to 4 kits are born in the lodge or burrows. One litter is produced per year and kits mature at 2 years of age or older. Beavers were abundant in Delta in 1960-61, but later declined and are abundant again. Beaver and otter populations are both obestved to be



increasing in the Delta. Locals believe that beaver have been important in maintaining the health of the Delta and influence the distribution of fish and other animals.

#### **Traditional Use**

Furbearer and food to lesser extent.

#### **Important Habitat**

Inhabit the streams and lakes of Mackenzie Delta. Beavers need plenty of food and building material readily available and shore and bottom areas should be muddy and easy for burrowing, channelling and damming.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

No management plans specifically for beaver; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations. Draft Co-Management plan for the Fur Industry (2000)

#### **Research Priority**

Moderate: Community has concerns about impacts on water supply to communities and associated health effects (e.g. "beaver fever").

#### **Population Status**

Population in the Delta and adjacent areas has been increasing steadily.

#### **Population Goal**

Community would like to see a decrease in population numbers to where they are not endangering fish populations.

- Harvest at a level with an aim to decrease the population.
- Harvest targeted at areas where fish passage is a concern.
- Support HTC bylaw (proposed) on designated trapping areas.
- Targeted destruction of lodges and dams near community water supply and fish spawning creeks.

# **CARIBOU** (*Rangifer tarandus*) / **TUKTU** Pangniq (bull), Kulavak (cow), Nurraq (calf)

# **Biology**

Barren-ground caribou (Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus) that occupy the northern portion of the Northwest Territories and western Nunavut, Canada, were considered to be part of the Bluenose herd. Work completed by ENR (formerly RWED) in 1999 indicated that there are three herds within that area; the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East caribou herds. Since the reindeer were moved off the Tuktoyaktuk peninsula in 2001 there appears to be another group of caribou calving



at the upper end. The degree of hybridization occurring is unknown.

Calving occurs late May or early June; typically, a single calf. Cows calve every year if in good condition. Sexual maturity is reached at 2 to 4 years of age. The Porcupine herd winters in high mountains (Richardson, Ogilvie and Barn Mountains), migrate to calving grounds April and May, spend spring and summer on Alaskan and Yukon North Slope, return to wintering grounds September and October, with rut occurring in October. Bluenose-West and Cape Bathurst herds generally winter near or below the treeline east, northeast and southeast of Inuvik, and calve and summer in Brock, Hornaday and Horton River area.

#### **Traditional Use**

Highly valued food resource, historically also for clothing and tools.

On the mainland, the Cape Bathurst herd is typically harvested by 5 Inuvialuit and Gwich'in communities. The Bluenose-West herd is harvested by Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, and Sahtu Dene and Metis in 12 communities. In addition, Inuvialuit from Sachs Harbour on Banks Island have historically relied on caribou from the Bluenose-West and Cape Bathurst herds.

#### **Important Habitat**

Porcupine Caribou Herd: Coastal plain N.E. Alaska and N.W. Yukon North Slope for calving and insect relief, also Northern Richardson Mountains. Winter habitat in Richardson, Ogilvie and Hart Basins and Eagle Plains/Whitestone River area.

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd: Hornaday, Brock and Horton Rivers area for calving (Tuktut Nogait National Park)

Cape Bathurst Herd: Bathurst peninsula for calving and insect relief; winter habitat northeast of Inuvik.

Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula Herd: north end of Tuktoyaktuk peninsula for calving and insect relief

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

#### Porcupine:

Canadian (1985) and International (1987) Porcupine Management Agreements in place for the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

Harvest Management Plan for the Porcupine Caribou Herd in Canada (2010) and Implementation Plan

Draft North Yukon Land Use Plan (2009).

# Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula

Taking Care of Caribou – the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East Barren Ground Caribou Herds Management Plan (2014)

**ACCWM Terms of Reference** 

The drafting and implementation of the Bluenose and Porcupine Caribou management plans has involved the cooperation of the various land claim groups and co-management boards in each jurisdiction, thereby reflecting the trans-boundary nature of the herds.

# **Research Priority**

See Porcupine Caribou Strategic Framework Taking Care of Caribou Management Plan

# **Population Status**

Census attempted every year between 2003 and 2009 with no success due to various reasons. Radio collars (conventional and satellite) continue to be monitored to provide calf birth rate, calf survival rate, and adult female survival rates.

Herd	Estimate	95% Confidence Intervals (+ or -)	Year
Porcupine	178,000		1989
	160,000		1992
	152,000		1994
	129,000		1998
	123,000		2001
	169,000	15,507	2010
	197,228	28,561	2013
	218,457	202,106- 234,808	2017
Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula	3,078		2006
	2,752	276	2009
	2,192	178	2012
	1,701		2015
Cape Bathurst	13,476		1986
	12,516	3,504	1987
	19,278	5,397	1992
	11,089	1,756	2000

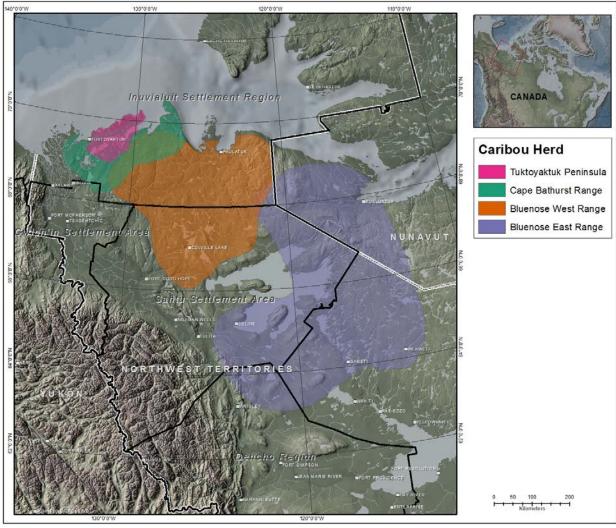
	2,434	257	2005
	1,821	149	2006
	1534	349	2009
	2,427		2012
	2,259	84	2015
Bluenose-West	88,369	6,899	1986
	106,887	4,655	1987
	112,360	25,566	1992
	76,376	14,347	2000
	20,800	2,040	2005
	18,050	527	2006
	17,897	1,310	2009
	20,465	3,489	2012
	15,268	1,369	2015
Bluenose-East	119,584	25,419	2000
	70,081	8,120	2005
	66,754	5,182	2006
	98,600	7,100	2010
	68,295	18,040	2013
	34,223	8,681	2015

# **Population Goal**

Porcupine: To keep the herd in the green zone, above 115,000 caribou, allowing for enough caribou to meet local demands — see Draft Harvest Management Strategy

Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula: Maintain herds within the known natural range of variation.

- Support Porcupine Caribou Management Board and Management Plan.
- Support implementation of Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Avoid shooting mature bulls during the rut.
- Do not harvest more than is needed.
- Convey and promote traditional means of using all of each animal harvested, discourage waste of meat.
- Develop cooperative management relationship between the co-management boards of each relevant land claim group through the ACCWM.
- Harvest on sustainable basis, and in manner consistent with recommendations of the management plans and HTC bylaws.
- Support the Barren-ground Caribou Management Strategy



Map 49. Barren-ground caribou herd ranges.

# FOXES RED FOX (Vulpes vulpes) / AUKPILAQTAQ ARCTIC FOX (Vulpes lagopus) / TIRIGANNIAQ



# Biology

# **Arctic Fox**

Arctic Foxes breed in March and den in April. Females may have from 8 to 20 pups that become active in May, and may stay near den until October. There appears to be a four-year population cycle (likely coincident with cycle in lemmings). Foxes are known to move great distances (e.g. Alaska to Banks Island).

#### Red Fox

Breed February to April, with 1-13 young, average 5. Family stays together until fall. Sexually mature at approximately 10 months. May live up to 12 years of age. Fur may be various colours (coloured, silver (Marraq), cross (Kaihirutilik)).

# **Traditional Use**

Furbearer.

#### **Important Habitat**

Arctic fox are widespread above, often near coastal areas and are widespread below the treeline.

# **Management Plans/Agreements**

No management plans specifically for foxes; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations. Information can be found in Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

# **Research Priority**

Low: though there is interest/concern over rabies.

#### **Population Status**

Can be highly variable year to year.

#### **Population Goal**

Unspecified.

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Only trap in season.
- Do not disturb denning foxes.

# **GRIZZLY BEAR** (Ursus arctos) / AKLAQ

## **Biology**

Grizzly bears in the ISR den from approximately October to May and breed mainly in June-July. On average, females might not begin producing cubs at 5-8 years of age, have 1-3 cubs per litter, and produce a litter every 3-5 years. Grizzly bears are primarily vegetarians, although they will take advantage of any high-energy food source available. Some foods and areas may be more important than others from season to season, and from year to year. In the NWT, home range sizes of females average approximately 2000km², whereas males average approximately 7000km², much larger than those reported in other North American populations. Average weight for adult females is 125 kg (276 lb), and 250 kg (551 lb) for adult males. Bears may live to 25 years – the oldest aged bear in ISR is 35.

#### **Traditional Use**

Furbearer.

# **Important Habitat**

Richardson Mountains, Richards Island, Delta, Major river drainages, eskers and southerly slopes for denning. More sightings on Arctic Islands in recent years.

# **Management Plans/Agreements**

Co-Management Plan for Grizzly Bears in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories, with Work Plans for the Years 1997/98 to 2001/2002. (WMAC (NWT), 1998)

In 1994 community hunting areas were established for Inuvik and Aklavik and the boundaries of all hunting areas were extended to conform to the ISR boundary in the Yukon and NWT. Grizzly bear bylaws were written for each hunting area in consultation with the affected HTCs and were approved by the WMACs and IGC.Quotas established for entire ISR in 1993-94. WMAC (NWT) made interim quota adjustments and WMAC (NS) based on local knowledge. Work is underway to get new scientific estimates. Quotas are adjusted when new information is available.

#### **Research Priority**

Research on grizzly bear populatios to provide information to set sustainable harvest quotas and look at impacts of human disturbance. Hair and scat collection at cabins for DNA provides additional information on bears visiting cabins. DNA hair snag grid conducted between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk (2013-2014) provided densities in area.

Traditional Knowledge has proven to be important for population information and has been utilized to increase the quotas.

#### **Population Status**

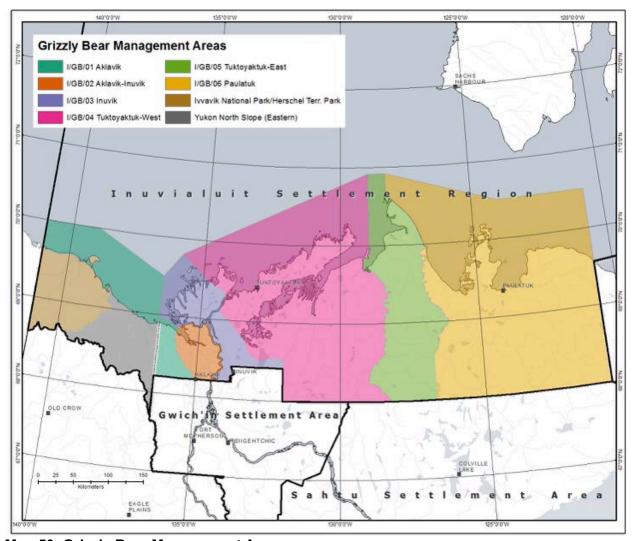
In most areas hunters are reporting more grizzly bears. More grizzly bears are being sighted and harvested on the arctic islands indicating an expanding population. Recent work on Yukon North Slope indicates that the grizzly bear population is healthy and stable.

#### **Population Goal**

Stable population that can sustain an annual harvest.

Traditional Knowledge and research will be used to determine appropriate harvest rate.

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Reduce bear-people conflict situations and the number of bears destroyed in problem situations.
- Do not hunt females and cubs.
- Do not hunt bears in or constructing dens.
- Selectively harvest males.
- Harvest on a sustainable basis and in a manner consistent with Management Plan and HTC bylaws.
- Camp assessment and Electric fence program maintained to reduce interactions
- · Guidelines for mitigating impacts of development



Map 50. Grizzly Bear Management Areas

# LYNX (Lynx canadensis) / PIQTUQSIRAQ

# **Biology**

Lynx breed in March to May with young observed June through August. Usually 2 to 6 young are born. Numbers of lynx in area tends to cycle with number of snowshoe hare/rabbits. Local observations indicate that lynx are fat when there are lots of rabbits and thin when rabbits are few. Lynx travel when rabbits are scarce.



#### **Traditional Use**

Lynx are highly valued for their fur and as food.

#### **Important Habitat**

River valleys and Mackenzie Delta.

# **Management Plans/Agreements**

No management plans specifically for lynx; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations. Information can be found in Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

# **Research Priority**

The community would like to know more about what data has already been collected as well as information on:

- 1. Population status;
- 2. Movements:
- 3. Habitat productivity.

**Population Status (as indexed by NWT wide pelt sales):** Population cycles through highs and lows. Peaks at beginning of decade lows at centre. Hare abundance surveys undertaken to track changes.

# **Population Goal**

Unspecified.

- Harvest on sustainable basis.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

# MARTEN (Martes americana) / QAVVIASIAQ

## **Biology**

Martens occur throughout forested regions of Canada and to a limited extent in Rocky Mountains of Northwestern U.S. Males may weigh up to or greater than 1.8 kg (4 pounds), females to 1.2 kg (2.6 pounds). Marten mature at about 15 months of age but may not breed until 2 years old. May live to 13 years in wild. Pairs breed in mid-summer, with young born mid-March to late April. Females produce one litter or 3-5 young per year. Martens den in tree hollows high off ground or under rocks, squirrel middens, logs, tree roots or in snow dens.

While generally active within a range of a 1-20 km<sup>2</sup> (0.4 - 7.8 mi<sup>2</sup>), males use larger area than females. Martens feed on small mammals (e.g. lemmings, hares), birds, insects and fruits.

#### **Traditional Use**

Furbearer.

## **Important Habitat**

Usually older evergreen forests with abundant small mammals (squirrels, mice, voles). Some regenerated forests following fire are also important. Rarely leave the tree line

# **Management Plans/Agreements**

No management plans specifically for marten; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations. Information can be found in Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

# **Research Priority**

Unspecified.

#### **Population Status**

Unknown but variable seasonally and annually.

#### **Population Goal**

Unspecified.

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Only trap in season when pelt is prime.
- Support HTC bylaw (proposed) on designated trapping areas.

# MINK (Neovison vison) / ITRIAQPAK

## **Biology**

Mink may occur at densities of 1 to 8 animals per km² (per 0.4 mi²) and are usually solitary. Mink mate February to April, and give birth late April to early May to 2-10 young. Young leave the den in 7-8 weeks. Females mature in approximately 12 months, while males in approximately 18 months. Mink can dive to depths of at least 5-6 m (16 - 20 ft.) and swim underwater for up to 30 m (98 ft.). They are usually active at night, early morning and evening, with minimal day time activity, feeding on small mammals, fish, small birds, insects. Mink may travel to 25 km (15.5 mi) in a night if food is scarce.

#### **Traditional Use**

Furbearer.

#### **Important Habitat**

Delta and small creeks, prefer densely vegetated areas.

Den in vacant beaver or muskrat houses, burrows, under tree roots or stones near water. Burrows may be up to 3 m (9.8 ft.) long and 1 m (3.3 ft.) beneath the surface with more than one entrance.

# **Management Plans/Agreements**

No management plans specifically for mink; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations. Information can be found in Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

# **Research Priority**

Moderate to high: The community is interested in knowing more of the local biology, population status and important habitat areas. Interest has also been expressed in determining what the best time for a trapping season would be.

#### **Population Status**

Unknown.

#### **Population Goal**

Unspecified.

- Trap only when pelt is in prime condition
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Support HTC bylaw (proposed) on designated trapping areas.

# MOOSE (Alces americanus) / TUKTUVAK

# **Biology**

Calving occurs in May or early June, typically single calf, however mature females may have two calves. Males mature by about 2 1/2 years, and cows by 2 to 4 years of age. Breeding occurs approximately third week of September (September 20).



#### **Traditional Use**

Alternate food source for community when caribou are unavailable.

#### **Important Habitat**

Husky Lakes, Sitidgi Lake, Miner River. Use of Northern Delta seems to be increasing again.

# **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

# **Research Priority**

Implement periodic population and productivity surveys.

#### **Population Status**

Moose were abundant in the northern Delta area around 1948 but are believed to have declined since. Traditional Knowledge indicates the population is healthy.

Survey Block	Density (moose/ 100 km²)	Year
Arctic Red River	5.5	(1999)
	none seen	(2006)
	0.53	(2011)
	3.23	(2017)
Northern Richardson Mtns	4.8	(2000)
	3.5	(2006)
	2.23	(2011)
	4.28	(2017)
Fort McPherson – Peel River	3-13	(1980)
	0.84	(2006)
	None seen	(2011)
	3.51	(2017)
Inuvik-Tsiigehtchic	0.09	(1996)
	6.0	(1998)
	1.62	(2006)
	1.94	(2011)
Inuvik-Tsiigehtchic (E. Delta)	3.65	(2017)
Delta	5.57	(2017)

Delta North	4.49	(2011)
Kugaluk-Miner Rivers	1.08	(2011)
Ikhil Pipeline	9.66	(2011)
Inuvik 7(1)a lands	3.94	(2017)
MGP route	2.31	(2006)
	3.33	(2011)
	0.91	(2017)
Yukon North Slope	2.8	(1989)
	4.8	(2000)
	7.2	(2013)

# **Population Goal**

Unspecified. Maintain population at level which will provide maximum sustained yield.

- Do not hunt more than is needed.
- Harvest on sustainable basis.
- Avoid shooting mature bulls during the rut.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

# MUSKOX (Ovibos moschatus) / UMINGMAK

# **Biology**

The muskox on the Yukon North Slope today are an introduced subspecies from Greenland originally introduced to Alaska in 1969 and 1970. Calving generally occurs from about mid April to mid May with the majority born by May 1 and normally cows produce single calf annually. It is approximately 3 weeks before calf can keep up with herd. Breeding occurs throughout August and early September.



Females are generally sexually mature at 3 years of age, males at 5 and can live to at least 24 years of age. Wolves are the main predator.

Muskox winter along valleys, drainages, hilltops. In summer, the range includes river valleys and lake shores where there is growth of grasses, sedges, crowberry, blueberry and willow.

#### **Traditional Use**

Alternative source of meat to caribou.

#### **Important Habitat**

North Slope, some use of Hendrickson and Herschel Islands. Riparian corridors of the Malcolm, Firth and Babbage rivers.

# **Management Plans/Agreements**

None east of the Delta

#### **Research Priority**

There is interest in knowing more about muskox diets, and relationship with caribou (moderate priority). Information on population numbers and movements of high to moderate priority.

#### **Population Status**

Muskox population estimate	es:	
Mainland (ISR, TNNP)	2,855 +/- 1,356	(2009)
	1,215 +/- 526	(2002)
	2,587 +/- 1,505	(1997) – smaller area
		surveyed

The population has been expanding eastward and westward since first survey in 1980. There have been sightings as far west as Parson's lake of muskox from the east.

West of the Delta approximately 101 (portion of YNS) (2011)

approximately 190 (YNS); 110 (NWT west of Mackenzie

River) (2004)

approximately 116 (1998) approximately 121 (1996) approximately 146 (1995)

287, (2016)

Population appears to be expanding eastward, recent sightings in Richards Island area. In the NWT muskox are not protected and can be harvested. There have been sightings as far west as Parson's lake of muskox from the east.

Traditional Knowledge indicates an increase in population, but unknown if there are impacts on caribou.

### **Population Goal**

Unspecified.

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Monitor population levels.

### MUSKRAT (Ondatra zibethicus) / KIVGALUK

### **Biology**

Young are born from June through mid-August, 6-8 young typically. The average weight at maturity is 1.4 - 2.3 kg (3-5 lb). Muskrats move around a lot in spring. Feed on aquatic weeds from the lake bottoms. There seems to be a cycle in the number of muskrats as with many other animals, some times they are scarce other times abundant. Local trappers feel that muskrats were healthier in Delta when there was more trapping. There seem to be more muskrats with poor hair condition/colour.

### **Traditional Use**

Furbearer, also a food resource, to a lesser degree.

### **Important Habitat**

Mackenzie Delta. Parts of Northern Yukon.

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

No management plans specifically for muskrat; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations. Information can be found in draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

### **Research Priority**

There is local interest in knowing about the health of muskrats.

### **Population Status**

Population fluctuates; currently appears in decline. Recent concerns about high numbers of beavers and otter and less muskrats.

### **Population Goal**

Population appears to have declined. Manage for an increase.

- Hunt only in specific seasons (March 1- June 15)
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses

## POLAR BEAR (Ursus maritimus) / NANUQ

### **Biology**

Females den from November to late March, early April and breed late April early May. Average litter size is between 1 and 3 cubs. Females may have young every 3 to 4 years. Females may successfully breed at 4 years of age but most do not breed until 5 years of age. Though bears can live close to 30 years in the wild, most do not



survive beyond 20-25 years of age. Ringed seals are eaten more frequently than bearded seals.

### **Traditional Use**

Furbearer, occasionally used for clothing. Historically food; still eaten in some communities.

### **Important Habitat**

Denning areas along North Slope of Yukon, Herschel Island, Kay Point, shear zone offshore from coast.

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

Inuvialuit Settlement Region Polar Bear Joint Management Plan and the Framework for Action for Management of Polar Bears in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (2017).

Inuvialuit-Inupiat Polar Bear Management Agreement in the Southern Beaufort Sea (1988, latest revision 2011)

Polar Bear Management Agreement between the Inuvialuit and the Inuit of the western Kitikmeot region (2006)

Hunters and Trappers Bylaw written into Regulations under the NWT Wildlife Act.

### **Research Priority**

Moderate: Community interest in movements. Population estimates provide information to try to ensure sustainable harvest. International interest very high.

**Population Status** 

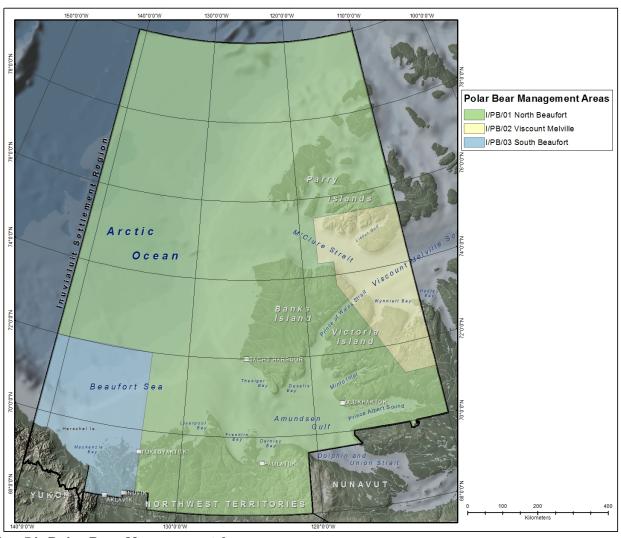
r opulation Status			
Southern Beaufort:	1,215	(2006 - based on new boundary	
	1,526 (95% CI 1211 –	(2006 - likely declining)	
	1,800	Used for management purposes until 2006 estimate	
	1,778 (SD 803)	(1983)	
Northern Beaufort:	1,711	(2006 - based on new boundary)	
	1,400	(2006 – adjusted for negative sampling bias - stable)	
	980 (825 – 1135)	(2006)	
	867 (726 – 1008)	(1987)	

		745 (499 – 991)	(1975)
Viscount Sound	Melville	215 (SE 57.4)	(1999- based on RISKMAN modeling of 5-year moratorium)
		161 (SE 34)	(1992)

### **Population Goal**

Maintain at current level, which can produce the maximum sustained yield.

- Follow regulations agreed to in HTC bylaws and follow the Inuvialuit and Inupiat
- Agreement and the Inuvialuit and West Kitikmeot Agreements
- Do not kill females with cubs and restrict female harvest to no more than 33% of total harvest.
- Do not disturb bears in dens or constructing dens.
- Only hunt from December 1 to May 31 (varies depending on community).
- Collect and report all information requested in bylaws after making a kill.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.



Map 51. Polar Bear Management Areas.

### SNOWSHOE HARE (Lepus americanus) / UKALIQ

### **Biology**

Rabbits breed in May with up to 8 young born per litter in June and July. Rabbits are very important in food chain for other animals (e.g. lynx, fox, owls, eagles). Populations naturally cycle.

### **Traditional Use**

Highly valued as food item and hides for trim, duffles for mukluks, blankets, arts and crafts.

# Trevor Lucas

### **Important Habitat**

Mackenzie Delta, First Creek, Fish Creek, Foothills to coast, east slope of Richardson Mountains.

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

No management plans specifically for rabbit; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations. Information can be found in Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

### **Research Priority**

High interest in population biology and role in ecosystem.

### **Population Status**

Population cycles. Long term snowshoe hare monitoring program (annual pellet count) being undertaken by GNWT in collaboration with GRRB.

### **Population Goal**

Adequate numbers to provide for subsistence harvest by local people.

- Harvest on sustainable basis.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

### WOLF (Canis lupus) / AMARUQ

### **Biology**

Wolves are at dens from May to late July, with from 2 to 9 pups observed. Average litter size on mainland in ISR is 4.5. Wolves may be sexually mature at about 2 years of age though younger and older ages of maturity are possible. Maximum age of wolves observed in ISR is 12 years old, however, the average age of adult wolves is about 3. Local people report that there were many wolves in the 1930s and 1940s. Wolves appeared to decline due to control programs in



1950s, and then began to recover in mid 1970s. Density of wolves in Western Richardson areas was approximately 3+ wolves/1,000 km<sup>2</sup> (386 mi<sup>2</sup>) (late 1980s).

### **Traditional Use**

Furbearer, help maintain balance of nature.

### **Important Habitat**

North Slope, Cache Creek, Big Fish River, Sheep Creek, Fish Hole.

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

No management plans specifically for wolves; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations. Information can be found in Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

### **Research Priority**

Seasonal movements and ecology.

### **Population Status**

Relative low density but population may be increasing.

In the northern Richardson Mountains and Yukon North Slope, numbers ranged from 35-60 wolves between 1987 and 1993.

### **Population Goal**

Maintain a healthy population that can sustain an annual harvest by hunters and trappers. Harvest is monitored through sample\carcass collections.

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Do not harvest in summer when fur is poor.
- Hunt by traditional means; do not use aircraft or poison to control wolves.
- Do not disturb wolves or remove pups from den. Keep at least 500 m (547 yd) from active dens.
- Submit information \ samples from wolves harvested

### **WOLVERINE** (Gulo gulo) / **QAVVIK**

### **Biology**

Wolverine breed in March to May and generally have 1-2 young (may have up to 5) which appear in June to July. Young are nursed 8-10 weeks, and leave mother in the fall. Wolverine are sexually mature at 2-3 years of age. In the north wolverine may be active for 3-4 hour intervals between rests and may travel up to 45 km (28 mi) per day. Caves, rock crevices, fallen logs, holes in snow and burrows are used for shelter. Home-range sizes in the central Arctic vary between 126 km² (females) and 404 km² (males). Dispersal distances by females average 133 km (range 69 - 225 km), and males average 231 km (range 73 – 326 km). Wolverine feed on dead animals, eggs, small and large mammals (lemmings, caribou, sheep); most large mammals are obtained from kills of wolves or bears.

### **Traditional Use**

Fur very important for local use, also important for maintaining balance in nature.

### **Important Habitat**

Husky Lakes, Finger Lakes area.

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

No management plans specifically for wolverine; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations. Information can be found in Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000)

### **Research Priority**

Low: Some interest in population status, biology, important habitat areas and information from carcass collections.

### **Population Status**

Relatively few in Delta. Healthy in the uplands.

### **Population Goal**

Unspecified. Harvest monitored by carcass\sample collections

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Do not disturb dens.
- Do not hunt in summer.
- Do not poison.

# BELUGA WHALE (Delphinapterus leucas) / QILALUGAQ

### **Biology**

The beluga is an odontocete, or toothed whale, having up to 40 teeth that are similar in shape and size. They are dark grey and about 1.5 m (5 ft.) in length when they are born. Calving occurs in spring. With each passing year, the skin lightens in colour, by the time a beluga is about 9 years of age, it is white in colour. Adult males are larger than adult females. Belugas primarily feed on



Arctic cod and squid; however, they also feed on a variety of other fish including sandlance and capelin that appear to be becoming a more prominent food source in recent years. Belugas harvested in Ulukhaktok in 2014 had been feeding primarily on sandlance based on stomach contents; the stomachs of belugas harvested in the Mackenzie Delta are generally empty. They themselves are preyed upon by polar bears, killer whales and humans, and to a limited extent walruses.

They are a very vocal species, having earned the name of "the sea canary". They make sounds that are used for echolocation that is to help them find their way and their food, as well as sounds to communicate which are those, which can be heard by other whales. They have a habit unique among whales, and that is that they concentrate in estuaries during the summer. This has made them well accessible to hunters and well known to the general public.

### **Traditional Use**

Highly valued food resource.

### **Important Habitat**

Between Parry and Garry islands; Kugmallit Bay; mouth of Horton River. Calving in Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay.

Major summer concentrations occur in mid-July in Kugmallit Bay, Mackenzie Bay, Kendall Island, and Shallow Bay. Also smaller summer aggregations occur at the mouth of the Horton River and Liverpool Bay. During the summer, large male beluga travel to feed in offshore areas such as Viscount Melville Sound, while smaller males, females with calves tend to remain in shallower coastal areas.

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

- Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan (FJMC, 2013)
- Tuktovaktuk HTC Beluga Hunting Bylaws and Guidelines
- Inuvialuit Inupiat Beaufort Sea Beluga Whale Agreement (2000)
- Tarium Niryutait Marine Protected Area (TNMPA) Monitoring and Management Plans

### **Recent Research & Monitoring**

FJMC Fish & Marine Mammal Community Monitoring Program (formerly Beluga Monitoring Program):

 Inuvialuit beluga harvest monitoring began in the Mackenzie Delta in the 1970s through the Fisheries and Marine Service of the Government of Canada (1973-1975) and the oil and gas industry (1977-1982). DFO led this program between 1981-1986, and the FJMC took over the

- program in 1987. This program is the largest and longest database of beluga harvest monitoring in the Arctic.
- Currently monitors are selected by local HTCs to sample belugas harvested at Hendrickson Island, East Whitefish, Kendall Island, and Paulatuk, with on-call monitors in Ulukhaktok. Harvesters from the communities of Aklavik and Sachs Harbour, in addition to the other communities, have the option of sampling their own whales through the Harvester Rewards Program. Where and when a monitor is not present, the harvester may sample their whale by using sampling kits that are available at their HTC office.
- The monitoring information collected through this program includes the date and location of each harvested whale, measurements from each whale (length, fluke width, girth, blubber thickness), sex, colour and whether or not any scars or skin abnormalities were observed. A number of samples (blubber, muscle, blood, milk, skin, eyeball, liver, kidney, lower jaw) are also collected to learn more about the whales.

### Aerial Surveys:

- 1970s and 1980s by oil and gas industry contractors
- 2007-2009 surveys led by DFO repeated previous work for comparison (used same methods as 1980s surveys)
- 2011-2013 surveys led by DFO focused on how the arrival of beluga in the Mackenzie River estuary and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula is influenced by ice conditions

### DNA:

- Beaufort Sea beluga constitute one of the largest stocks of beluga in Canada, and one
  of four that overwinters in the Bering Sea.
- Together these four stocks make up the Bering Sea population.
- Genetic studies have shown the stocks are discreet, with the exception of some wanderings by the large ßmales.

### Local and traditional ecological knowledge:

 A DFO program (2013-2016) has begun to document the local knowledge of beluga from harvesters in Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik, Paulatuk and Ulukhaktok. The findings will be used to build upon existing long-term beluga monitoring in the ISR.

### Satellite Telemetry:

- A total of 27 beluga whales were tagged with satellite transmitters in the Mackenzie Delta in 1993 (n=4), 1995 (n=16), 1997 (n=7)
- In two of the study years, when the whales were tagged earlier in the season, the largest
  males travelled to Viscount Melville Sound where they spent 2-3 weeks diving/feeding, before
  undertaking their migration back to the Bering Sea where they overwinter
- Females and calves tended to swim counter-clockwise circuits in Amundsen Gulf and fed in shallower waters along the coast.

### **Research Priority**

High - Community interest in the following:

- 1. Continue collection and analysis of information obtained from harvest, process and summarize all existing data, compare data with other data sets, record traditional knowledge.
- 2. Regular census including survey of summering range.
- 3. Inshore and Offshore Movement Study.

### **Population Status**

- The Eastern Beaufort Sea Beluga population is estimated at almost 40,000 (COSEWIC 2004).
- Growth rate 2.5%
- Stock is stable or increasing (recent surveys show a 3x greater abundance in the surveyed area when compared to 1970 observations (Harwood and Kingsley 2013)).
- Present annual harvests are less than 1% of conservative estimate of stock size.

### **Population Goal**

Unspecified, adequate numbers at present.

### **Conservation Measures**

- Support the Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan.
- Follow HTC Beluga Bylaw.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Support TNMPA regulations and monitoring plan

### TUKTOYAKTUK HUNTERS & TRAPPERS COMMITTEE BELUGA HUNTING BYLAWS

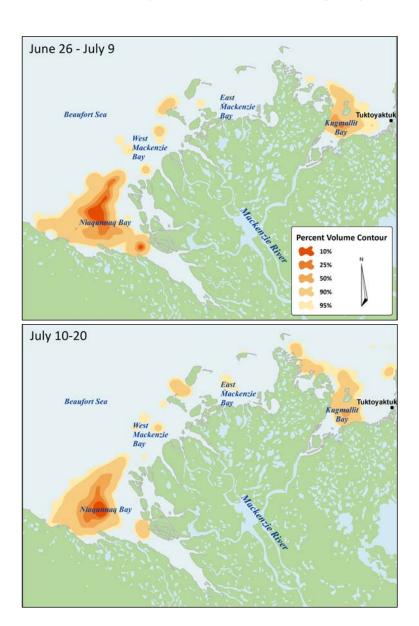
- 1. Each boat will have the following equipment:
  - a) A rifle of not less than 30-30 calibre;
  - b) Two harpoons equipped with line and float, or one such harpoon and a "seal hook";
  - c) One grapple hook attached to a sufficient length of line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted;
  - d) One float marker with enough line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted, and equipped with an anchor or;
  - e) A towing line.
- 2. Each hunter must attempt to retrieve sunken or wounded whales before hunting for another whale.
- 3. No person shall, at any time, take more whales on a hunt than can adequately be taken care of considering limitations of the boat, weather, the towing distance, and the number of people in the camp available for processing.
- 4. Beluga hunters must provide Beluga Harvest Monitors with the requested information and reasonable access to harvested whales for measurements and samples.
- 5. There shall be no hunting in "No Hunting Zones" if applicable.
- 6. There shall be no interference during the hunt by tourists or operators.

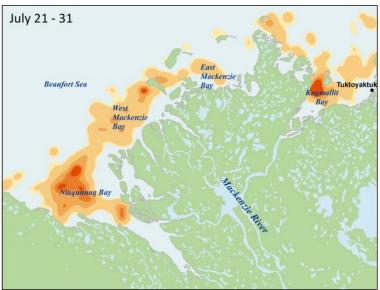
### **Beluga Hunting Guidelines**

- 1. A proven method by some hunters has reduced loss rates considerably, by harpooning first. Whales should be harpooned before shooting.
- 2. No person should hunt alone.
- 3. Each boat must have at least one experienced hunter.
- 4. All carcasses must be towed out to the area designated by the Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and

Trappers Committee after processing.

5. These rules may from time to time be changed by the THTC.





Map 52. Percent volume contours of beluga sightings made suring systematic aerial surveys in the Mackenzie Estuary during early (Top), mid (Middle), and late July (Bottom) time periods, 1977-1985 and 1992 (Harwood et al. 2014)

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# BOWHEAD WHALE (Balaena mysticetus) / ARVIQ

### **Biology**

The bowhead whale is a baleen whale, black in colour except for white markings on chin and tail that usually come with age. Bowheads may reach a length of up to 20 m (65 ft.), with 12-15 m (40-50 ft) being the usual size. A small adult weighs 13,608 kg



(30,000 lb). Blubber can be up to 51 cm (20 in.) thick. They reach adulthood at about 20 years, and have one calf every 3 to 5 years. They feed lower in the food chain than beluga, choosing areas where zooplankton is concentrated. They usually travel alone or in small groups. They make vocalizations that are a lower frequency than beluga.

Bowheads from the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort population winter (November to April) in the western and central Bering Sea amongst broken pack ice. In spring (April through June) the whales migrate north and east along the northern coast of Alaska to the eastern Beaufort Sea, initially appearing in western Amundsen Gulf in offshore lead areas (>200 m) as break-up is under way. Their summer (June to September) distribution is centred in the southeastern Beaufort Sea, along the southern and western coasts of Banks Island, in Amundsen Gulf, and along the waters offshore of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula approximately 20-50 m in depth, Yukon coastal waters, the shelf break, the Mackenzie and Kugmallit Canyon areas. Recent satellite tracking indicates that they also occur around northwestern Banks Island and into M'Clure Strait (Heide-Jørgensen, et al, 2012).

The Alaskan Inupiat harvest about 60 whales per year. Aklavik took one bowhead in 1991, and another in 1996.

### **Important Habitat**

Offshore of Tuktovaktuk Peninsula, Cape Bathurst, King Point,

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

Management Plan for the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort population of Bowhead Whale (*Balaena mysticetus*) in Canada (SARA, 2014).

### **Recent Research**

Satellite tagging of bowhead in the Alaskan and Canadian Beaufort Sea has been a cooperative effort by DFO, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, Aklavik HTC, Tuktoyaktuk HTC, Greenland Institute of Natural Resources, and the BC Center for Animal Health. Between 2006 and 2014, 68 bowhead whales were tagged in Alaska and the ISR (the 23 whales from the ISR were tagged between 2007-2010 and in 2014). This program will continue in 2016, and potentially until 2017 (dependent on funding).

In the 1980s, extensive, multi-year programs were undertaken to monitor distribution of bowheads in both the Canadian and Alaskan Beaufort Sea areas, to study the effects of industry on bowheads, and photogrammetry to identify individuals.

Currently, if a bowhead whale is harvested, a community monitor takes the measurements and samples, with a biologist from DFO.

### **Research Priority**

High: Community interested in knowing more about species biology.

### **Population Status**

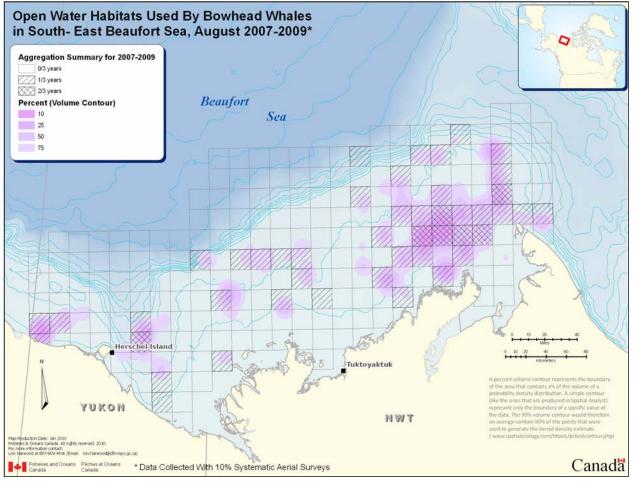
- The 2001 Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort bowhead population estimate is 10,470 (95% confidence intervals 8,100-13,500).
- Population growth rate from 1978-2001 was 3.4%
- Since 2009, the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort population of bowhead has been designated as a species of 'special concern' under COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada). The SARA (Species at Risk Act) status of this population is also 'special concern'.

### **Population Goal**

Maintain thriving population for subsistence harvest. Unspecified. Currently being managed for population recovery.

### **Conservation Measures**

Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive uses.



Map 53. Bowhead open water habitat use in South-East Beafort Sea, August 2007-2009 based on DFO aerial surveys

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SEALS
RINGED SEAL (Pusa hispida) /
NATCHIQ and
BEARDED SEAL (Erignathus barbatus) / UGYUK

### Biology

Ringed seals and bearded seals are important components of the marine ecosystem. Ringed seals are the main prey of polar bears.



### Ringed Seals

Ringed seals are the smallest of all pinnipeds (seals, sea lions, and walruses) with adults in the Beaufort Sea rarely exceeding 1.5 m (5 ft.) in length and 68 kg (150 lb) in weight. Ringed Seals weigh the most in the winter and early spring when they have a thick layer of blubber under their skin. The blubber serves as insulation and as an energy source during the breeding and pupping season. The weight of ringed seals declines with the decrease in feeding during the reproductive and moulting season.

The colouration of ringed seals is quite variable, but the basic pattern is a grey back with black spots and a light belly. The seal gets its name from the black spots that are ringed with light marks.

Ringed seals eat a variety of invertebrates and fish. The particular species eaten depends on availability, depth of water, and distance from shore. In the Beaufort Sea. The most important food species is arctic cod, with saffron cod, shrimp, mysids and other large crustaceans being important locally and at certain times of the year.

The ringed seal is an important element of the arctic marine ecosystem, both as the main prey of polar bears and a major consumer of marine fish and invertebrates. It continues to be an important species in the subsistence harvests and economy of Ulukhaktok, and to a lesser extent in Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk and Paulatuk. Seals are harvested for food, for dog food, and for pelts for handicrafts and clothing. Seal harvests in the ISR between 1988-1996 averaged 1,050 per year, with more than 70% of this coming from Ulukhaktok. Present day harvests are 20-30% of what they were in the 1960s.

### **Bearded Seals**

The bearded seal is the largest true seal that is normally found in the Beaufort Sea. Bearded seals are heaviest during winter and early spring when they may attain a weight of more than 340 kg (750 lb). From June through September adults usually weigh from 216-239 kg (475-525 lb). This seasonal loss of weight results from decreased feeding during spring and summer and is most obvious in changes of the thick layer of blubber under the skin. Measured from nose to tip of tail (not including hind flippers), adults average about 2.4 m (93 in.). Colour varies from a tawny-brown or silver-grey to dark brown.

Bearded seals have neither spots nor bands. They have comparatively long whiskers, rounded fore-flippers of which the middle one of the five digits is longest, relatively small eyes, and four mammary teats rather than two as in the ringed seal.

Females give birth to a single pup on the moving sea ice, usually during late April or early May. The average weight of pups at birth is around 34 kg (75 lb), and average length is about 1.3 m

(52 in.). By the end of a brief nursing period, which lasts only 12 to 18 days, pups have increased their weight almost three times, to around 86 kg (190 lb).

Bearded seals eat a wide variety of invertebrates and some fishes, mainly in benthic habitats in the Beaufort, Chukchi and Bering seas. Their main prey are crabs, shrimp, clams and snails.

### **Traditional Use**

Clothing (boots, mittens), some used for food.

### **Important Habitat**

West of, and including Finger Lakes area; Liverpool Bay; Kugmallit Bay, Wood Bay and Tuktoyaktuk coastline.

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None

### **Recent Research & Monitoring**

Ringed Seal:

- A study was conducted to examine the effect of activities related to a drilling program on ringed seals off the Mackenzie Delta area between 2003-2006.
- Paulatuk: seal monitoring program was conducted from 1992-1994 (reproduction and condition), and from 2014-2015 (diet), and a tagging program was conducted in 2001 and 2002.
- Sachs Harbour:
- Seal monitoring programs (reproduction and condition) were conducted from 1987-1989, in 1992, and again from 2003-2007.
- Since 2005, ringed seals (4 to 25 animals per year) have been sampled by a community monitor for contaminant analyses (this work is part of the Northern Contaminants Program and is led by Environment Canada). Samples of blubber have been analyzed for persistent organic pollutants such as PCBs, DDT and flame retardants, while liver and muscle have been analyzed for mercury and toxic metals. In addition to contaminants measurements, data is available for the ages and diet (carbon and nitrogen stable isotope ratios) of each seal. Overall, contaminant levels in the seals are similar to other locations in the Canadian arctic.
- Ulukhaktok: have been monitoring reproduction and condition of seals each year from 1992-2014, and in Minto Inlet for five years from 1992-1996. Satellite tagging program for ringed seals was conducted in Ulukhaktok in 1999, 2000 and 2010.

### Bearded Seal:

None at the present time. Vocalizations were studied in the 1970s near Ramsay Island, near Ulukhaktok.

### **Research Priority**

Moderate priority: interest in biology and in monitoring health and presence of contaminants.

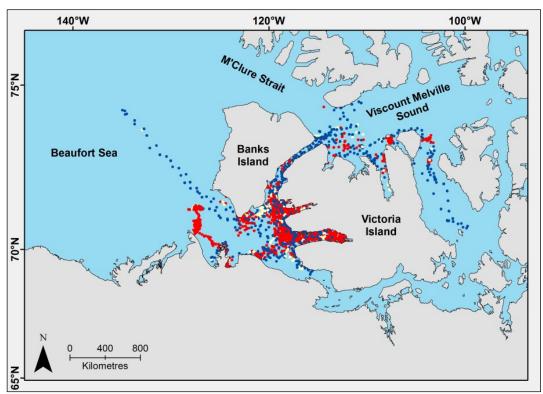
### **Population Status**

Ringed seals generally more abundant than bearded seals; surveys in the 1970s estimated their ratio to be 17:1. Bearded seals are more common in certain localized areas.

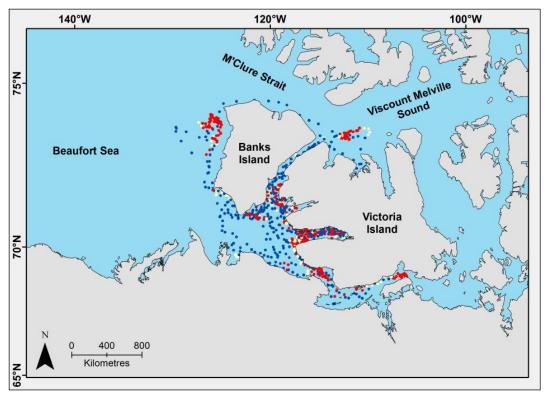
### **Population Goal**

Adequate supply at present.

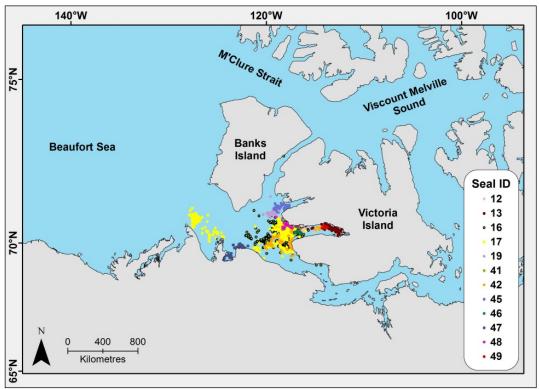
- Share hunt among elders.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Only harvest what is needed.



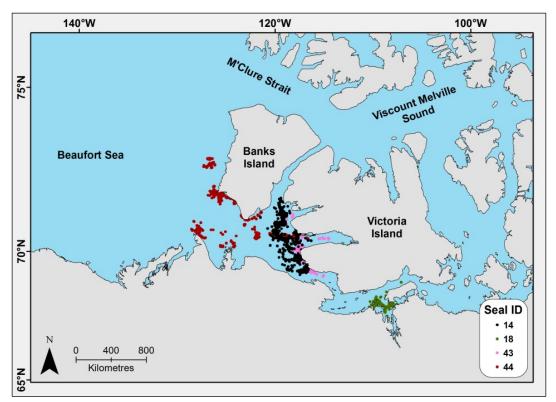
Map 54. Adult ringed seal open water habitat use based on tagging studies: Red = inferred feeding locations; Blue = Travelling (Harwood et al. 2015)



Map 55. Subadult ringed seal open water habitat use based on tagging studies: Red = inferred feeding locations; Blue = travelling (Harwood et al 2015)



Map 56. Adult ringed seal winter (1999-2001, 2010-2011) habitat use based on tagging studies (Harwood et al. 2015)



Map 57. Subadult ringed seal winter (1999-2001, 2010-2011) habitat use based on tagging studies (Harwood et al. 2015)

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### **MAMMALS SPECIES LIST**

The following is a list of mammal species occurring in the western Arctic. Successful conservation depends on the recognition that all of these species have special habitat requirements and often have significant relationships with all other components of the land and water.

Arctic Fox (Vulpes lagopus) / Tiriganniaq

Arctic Ground Squirrel (Spermophilus parryii)

Arctic Hare (Lepus arcticus) / Ukaliq

Arctic Shrew (Sorex arcticus)

Bearded Seal (Erignathus barbatus) / Ugyuk

Beaver (Castor canadensis) / Kigiaq

Beluga Whale (Delphinapterus leucas) / Qilalugaq

Black Bear (Ursus americanus) / Aklaq

Bowhead Whale (Balaena mysticetus) / Arviq

Caribou (Rangifer tarandus) / Tuktu

Cinereus Shrew (Masked Shrew) (Sorex cinereus)

Collared Pika (Ochotona collaris)

Dall's Sheep (Ovis dalli)

Ermine (Stoat) (Mustela ermine)

Grizzly Bear (Ursus arctos) / Aklaq

Hoary Marmot (Marmota caligata)

Least Weasel (Mustela nivalis)

Lynx (Lynx canadensis) / Piqtuqsiraq

Marten (Martes americana) / Qavviasiaq

Meadow Vole (Microtus pennsylvanicus)

Mink (Neovison vison) / Tiriaqpak

Moose (Alces americanus) / Tuttuvak

Muskox (Ovibos moschatus) / Umingmak

Muskrat (Ondatra zibethicus) / Kivgaluk

Nearctic Brown Lemming (Lemmus trimucronatus)

Nearctic Collared Lemming (Dicrostonyx groenlandicus)

Northern Flying Squirrel (Glaucomys sabrinus)

Northern Red-backed Vole (Myodes rutilus)

Polar Bear (Ursus maritimus) / Nanuq

Porcupine (Erethizon dorsata)

Red Fox (Vulpes vulpes) / Aukpilagtag

Richardson's Collared Lemming (Dicrostonyx richardsoni)

Ringed Seal (Pusa hispida) / Natchiq

River Otter (Lontra canadensis) / Pamiuqtuuq

Root Vole (Microtus oeconomus)

Snowshoe Hare (Lepus americanus) / Ukaliq

NorthernTundra Red-backed Vole (Myodes rutilus)

Wolf (Canis lupus) / Amaruq

Wolverine (Gulo gulo) / Qavvik

### **DUCKS / TINGMILUAQQAT**

**Mallards** (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

Pintail (Anas acuta)

Wigeon (Baldpate Duck) (Anas americana)

Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw) (Clangula hyemalis) /

**Aahaanliq** 

Scoters, Surf and White-winged (Black Duck) (Melanitta Spp.)

King Eider (Somateria spectabilis) / Qingalik Common Eider (Somateria mollissima) / Quagaq Mergansers, Red-breasted and Common (Mergus spp)

### **Biology**

Arrival and departure of ducks are closely tied to breakup and freeze up. Occasional mass die offs of eiders may occur when breakup is delayed.

### Mallards

Leave wintering grounds in early February through March to early April. Arrive on breeding grounds early to mid-May. May nest up to 500 m or more from water but usually within 100 m. Clutch size may range from 1-18 eggs though average is about 9. Incubate an average of 28 days. Prefer aquatic and shoreline plants as food, though will eat some invertebrates. Along with pintails, one of the last ducks to leave in fall.

### Pintail

Largest number of breeding pintails in the western Canadian Arctic occurs in the Mackenzie Delta, large numbers also occur at Anderson River Delta. Winter in southern U.S., Mexico, and Central America. Leave wintering grounds in late January, early February through March, arrive in delta mid-May. Prefer open areas with low vegetation to nest. May nest up to 1.6 km (1 mi) from water but average about 40 m (131 ft.). Clutch size ranges from 3-14 eggs, average about 8. Incubate eggs 22 to 23 days. All eggs tend to hatch within about 8 hours. Eats shoreline vegetation, some aquatic plants, cereal grains (in south) and to some extent aquatic invertebrates. Fall migration begins late August.

### Wigeon

The highest density of breeding wigeon in North America occurs in the Mackenzie Delta and Old Crow Flats. Winter through central U.S. to Mexico. Leave wintering grounds in early February through March and early April, arrive on breeding grounds in early to mid-May. May nest up to 400 m from water, average about 36 m. Prefer clumps of brush for nesting. Average clutch size 7 to 9 eggs. Incubate eggs for about 24 days. Prefer stems and leafy parts of aquatic plants and terrestrial grasses. Will eat some cereal grains. Begin fall migration in mid-August.

### Long-tailed duck (Old Squaw)

Nest in greater numbers in Arctic than any other duck. Winter along west coast as far as California. Leave wintering areas in mid-March to mid-April, arrive on breeding grounds late May, early June. Prefer to nest on small islands or on upland areas near tundra ponds. May nest up to 200 m (656 ft.) or more from water but most are quite close, average is less than 10 m (33 ft.). Clutch size may range from 2 to 14 eggs, average about 7. Incubate eggs for about 26 days. Have the most varied diet of all the sea ducks. Prefer aquatic organisms for food,



eg. crustaceans, mollusks, aquatic invertebrates, small fish and fish eggs, rarely eat aquatic plants. Begin fall migration late August or early September.

### Scoters (Surf and White-winged)

Winter along west coast from Alaska to Mexico. Leave wintering areas in March, arrive on breeding grounds late May to early June. Prefer to nest in dense cover, often forested or very bushy areas. Nests are very hard to locate. May nest over 200 m from water, average perhaps about 30 to 100 m (98 - 328 ft.). Clutch size ranges from 5-19 eggs, average about 9 eggs. Incubate for about 28 days. Prefer aquatic organisms for food, eg. mussels, crustaceans and aquatic invertebrates, rarely eat aquatic plants. Begin fall migration early September.

### Eiders (King and Common)

Winter in northern waters in Alaska and Russia, rarely as far south as B.C. and Washington. Leave wintering areas in late April, arrive on breeding grounds early June. Common Eiders often nest in dense colonies on offshore islands or sometimes near tundra ponds distant from coast. King Eiders often nest in low densities, or semicolonially on islands, much farther from the coast. Common Eider clutch size ranges from 1 to 14 eggs, average about 4 to 6. King Eider clutch size ranges from 2 to 6 eggs, average about 5. Common Eiders incubate eggs about 24-26 days, King Eider about 22-24 days. Common Eider have been observed diving to about 10m (33 ft.) depth to feed, while King Eider feed in deeper water between 15 and 40 m. There is a record of a king eider diving about 55 m (181 ft.). Both prefer aquatic organisms for food, e.g. mussels, crabs, aquatic insect larvae and King Eiders will eat some aquatic plants. Begin fall migration as early as July (e.g. male king eiders) and runs through to late fall (immature birds).

### Mergangers (Red-breasted and Common)

Winter along west and east coasts and Gulf of Mexico. Leave wintering grounds in late March, through late April, arrive in breeding areas mid-late May. Red-breasted Mergansers nest on ground with shelter of some sort, generally within 30m of water. Common Mergansers often nest in tree cavities, but also on the ground, usually close to water. Clutch size ranges from 3-20 eggs, average about 10. Red-breasted Mergansers incubate eggs 30-31 days, Common Mergansers, about 32-35 days. Both eat fish, aquatic insects, and amphibians. Fall migration begins mid-September.

### **Important Habitat**

King Eider: Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Cape Bathurst

Common Eider: McKinlev Bav

Long-tailed Duck: Kukjutkuk and Hutchison Bays, McKinley Bay, offshore Tuktoyaktuk peninsula, offshore Mackenzie Delta (distribution in the ISR is not well documented)

Surf Scoter: shallow bays along Arctic coast, Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, mainland south of Liverpool Bay and Eskimo-Husky Lakes, Mackenzie Delta; McKinley Bay, Kukjutkuk and Hutchison Bays, large numbers in open sea in October

White-winged Scoter: shallow bays along Arctic coast, Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, mainland south of Liverpool Bay and Eskimo-Husky Lakes, McKinley Bay, Kukjutkuk and Hutchison Bays

Lesser and Greater Scaup: Mackenzie Delta, Kukjutkuk and Hutchison Bays, coastal areas

Wigeon: Mackenzie Delta and Old Crow Flats

Northern Pintail: Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Kukjutkuk and Hutchison Bays

Red-breasted Merganser: from Campbell island to Smoke, Moose, and Kugaluk Rivers, Kukjutkuk and Hutchison Bays

Common Merganser: from Campbell island to Smoke, Moose, and Kugaluk Rivers, Kukjutkuk and Hutchison Bays

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

North American Waterfowl Management Plan (1986) (NAWMP 2012) Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 Sea Duck Joint Venture (formed under NAWMP)

### **Recent Research**

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### **Research Priority**

High: Local interest in biology, also concern here and elsewhere on impact of changing water levels and water quality.

### King Eider

- Monitor King Eider numbers as part of multi-species surveys to determine population trends in the ISR.
- Determine the breeding range limits of the western arctic King Eider population using stable isotope analysis.
- Document importance of staging areas in the southeastern Beaufort Sea of King Eiders during moult migration (aerial surveys).
- Document the migration routes and the distribution of King Eiders in moulting and wintering areas in the Chukchi and Bering Sea (satellite telemetry).

### Common Eider

- Document the migration routes and the distribution of Common Eiders in moulting and wintering areas in the Chukchi and Bering Seas.
- Determine the reproductive success and annual survival of Common Eiders, including factors affecting productivity and survival.
- Locate critical habitat for brood-rearing Common Eiders.

### All Species of Waterfowl

• Analyze, summarize and map harvest study data to determine the total harvest, spring staging areas, and the biological and management significance of these data.

### **Population Status**

Species	Estimated Population	Year
King Eider:	592,000	(2004)
	371,000	(1996)
	802,000	(1976) (North America)

Pacific Common Eider:	110,500	(2004)
	73,000	(1996)
	153,000	(1976)
Long Tailed Duck:	314,216	(1988-2008 average)
	406,751	(1993-1998 average) (Western Canadian Arctic and Alaska)
Scoters:	1.1 million	(2002-2011 average)
	873,500	(1993-98 average) (North America)
Lesser Scaup:	4.6 million	2014 (North America)
Continental Goal:	6.2 million	
Wigeon:	3.1 million	2014 (North America)
Continental Goal:	3.0 million	
Northern Pintail:	3.2 million	2014 (North America)
Continental Goal:	5.6 million	

### **Population Trends**

Scoters: decreasing Scaups: decreasing Pintails: decreasing

Mallards: fluctuating but stable Wigeon: fluctuating but stable Long Tailed duck: decreasing King Eider: decreasing

Common Eider: decreasing

### **Population Goal**

Maintain thriving population for subsistence harvest.

NAWMP (2012) has a combined goal of 60 million ducks for 29 species of duck in North America. See above continental goals, based on NAWMP (2012).

- Do not disturb nesting birds.
- Harvest only what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats, including wintering areas, from disruptive land uses.

### **GEESE AND TUNDRA SWAN**

Cackling Goose (Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii)
Canada Goose (Branta Canadensis parvipes) I
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Snow Goose (Chen caerulescens) / Kanguq White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons frontalis) / Nirliq Brant (Branta bernicla) / Nirlirnaq Tundra swan (Cygnus columbianus) / Qugyuk

### **Biology**

Timing of goose, brant and swan arrival and departure is closely associated with availability of open water and freeze up.

Cackling Geese – Cackling Geese and Canada Geese were identified as separate species in 2004. Cackling Geese are smaller than Canada Geese, they nest above the tree line and



make up the majority of the birds in this area. They are part of the "Mid-continent Cackling Geese" population. Winter central U.S. to Colorado and Texas. Arrive in May. Wide variety of nest sites. Average clutch size about 4-5 eggs. Incubate eggs about 26 days. Feed on grasses, sedges, berries, seeds, cereal grains. Leave early September.

Canada Geese - Slightly larger than Cackling Geese, Canada Geese nest below the tree line and are present in smaller numbers in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region mainly as non-breeders that migrate north to molt.

Snow Geese - Local birds part of Western Arctic Population. Winter California and Mexico. Arrive mid-May. Lay 2-10 eggs (average 6) first week of June. Incubate approximately 22-33 days, off nest first week of July. Feed on terrestrial and aquatic vegetation. Leave early September. Western Arctic Population designated as overabundant by CWS in 2014, in order to hopefully stabilize the population and prevent habitat damage as observed in Midcontinent Snow Goose colonies.

White-fronted Geese - Also known locally as "Yellow legs". Winter in Coastal Texas, Mexico. Leave winter grounds early February through March, arriving Mackenzie Delta mid May through early June. Nest in coastal and upland areas. Typically less down used in nest than other geese. Lay 2-10 eggs, average about 5. Incubate eggs 23-25 days. Feed on seeds and grass.

Brant– Two populations of Brant breed in the ISR, Black Brant and Western High Arctic (Greybelly) Brant, referred to collectively as Pacific Brant. Winter along Pacific Coast Mexico to B.C. Arrive late May, early June. Nest close to water. Lay 1- 10 eggs, average 3-5 eggs, approximately second week of June. Incubate eggs about 24 days, off nest late July. Some local observation that brant will nest near snowy owls to avoid fox predation.

Swans - Local nesting birds are from the Eastern Population. Lay 2-6 eggs (average 5) in June. Remain on nest until mid-August and remain in vicinity until fall migration. Prefer marshy areas, aquatic plants. Fall migration in September.

### **Traditional Use**

Very important food source in spring, down from waterfowl also traditionally used in pillows and blankets.

### **Important Habitat**

Tundra Swan: Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula

White-fronted Goose: McKinley Bay-Phillips Island, Kukjutkuk Bay, Hutchison Bay

Cackling Goose: deltas of the Mason, Smoke/Moose and Anderson Rivers

Lesser Snow Goose: Kendall Island, Anderson River Delta

Brant: Kugaluk, Smoke, and Moose River Deltas

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

Migratory Birds Conventions Act, 1994

Co-Management Plan for Caribou, Muskox, Arctic Wolves, Snow Geese and Small Herbivores on Banks Island, with Work Plans for Years 1998/1999 to 2002/2003. (ENR / WMAC(NWT) 2000) North American Waterfowl Management Plan (1986) (NAWMP 2012).

Arctic Goose Joint Venture (part of NAWMP).

Draft Management Plan for the Western Arctic Population of Lesser Snow Geese (1986).

Draft Pacific Coast Brant Management Plan (1991).

Eastern Tundra Swan Management Plan

White Front Goose Management Plan

### Recent Research

- Population of Brant on the Mainland of the ISR, CWS
- Productivity of Lesser Snow Geese, Banks Island, CWS
- Monitoring of Snow Goose Habitat on Banks Island, CWS
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### **Research Priority**

High - The community is interested in knowing more about the biology and ecology of these species. Improving census methods, and identifying important habitat.

### White-fronted Goose

• Repeat a subset of aerial transects to determine the population trend in the ISR. (Multi-species surveys).

### Snow Goose

- Habitat studies to determine impact of snow geese on the lowland habitat of Banks Island, and to develop a long-term goal for the population.
- Evaluate impacts of increased spring harvest on the different colonies.
- Delineate areas where Banks Island geese can be selectively harvested by the mainland communities without impacting the small colonies.
- Monitor continuing eastward shift of migrating and wintering geese.
- Carry out air photo surveys at 5-year intervals to document population trends at the three Western Arctic colonies.

### Brant

- Complete analysis and write-up of recent studies of the distribution, abundance, survival rates and productivity of brant in the ISR.
- Evaluate the impact of grizzly bear predation and other factors on the colonies of brant and snow geese at Anderson River.

### **Population Status**

Tundra Swan - E. Pop'n 105,000 (2014 mid-winter count) 84,000 (1993-98) (North America) Continental Goal 80,000

White-fronted Goose- 891, 732 (2012 and 2014 average) (North America) 70,000 (1989-93) (ISR), 797,000 (1992-98 average) (North America)

Continental Goal 600,000 (Mid-continent population)

Lesser Snow Goose 420,128 (2013) (ISR), 486,000 (1995) (ISR), 169,600 (1976) (ISR)

Western Arctic Goal 200,000 breeding population

Cackling Goose 687,000 (2002-2011) (mid-winter count, North America)

Canada Goose 164,000 (2004-2013) (Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey for boreal habitat in AB, SK, MB, and NWT)

Brant 163,300 (2013 midwinter index), 137,400 (1993 winter average) (North America)

Continental Goal 162,000 (Goal for Black Brant = 150,000, Western High Arctic Brant = 12,000)

### **Population Trends**

Canada Geese Increasing Lesser Snow Geese Increasing White-Fronted Geese Stable Brant Stable Swans Stable

### **Population Goal**

See continental goals above, based on the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, (NAWMP 2012).

- Identify and protect important habitats, including wintering areas and key resting sites, from disruptive land uses.
- Do not harvest more than is needed.
- Support North American Waterfowl Management Plan (1986) and Arctic Goose Joint Venture.
- Support the "Principles for the Conservation of Migratory Birds in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region" WMAC (NWT).

### LOONS

Common Loon (Gavia immer) / Tuutlik Yellow-billed or King Loon (Gavia adamsii) Pacific Loon (Gavia pacifica) / Malri Red-throated Loon (Gavia stellata) / Qaqsauq

### **Biology**

Arrive in May, 1 - 2 eggs laid in June, migrate south in September. Feed on small fish. Arctic and Redthroated arrive mid-June, leave late August early September. Pacific and Red-throated Loons are more numerous in the ISR and will nest on smaller, shallower tundra ponds than the other 2 species.



### **Important Habitat**

Common Loon: Mackenzie Delta

Red-throated Loon: Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Mackenzie Delta, North Slope coast Yellow-billed Loon: coastal areas (distribution in the ISR is not well-documented) Pacific Loon: Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Mackenzie Delta, North Slope coast

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

Migratory Bird Convention Act, 1994

### **Recent Research**

- Barr, J.F. 1997. Status reports on the yellow-billed loon, *Gavia adamsii*, in Canada. COSEWIC.
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### **Research Priority**

High: Community interested in more information on biology.

### **Population Status**

Local indigenous observation suggests that Yellow-billed loons used to be abundant now are less so.

### **Population Goal**

Thriving population.

### Conservation Measures

Do not disturb nesting birds.

PTARMIGAN (Lagopus spp.) / Aqijgiq Rock Ptarmigan (Lagopus mutus) / Niksaaktualuk Willow Ptarmigan (Lagopus lagopus) / Aqijgivik

### Biology

Birds breed in early May, and females lay eggs in June. Willow ptarmigan lay 5-10 eggs, rock ptarmigan lay 6-15 eggs.

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### **Traditional Use**

Ptarmigan are a well-liked food source within the community.

### **Important Habitat**

Willow ptarmigan use willow sorb, muskeg areas, sheltered valleys. Common on Delta and Richardson Mountain foothills, Running River. Rock ptarmigan found along coastal hills, rocky tundra, North Slope and above timber line in mountains.

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

### **Research Priority**

Low.

### **Population Status**

Varies from year to year.

### **Population Goal**

Unspecified though community would be interested in having more around.

### **Conservation Measures**

• Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

### SANDHILL CRANE (Grus canadensis) / TATIJGAQ

### **Biology**

Winters in southern U.S. to Mexico. Arrive end of April or early May before snow geese. Nest is grass mound in marsh or wet meadow. Lay 2 eggs around middle of May, hatching in mid-June. Feed on insects, lemmings, aquatic plants, grains, amphibians. Fall migration late August early September.

### **Important Habitat**

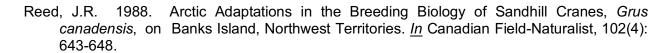
Throughout Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

Migratory Bird Convention Act, 1994

### **Recent Research**

Austin, J. 1997. Delineation of Sandhill Crane subspecies and their distribution. 1996-1997. Canadian Wildlife Service.



### **Research Priority**

Unspecified.

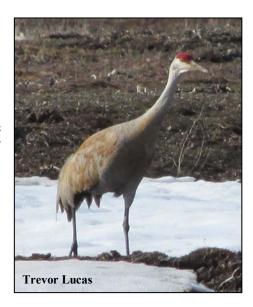
### **Population Status**

Appear to be increasing.

### **Population Goal**

Unspecified.

- Do not disturb nesting birds.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.



# EAGLES BALD EAGLE (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) / GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos) TINGMIAQPAK

### **Biology**

**Bald Eagle** 

Bald eagels are more common in the Delta than outlying areas. They usually nest in trees, beginning in April-May, and incubate eggs approximately 34-35 days. Young leave nest (fledge) by 70- 80 days. Bald Eagles feed primarily feed on fish, often dead or dying fish. Birds begin fall migration in September.



### Golden Eagle

Golden Eagles are much more common in Richardson Mountains than Bald Eagles. Goldens use both cliff and tree nests and begin nesting in April-May. Goldens incubate their eggs for approximately 35-45 days, producing 1-2 young per year that leave the nest (fledge) after 65-75 days. Primarily feeding on rabbits, hares, ground squirrels, goldens will occasionally prey on young of larger mammals. Goldens have a late fall migration.

### **Important Habitat**

Willow River, Fish Creek, First Creek, Mackenzie Delta, Herschel Island, North Slope Coast (birds of prey generally).

### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

### **Research Priority**

Moderate - Community interested in ecological relationship, role in food chain.

### **Population Status**

Bald Eagle population has increased in recent years according to TK. Golden Eagles have also been more common in Delta in early 1990's but less common than bald eagles.

### **Population Goal**

Unspecified.

- Do not harass or disturb nesting birds.
- Do not export birds.
- Identify and protect important habitats (including southern wintering habitat) from disruptive land uses.

#### PEREGRINE FALCON (Falco peregrinus) / KIJGAVIK GYRFALCON (Falco rusticolus) / KIJGAVIK ROUGH LEGGED HAWK (Buteo lagopus) / QILGIQ

#### **Biology**

Peregrine Falcon nest in cliffs, laying 2-4 eggs and feed on small to medium sized birds.

Gyrfalcon nest in cliffs and occasionally trees, laying 3-4 eggs. They feed on ground squirrels, ptarmigan, and occasionally hare. Populations cycle with prey availability.

Rough-legged Hawk nest on cliffs, laying 2-5 eggs. They feed on lemmings, and ground squirrels.

#### **Important Habitat**

Richardson Mountains, Coastal areas with suitable cliff nesting habitat. Herschel Island important for rough-legged hawk.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

GNWT and Yukon Birds of Prey Regulations.

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES); Peregrine Falcon - Appendix 1.

#### **Research Priority**

Moderate - Interest in ecological relationships, role in food chain.

#### **Population Status**

Local indigenous observation suggests there appears to be fewer gyrfalcon in vicinity of Herschel Island than in past. Gyrfalcon were abundant apparently in the early 1940's. Appear reasonably stable in the Richardson Mountains. Evidence of long term occupation. Survey conducted every 5 years indicates Mackenzie River Peregrine population has steadily increased since the 70s.

#### **Population Goal**

Unspecified, adequate numbers at present.

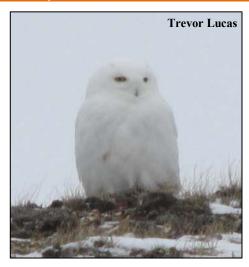
#### **Conservation Measures**

- Do not export.
- Do not harass or disturb nesting birds.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

#### SNOWY OWL (Nyctea scandiaca) / UKPIK

#### **Biology**

Most snowy owls migrate to region in spring; however, a few may overwinter. Owls arrive in April, and nest mid to late May, preferably on elevated ground. They typically lay 5-7 eggs, with some reports of 12 and incubation is 32 to 33 days. Birds are off nest in late August. Snowy Owls feed on lemmings, birds, and fishes. Owl numbers are usually low but are variable year to year. Snowy owls have an ecological association with brant geese during the nesting period, where brants nest close to Snowy owls to benefit from Snowy owls defending their nests from predators.



#### **Traditional Use**

Have been used as food in past.

#### **Important Habitat**

Coastal Areas.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None

#### **Research Priority**

Low.

#### **Population Status**

Appear to be decreasing, though some sense they were abundant in 1991. Population appears to be high in some years and low in others.

#### **Population Goal**

Unspecified. Adequate numbers for community needs.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Hunt only when needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.



#### **BIRD SPECIES LIST**

At least 125 species of birds may visit and nest in the mainland western arctic portions of the ISR. Some may only rarely occur and do not routinely breed in the area. A list of birds, which may occur in the area, is presented below. These species are important components of the ecosystem contribute to the quality of life in the area and are an attraction for tourists. Many of these species migrate to wintering areas outside of the ISR, their conservation depends on cooperative work with people outside the region.

Species	Wintering Areas
Alder Flycatcher	South America.
American Wigeon	West and south U.S. to South America and Caribbean.
American Robin	U.S. to Mexico.
American Tree Sparrow	Southern Canada to central U.S.
Arctic Tern	Sub-Antarctic seas.
Baird's Sandpiper	South America.
Bald Eagle	Southwest Canada, west and central U.S.
Bank Swallow	South America.
Black Guillemot	Pacific Ocean (at sea).
Black-bellied Plover	Coastal U.S. to Southern Hemisphere.
Blackpoll Warbler	South America.
Bohemian Waxwing	Southern Canada, U.S.
Bonapartes Gull	West coast U.S. to Mexico.
Boreal Chickadee	Boreal Forests North America.
Brant / Nirilrnag	Local concentrations on Pacific coast.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	South America, especially Argentina.
Canada Goose / Uluagulik	North Mexico north to limits of open water.
Canvasback	West and east coast U.S. to Mexico.
Cliff Swallow	Southern Brazil, central Argentina.
Common Loon / Tuutlik	West coast North America.
Common Goldeneye	West Coast Canada and U.S. central U.S.
Common Eider / Qaugaq	West coast of Alaska and Aleutians.
Common Snipe	Southwest coast Canada, U.S., Brazil.
Cowbird (Brown-Headed)	California, S. Arizona
Dark-eyed Junio	Southern Canada, U.S.
Dunlin	West coast Canada and U.S.
Fox Sparrow	Southern U.S. and west coast U.S.
Glaucus Gull (Ross's Gull) /	West coast of Alaska, Canada, U.S. to southern California.
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Golden Eagle / Tingmiaqpak	B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, U.S.
Gray Jay	Boreal forests North America.
Gray-cheeked Thrush	Caribbean to Brazil.
Green-winged Teal	Mid-U.S. south to Argentina.
Gyrfalcon / Kijgavik	West coast of Alaska and northern B.C.
Harlequin Duck	West coast Canada and U.S.
Harris's Sparrow	Southwestern Canada, U.S.
Herring Gull	West coast Canada and U.S.
Horned Grebe	West coast North America.
Horned Lark	Vancouver Island, Mexico, South America.

Iceland Gull	Great Lakes and east coast to Maryland.
Killdeer	South and central U.S. to central Mexico, Peru.
King Eider / Qingalik	Aleutians and northern west coast of North America.
Lapland Longspur	Southern Canada to southern U.S.
Least Sandpiper	Southern U.S. to Brazil.
Lesser Golden Plover	Mainly east of Rockies, southern South America.
Lesser Yellowlegs	Southern U.S. to Argentina.
Long-billed Dowitcher	West coast U.S. to Guatemala.
Long-tailed Jaeger	Migrant at sea, well off-shore, Southern Hemisphere.
Mallard	Southern Canada to Mexico.
Marsh Hawk	SW Canada, central U.S. to South America.
Merlin	Southern Canada
Mew Gull	West coast Canada and U.S.
Northern Flicker	West coast Canada, U.S.
Northern Fulmar	Off coast of western North America to northern Mexico.
Northern Goshawk	Year-round resident, though may move.
Northern Hawk Owl	South to western Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska.
Northern Pintail	Along Pacific coast, southern U.S. to northern S. America.
Northern Shoveler	West and south U.S. to South America.
Northern Shrike	Southern Canada to U.S.
Northern Waterthrush	Central and South America.
Oldsquaw / <b>Aahaanliq</b>	Aleutians and west coast of North America.
Orange-crowned Warbler	Southern U.S. to Guatemala.
Pacific Loon / Malri	Along coast S.E. Alaska to N.W. Mexico.
Parasitic Jaeger	At sea from southern U.S. to Tierra del Fuego.
Pectoral Sandpiper	South America.
Peregrine Falcon / Kijgavik	Sparingly along west coast of Canada and throughout U.S.
Pine Grosbeak	Western N.W.T., Yukon, Alaska, B.C., Rocky Mountains.
Pomarine Jaeger	At sea from southern U.S. to southern hemisphere.
Raven	Year round in North America - widespread.
Red Knot	Coast of southern U.S., Mexico, also S. Hemisphere.
Red Phalarope	Coast of California south, range at sea poorly known.
Red-breasted Merganser	West coast Canada and U.S.
Red-necked Grebe	West coast North America.
Red-necked Phalarope	Pacific Ocean (at sea).
Red-tailed Hawk	U.S.
Red-throated Loon / Suglia	Along coast to northern Mexico and Florida.
Red-winged Blackbird	Northern U.S. south.
Redpoll	N.W.T., Yukon, Alaska, central Canada
Rock Ptarmigan / Niksaaktualuk	Some withdrawal from higher to lower elevations.
Ross's Goose	Mainly in SW U.S.
Rosy Finch	Southwestern Canada, west central U.S.
Rough-legged Hawk / Qilgiq	Southern Canada to southern U.S. but rarely to Mexican
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Southern U.S. to Guatemala.
Ruddy Turnstone	Coastal U.S., Hawaii.
Rusty Blackbird	Southeastern U.S.
Sabine's Gull	In Pacific to Chile, local in Atlantic.
Sanderling	West coast of North America.
Sandhill Crane / <b>Tatijgaq</b>	Mexico, locally in southern U.S.
Savannah Sparrow	Southern U.S. to Honduras and Caribbean.
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Say's Phoebe	
Scaup (Greater)	West coast of Canada and locally throughout U.S.
Scaup (Lesser)	West coast of U.S., southern U.S. to northern S. America.
Scoter (Common or Black)	Aleutians and along Pacific coast.
Semi-palmated Plover	West coast of southern North America to South America.
Semi-palmated Sandpiper	Mainly east of Rockies to South America.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Northern U.S. to South America.
Short-eared Owl	Southorn LLC to control Movico
Smith's Longspur	Southern U.S. to central Mexico. South central U.S.

Snow Bunting	West coast and central North America, in open country.						
Snow Goose / Kanguq	North Mexico, Gulf Coast, migrant through interior.						
Snowy Owl / Ukpik	Cyclic winters to central U.S., Canada except Arctic.						
Solitary Sandpiper	Gulf of Mexico to Argentina						
Spotted Sandpiper	Southern U.S. to Argentina.						
Stilt Sandpiper	Southern U.S. to Argentina.						
Tennessee Warbler	Mexico to Venezuela.						
Three-toed Woodpecker	West. N.W.T., Yukon, Alaska, N. provinces, Rocky Mtns.						
Tree Swallow	Southern U.S. to northern South America.						
Tundra Swan / Quqyuk	Seaboards of eastern and western North America, end of Alaskan						
	peninsula and locally throughout U.S.						
Upland Sandpiper	Argentina.						
Varied Thrush	West coast Canada and U.S.						
Wandering Tattler	S.W. Coast to U.S. to Ecuador.						
Water Pipit (American)	West coast of U.S., southern U.S. south to El Salvador.						
Whimbrel	West coast of S. North America to S. South America.						
White Fronted Goose / Nirliq	Mexico, Gulf states and occasionally north to Washington.						
White-crowned Sparrow	Southwestern Canada, U.S.						
White-rumped Sandpiper	South America.						
White-winged Crossbill	Western N.W.T., Yukon, Alaska, northern Alberta, B.C.						
Willow Ptarmigan / Aqijgivik	Resident year-round.						
Wilson's Warbler	Mexico to Panama.						
Yellow Warbler	Mexico to Peru.						
Yellow-billed Loon	Along coast of northwestern North America.						

## **ARCTIC CISCO** (Coregonus autumnalis)

#### **Biology**

The Arctic cisco is the most saline-tolerant of the anadromous coregonids and is thus found more often and further



from the Mackenzie basin than the other species. It is distinguishable from the least cisco by smaller eyes and scales, more silver colour, white pectoral and pelvic fins, and terminal mouth (at the tip of the body). The Arctic cisco is found in arctic Canada and Siberia. They are common along the Yukon coast and in the Mackenzie Delta during summer. The food fishery targets Arctic cisco during its departure or return from overwintering areas, such as in Tuktoyaktuk Harbour, and during spawning migrations during fall. They are believed to spawn only in the large tributaries of the Mackenzie River or in the Mackenzie itself. Spawning probably takes place over gravel in fast water areas such as rapids. They reach a maximum length of near 38 cm (15 in.) and may live for up to 20 years. Arctic cisco feed on small fish and crustaceans.

#### Important Habitat

Mackenzie River and estuary, tributaries to the Mackenzie (spawning habitat), inland lakes. Inner Shallow Bay/Niakunak Bay and Kugmallit Bay are important overwintering and nursery areas. Blue Herring are found off Shingle Point, Bailey Island, N.E. Richards Island, Tuktoyaktuk.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

#### **Recent Research**

- Index netting program begun in 1999 in Aklavik and Inuvik (also included RRCs in Aklavik, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic) to document average lengths/weights and abundance of all captured species.
- FJMC North Slope Stock Identity Study (Charr and Cisco) conducted in 1989.

#### **Research Priority**

Community considers research on the biology and ecology of these species a high priority.

#### **Population Status**

Abundant.

#### **Population Goal**

Adequate supply at present.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- No drilling in areas where these species concentrate for spawning or migration.
- Ensure all oil related activities are closely monitored.

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# ARCTIC GRAYLING (Thymallus arcticus) / SULUKPAUGAQ

#### **Biology**

Distributed throughout the northern regions of western provinces, the



Northwest Territories, Yukon, Alaska and the headwaters of the Missouri River in Montana. Also present in Eurasia. Grayling require clear water typically associated with small streams or medium rivers and, therefore, they are rare in the turbid Mackenzie River. In the western Arctic, they are known to occur in the groundwater fed springs on the Yukon North Slope and in most rivers to the east of the Mackenzie. Grayling can be highly migratory, using different streams for spawning, juvenile rearing, summer feeding, and overwintering or may complete their entire life without leaving a short section of stream or lake. Grayling may overwinter in lakes or the lower reaches and deeper pools of medium-sized rivers. Grayling are primarily a shallow water fish and mainly feed at the surface on terrestrial and aquatic insects, but will also consume crustaceans, small fish and fish eggs. Unlike most other members of the salmon family, grayling spawn in spring typically as the ice is just breaking up. Spawning occurs over gravel areas in running water and no redds are built. Grayling fry hatch about three weeks after spawning and occupy the quieter waters near where they were hatched. Most grayling do not become sexually mature until 6-9 years of age. Average length is approximately 35 cm (14 in.). Maximum weight is approximately 2.5 kg (5.5 lb).

#### **Important Habitat**

Kugaluk River, Coastal rivers of North Slope. Occasionally Richards Island.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

#### Recent Research

Some grayling were tagged in the Babbage River in fall 1992 as part of FJMC sponsored project.

#### **Research Priority**

High priority, especially along the Inuvik-Tuk Highway corridor (community fishing plan being developed).

#### **Population Status**

Locally common in certain streams.

#### **Population Goal**

Adequate supply at present.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Harvest only what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

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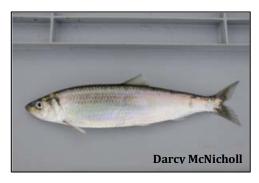
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### **BLUE** or **PACIFIC HERRING** (*Clupea pallasi*) / **PIQQUAQTITAQ**

#### **Biology**

Pacific herring are true marine fish and can be identified from other "herring" species (Arctic and least ciscos) by the absence of the adipose fin (a small fleshy "knob" posterior to the dorsal fin) found on salmon, charr, grayling, whitefish, coney and ciscos. Pacific herring are very important to the coastal waters of the Beaufort



Sea and are utilised by people in the community of Tuktoyaktuk. Pacific herring are preyed upon by beluga whales, seals and a

large number of marine and anadromous fish species. Pacific herring spawn around the time of ice break- up (late June) in the deep coastal bays in which they have overwintered. Tuktoyaktuk Harbour is a major overwintering area. Spawning is confined to shallow, vegetated areas in the intertidal and subtidal zones. Following spawning, they disperse throughout the Beaufort for feeding and return to overwintering sites beginning in late August. Herring probably spawn every year after reaching sexual maturity at about 6-7 years of age in this area. The number of eggs varies with the age/size of the fish and averages 20,000 annually. Average life span for these fish is up to 16 years in the Bering Sea. Their food consists of small fish, crustaceans and copepods.

#### **Important Habitat**

Mackenzie River and estuary, tributaries to the Mackenzie (spawning habitat), inland lakes. Inner Shallow Bay/Niakunak Bay and Kugmallit Bay are important overwintering and nursery areas. Blue Herring are found off Shingle Point, Bailey Island, N.E. Richards Island, Tuktoyaktuk.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

#### **Recent Research**

FJMC North Slope Stock Identity Study (Charr and Cisco) conducted in 1989.

#### Research Priority

Community considers research on the biology and ecology of these species a low priority.

#### **Population Status**

Abundant.

#### **Population Goal**

Adequate supply at present.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- No drilling in areas where these species concentrate for spawning or migration.
- Ensure all oil related activities are closely monitored.

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#### BROAD WHITEFISH (Coregonus nasus) / AANAAKŁIQ

#### **Biology**

Distributed in fresh and brackish waters of arctic drainages of northwestern North



America and northern Eurasia, south to approximately the 60th parallel. Spawning mainly occurs over gravel areas in rivers in October or November. Downstream migration of post-spawning fish may occur gradually over the winter. Maturation occurs at approximately seven years of age. Broad whitefish are more frequently encountered in rivers than lakes, although distinct anadromous and non-migratory lake dwelling stocks (e.g., Wolf Lake) are known from the Mackenzie River basin. Additionally, broad whitefish are often found in coastal areas of the Beaufort Sea (e.g., Shingle Point). Diet includes aquatic insects, small molluscs and crustaceans. They contain a strong organ similar to a bird gizzard that aides in the digestion and breakdown of shelled organisms. It is a deep-bodied fish with a blunt snout and short head. Average length is near 45 cm (18 in.).

#### **Important Habitat**

Several overwintering areas in East Channel and Whitefish Bay. Tuktoyaktuk Harbour, Mason Bay, Mallik Bay, Shallow Bay, streams of Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Husky Lakes (in salinities ranging from 1-18 ppt), spawning throughout Mackenzie system.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None

#### **Research Priority**

Unspecified.

#### **Population Status**

Locally abundant.

#### **Population Goal**

Maintain abundant population to support subsistence harvest.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Only harvest what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Concern over potential impacts from beaver dams.

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#### BURBOT or LOCHE (Lota lota) / TIKTAALIQ

#### **Biology**

Burbot, along with Northern Pike are the most widely distributed freshwater fish in the world, and are the only freshwater member of the cod family, and are one of few Canadian freshwater fish species that spawns in mid-winter (January-March) under the ice. Burbot usually spawn at night in less than 3 m (10 ft.) of water lakes or slow sections of rivers. Burbot call at spawning time, these calls attract other burbot. Males



arrive to at spawning areas before females, and spawning often takes place in large groups. Each female can release hundreds of thousands of eggs. Burbot are a top-level predator and important to the aquatic ecosystem. Young burbot feed primarily on aquatic insects, while adult burbot are voracious fish predators. In the Mackenzie Delta, young burbot and Northern Pike are an important part of the diet of adult burbot. The average size of an adult burbot is about 5 lbs. and 75 cm, however individuals of over 25 lbs. have been reported.

Burbot have large fatty livers have traditionally been used as a high-energy, nutritious, vitamin rich food for people living along the lower Mackenzie River and Mackenzie Delta. Burbot are often targeted by local fishers in early winter at the mouths of creeks where they come to feed before spawning.

#### **Important Habitat**

Mouths of creeks in the fall. Winter and spring may be abundant in fresh or brackish waters of Kugmallit Bay's coastal embayments.

Burbot live in a variety of habitats including creeks, lakes, and large rivers. Burbot have found in brackish waters of the outer Mackenzie Delta. Burbot require, clean, cold, well oxygenated water to survive.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

#### **Research Priority**

Unspecified.

#### **Population Status**

Appear to be in decline (TK).

#### **Population Goal**

Maintain abundant population to support subsistence harvest.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Only harvest what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

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#### CONEY or INCONNU (Stenodus leucichthys) / SIIGAQ



#### Biology

The largest member of the whitefish family but distinguishable from the more common whitefish by the strong extended lower jaw. Often called "coney" by resident of the area, inconnu are present in northwestern North America and Eurasia. Coney are anadromous in some areas, making long (up to 1000 km (621 mi.) migrations to upstream spawning areas, whereas in other areas, they are lake dwelling. Coney may reach weights in excess of 20 kg (44 lb) and lengths greater than 1 m (3.3 ft.). Upstream, spawning migrations of coney from coastal overwintering areas begin during the period of ice break-up. Some fish move to feeding grounds while mature fish migrate to spawning areas. Coney spawn in 1-3 m (3.3-9.8 ft.) of water with fast current over a bottom composed of different sized gravel. Spawning occurs during late afternoons and evenings in late September and early October. Coney do not dig a redd, or spawning nest. The slightly adhesive fertilised eggs fall to the stream bottom where they lodge in the gravel. Unlike Pacific salmon, which die after spawning, coney is capable of spawning several times. A rapid downstream migration occurs after spawning as coney move back to coastal areas. Eggs hatch in approximately six months with fry being washed downstream by spring runoff to delta or coastal areas. Fry begin to feed on plankton, but their diet rapidly changes to insect larvae and small fish. By the second year of life, their diet is almost entirely fish.

Age at first spawning varies with the population, but males mature from ages 7 to 11. Some coney may spawn every year, but every other year is probably the rule in most populations.

#### **Important Habitat**

Mackenzie River and Mackenzie River Estuary (rearing habitat).

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None at present. Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Coney (*Stenodus leuchicthys*) in the Gwich'in Settlement Area, Inuvialuit Settlement Region, and the Sahtu Settlement Area, Northwest Territories 2000-2005.

#### **Recent Research**

- DFO stock status report released in September 1998. (Stock Status Report D5-04, Mackenzie River inconnu). Strontium analysis of inconnu from the Mackenzie River and Shingle Point in 1997.
- Radio tagging of inconnu at Shingle Point and Mackenzie Delta in 1996.
- Has been extensively studied in Russia. Information being collected as part of Mackenzie River Test Fishery (1989-1994).

#### **Research Priority**

Unspecified.

#### **Population Status**

Locally common.

#### **Population Goal**

Maintain abundant population to sustain subsistence harvest.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Harvest only what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

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#### DOLLY VARDEN CHAR (Salvelinus malma) / IQALUKPIK

#### **Biology**

Dolly Varden belong to a group of fish called charr. The light



spots on their sides distinguish them from most trout and salmon which are usually black spotted or speckled. In the ISR, Dolly Varden charr occur to the west of the Mackenzie River (e.g., the Big Fish River, the Babbage River, the Firth River, Joe Creek and the Rat River), while Arctic char occur to the east of the Mackenzie (Hornaday River, Ulukhaktok rivers).

Dolly Varden spawn in groundwater-fed mountain streams, usually during the fall from late September to November. The female, depending on her size, may deposit from 2,500 to 10,000 in depressions, or redds, which she constructs in the streambed gravel by digging with her tail fin. The male usually takes no part in these nest building activities and spends most of his time fighting and chasing other males.

When the female is ready to deposit her eggs, the male moves to her side and spawning begins. Sperm and eggs are released simultaneously into the redd. The eggs develop slowly in the cold water temperatures usually present during the incubation period.

Hatching of the eggs may occur in February, four to five months after fertilization. After hatching, the young Dolly Varden obtain food from their yolk sac and usually do not emerge from the gravel until spring.

The young Dolly Varden rear in streams before beginning their first migration to sea. Most Dolly Varden migrate to sea in their third or fourth year, but some wait as long as their sixth year. At this time, they are about 30 cm (12 in) long and are called a smolt. This migration usually occurs in May or June. After their first seaward migration, Dolly Varden usually spend the rest of their lives conducting seasonal migrations between rivers and the sea.

At maturity, Dolly Varden return to spawn in the stream from which they originated. The fish possesses the ability to find their "home" stream without randomly searching. Northern Dolly Varden reach maturity at age 6 after having spent two or three summers at sea. Northern Dolly Varden may live as long as 16 years, but individuals over age 8 are uncommon.

#### **Traditional Use**

Very important food source.

#### **Important Habitat**

Fish Hole, Rat River, Big Fish River, Fish Creek, Babbage River, Peel River, Vittrekwa River, Shingle Point, King Point, Kay Point, Ptarmigan Bay, Herschel Island. Charr occasionally travel the Mackenzie near Inuvik and are caught.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Dolly Varden (Salvelinus malma malma) of the Gwich'in Settlement Area and Inuvialuit Settlement Region Northwest Territories and Yukon North Slope 2011-2015.

- Big Fish River Fishing Plan: community harvest of char at Shingle Point, the mouth of the river and the Fish Hole. 2014 draft submitted to the Dolly Varden IFMP Steering Committee and supported by the West Side Working Group.
- Local char management recommendations are made in the ISR by the West Side Working Group (AHTC, FJMC, DFO, Aklavik Elders, Parks Canada, Herschel Island Territorial Park) and for the Rat River by the Rat River Working Group (AHTC, ERRC, TRRC, GRRB, DFO, FJMC).

#### Recent Research & Monitoring

- Big Fish River Fish Hole harvest and sampling program approved under a DFO Aboriginal Communal Fishing Licence, and completed in November 2014 and October 2015. Plans to continue program in 2016.
- Mixed-stock genetics analyses and char monitoring at Shingle Point and other coastal sites in summer (ongoing since 2011)
- Mark-recapture studies in the Big Fish, Babbage, Rat, Firth / Joe Creek for population estimates
- Weir assessments for Dolly Varden charr at the Babbage River, Big Fish River and Rat River
  were done in 1990-1992, 1991 and 1989 respectively. Mark-recapture, radio and Floy tagging
  studies have been on most stocks, led by the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans and with
  community-based technicians undertaking or participating in the field work. Estimates of the
  size of the stocks are available, and the subsistence fisheries at each system are monitored
  each year in community-based programs. Monitors are sometimes stationed at Shingle Point.
- Index netting program began in 1999 in Aklavik and Inuvik (also included RRCs in Aklavik, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic) to document average lengths/weights and abundance of all captured species.
- DFO/Aklavik HTC mark-recapture study at the fish holes on Big Fish River in 1998. FJMC North Slope Stock Identity Study (Charr and Cisco) conducted in 1989.

#### **Research Priority**

High: The community is very interested in knowing more about the biology and movement of Dolly Varden char. There is also great concern over change in charr abundance and water quality in the Fish Hole.

#### Population Estimates (based on DFO mark-recapture studies in Fish Hole)

- Babbage River (2013): 10,659 (95% confidence interval: 7,227-19,673; for char ≥365 mm in length). Population appears to be increasing in recent years (in comparison with 2010-2012 estimates).
- Big Fish River (2010): 5,794 (95% confidence interval: 4,127-9,723; for char ≥365 mm in length). Population appears stable, but at a reduced level in comparison with 1970s or 1980s estimates.
- Rat River (2013): 11,919 (95% confidence interval: 7,773-23,638; for char ≥365 mm in length)

#### **Population Goal**

Unspecified. Maintain adequate numbers to sustain (current/ increased) harvest. Would generally like more.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Ensure harvest is sustainable.
- Do not take more than needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

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#### JACKFISH or NORTHERN PIKE (Esox lucius) / SIULIK

#### **Biology**

Northern pike, also called "jackfish", are present in most waters of the western Arctic. The northern pike has a long, streamlined body and rows of sharp teeth in an "alligator"



type mouth. Pike are typically considered non-migratory although on occasion they have been noted to move large distances (100 km (161 mi.)). Northern pike spawn on aquatic vegetation in early spring, sometimes before the ice has melted. Pike are voracious and opportunistic feeders, feeding mainly on fish, but also consuming muskrats and ducklings. Preferred habitats are lakes and the warm, clear main channels of rivers or slack water areas. They have also been observed in the brackish waters of Husky Lakes and Mackenzie Estuary. Maximum weight of pike is likely near 20 kg (44 lb) in North America, although there are many unconfirmed reports of larger fish. Pike may live 24-26 years in this area.

#### **Important Habitat**

Tributaries, creeks and shallow lakes in Mackenzie Delta, Husky Lakes.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

#### **Recent Research**

U.D.C. Test Fishery, 1988-93. Data being collected as part of the Mackenzie River Test Fishery (1989- 1994).

#### **Research Priority**

Unspecified.

#### **Population Status**

Abundant.

#### **Population Goal**

Maintain adequate populations to sustain subsistence harvest.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Harvest only what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Harvest within guota where one has been established.

## LAKE TROUT (Salvelinus namaycush) / IQALUAKPAK

#### **Biology**

Lake trout are most common in large, deep lakes, but are occasionally captured in rivers, brackish (salty) water, and the ocean. Lake trout are slow growing, fall spawning fish (early-September) that, unlike salmon and other char, do not build



redds for their eggs. Spawning typically occurs over windswept shoals of lakes at depth greater than 2 m to avoid ice scouring and is rarely observed in rivers. Spawning takes place over clean, rocky lake bottoms, most often at night. Eggs hatch before ice breakup and the young live off a yolk sack until they are able to feed on zooplankton. Lake trout are long-lived (50+ years) and the largest of the local chars, potentially weighing over 20 kg (44 lb.). Sexual maturity is reached at different ages in different areas, but in many Arctic populations, spawning may not take place until fish reach 13-16 years. Mature lake trout have been observed to skip spawning between years to save up energy reserves. In most areas, lake trout feed on cisco, smelt, sticklebacks, sculpins, plankton and crustaceans and food preferences can shift throughout life and vary between lakes. Lake trout are distinguished from other char and salmon by their deeply forked tail, light-coloured spots, and worm-like pattern on their backs. During spawning some lake trout fins can become dark red in colour with a white stripe on the edge. Their bellies also can change to dark red, orange or yellow similar to other char. Because of the lake trout's slow growth, late maturation, skipped spawning events and selectivity of spawning habitat, they can be very sensitive to ecological disturbances.

#### **Important Habitat**

King Point Lakes, Husky Lakes, Noell Lake, Jimmy Lake, Ya Ya Lake, Peter Lake, Sitidgi Lake, Big Lake and numerous lakes on Richards Island (e.g., Wolf Lake).

#### Management Plans/Agreement

HTC Bylaw requires minimum 11 cm (4.5 in.) mesh size on nets.

#### Recent Research

- Baseline assessment of fish populations along the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway: key fishes, their ecology and lake trout population connectivity (DFO), 2014-2016
- Tuk-177 fisheries assessment, 2012
- DFO ecological assessment of Husky Lakes and Sitidgi Lake, 2000-2004

#### **Research Priority**

High: The community is very interested in knowing more concerning the biology and movement of lake trout in the area and in monitoring water quality where lake trout are harvested. Concerns over possible impacts from increased access to areas with lakes trout – particularly Husky Lakes – due to Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway.

#### **Population Status**

Appears to be stable though no formal studies to date.

#### **Population Goal**

Unspecified. Maintain adequate population to support current harvest.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Where commercial fishing is undertaken mesh-size should be no smaller than 14 cm (5.5 in.).
- Ensure harvest is sustainable.
- Do not take more than is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

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# LAKE WHITEFISH / CROOKED BACKS (Coregonus clupeaformis) / PIKUKTUUQ

#### **Biology**

Lake whitefish are also called "crooked back" or "humpback whitefish" in this area.



They are widely distributed across Canada as far south as the Great Lakes in large rivers and lakes. Lake whitefish in the Mackenzie Delta tend to have softer flesh and more parasites than broad whitefish and are thus less sought after by local fishermen. Lake whitefish spawn in late September or early October in this area and individual fish may spawn only every second or third year. Lake dwelling and anadromous fish can often be distinguished by differences in colour and physical characters. Lake whitefish feed on aquatic insects, molluscs, amphipods and a variety of small fish and fish eggs. They possess a strong organ similar to a bird gizzard that aides in the digestion and breakdown of shelled organisms. They reach a maximum weight of approximately 13kg (29 lb) and can live for at least 16 years. Most lake whitefish captured in area fisheries range from 6-10 years.

#### **Important Habitat**

Several overwintering areas in East Channel and Whitefish Bay. Tuktoyaktuk Harbour, Mason Bay, Mallik Bay, Shallow Bay, Husky Lakes, streams of Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, spawning throughout Mackenzie system.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

#### **Research Priority**

Concerns over impacts from increase access due to Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway.

#### **Population Status**

Locally abundant.

#### **Population Goal**

Maintain abundant population to support subsistence harvest.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Only harvest what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

#### LEAST CISCO or BIG-EYED HERRING (Coregonus sardinella) / IQALUSAAQ



#### **Biology**

The least cisco is common in the lower Mackenzie Delta and almost all lakes and rivers. Least cisco are much less migratory than the Arctic cisco and in coastal areas tend to be associated with the plume of their home river. The least cisco has a weak lower jaw that projects beyond the upper and has a larger eye than the Arctic cisco. Adults are brown to olive green and silvery below. Least cisco reach sexual maturity at 6-7 years of age. Mature least cisco migrate upstream in the fall to spawn in clear streams with gravel bottoms. Spawning takes place in early October. Least cisco found in lakes seldom exceed 23 cm (9 in.), while those in the Mackenzie River or coastal areas reach almost 40 cm (16 in.) in length. Least cisco are very important in the food chain, as they are eaten by predacious coney, pike, and burbot and undoubtedly, a large number of mammals and birds.

#### **Important Habitat**

Mackenzie River and estuary, tributaries to the Mackenzie (spawning habitat), inland lakes. Inner Shallow Bay/Niakunak Bay and Kugmallit Bay are important overwintering and nursery areas. Blue Herring are found off Shingle Point, Bailey Island, N.E. Richards Island, Tuktoyaktuk.

#### **Management Plans/Agreements**

None.

#### **Recent Research**

FJMC North Slope Stock Identity Study (Charr and Cisco) conducted in 1989.

#### **Research Priority**

Community considers research on the biology and ecology of these species a moderate priority.

#### **Population Status**

Abundant.

#### **Population Goal**

Adequate supply at present.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- No drilling in areas where these species concentrate for spawning or migration.
- Ensure all oil related activities are closely monitored.



#### FISH (IQALUK) SPECIES LIST

Many species of fish occur within the freshwater and marine environments of the mainland western Arctic. Most lakes and rivers support fish populations. A partial list of these including those already mentioned is presented below. It is recognized that these species may be important components of the food chain on which other species (e.g. Arctic char, seals, polar bear) depend. As with other species, protection should be given to important habitats or ecological relationship where these become known. The Outer Mackenzie Delta area, particularly Mason and Mallik Bays, is very important overwintering and nursery habitat for a variety of marine and anadromous fish.

#### **Marine Species**

Arctic Cod (Boreogadus saida)

Blue Herring (Clupea pallasi) / Piqquaqtitaq

Capelin (Mallotus villosus)

Fourhorn Sculpin, Deepwater Sculpin or Devil Fish (*Myoxocephalus quadricornis*) / Kanayuq Greenland Cod (*Gadus ogac*)

Saffron Cod ((Elegiums navaga)

Sand Lance (Amodytes sp.)

Starry Flounder (*Platichthys stellatus*)

Tom Cod (Microgadus proximus) / Ulugaq

#### **Freshwater**

Arctic Char (Salvelinus alpinus) / Iqalukpik1 (land locked)

Arctic Cisco (Coregonus autumnalis)

Arctic Grayling (Thymallus arcticus) / Sulukpaugaq

Broad Whitefish (Coregonus nasus) / Aanaalig

Burbot or Loche (Lota lota) / Tiktaaliq

Chum Salmon (Oncorhynchus keta)<sup>1</sup>

Dolly Varden (Salvelinus malma) / Igaluagpak

Finescale Dace (Phoxinus neogaeus)

Flathead Chub (*Platygobio gracilis*)

Inconnu or Coney (Stenodus leucichthys) / Siigaq

Lake Chub (Couesius plumbeus)

Lake Trout (Salvelinus namaycush) / Iqaluaqpak

Lake Whitefish (Coregonus clupeaformis) / Pikuktuug

Least Cisco or Big-eyed Herring (Coregonus sardinella) / Igalusaag1

Longnose Dace (Rhinichthys cataractae)

Longnose Sucker (Catostomus catostomus)

Nine-spine Stickleback (Pungitius pungitius)

Northern Pike (Esox lucius) / Siulik

Pink Salmon (Onchorhynchus gorbuscha)¹
Pond Smelt (Hypomesus olidus)
Rainbow Smelt (Osmerus mordax)
Round Whitefish (Prosopium cylindraceum)
Slimy Sculpin (Cottus cognatus)
Spoonhead Sculpin (Cottus ricei)
Trout Perch (Percopsis omiscomaycus)
Walleye (Stizostedion vitreum)
White Sucker (Catostomus commersoni)

1. These fish spend part of their life in salt water and part in fresh water. This life style is called "anadromous".

#### **INSECTS / QUPILRUT**

A great number of terrestrial and aquatic insects and other invertebrates occur in the mainland western Arctic portion of the ISR. It is recognized that these species may form an important part of the food chain on which other animals or plants depend and may perform important functions, such as flower pollination and the breakdown of organic matter. Some species such as mosquitoes (**kikturiat**) also have a significant effect on the behaviour and habitat use patterns of by other animals (e.g. caribou) while others, such as butterflies (**saqaliqitaaq**), may be a potential tourist attraction. Species such as the green dragonfly (**niulriq**) known as the "Timberline Emerald" (*Somatochlora sahlbergi*) have characteristics of particular interest to scientists. This species is found across Asia and has a preference for deep mossy ponds. It is one of the few dragonfly species which is known to interbreed with other species of dragonfly. The Community recognizes that the unregulated collection of certain rare insects can be a problem.

#### **Important Habitats**

Insect habitat is generally abundant and widespread in the western Arctic, however, there are certain habitat areas that tend to support species which have very limited distribution in North America and/or the northern hemisphere.

Examples of these habitats include the following:

- unglaciated areas where dolomite or limestone is common;
- west side of the Richardson Mountains in "White Mountains" area;
- south facing slopes dominated by pasture sage (Artemesia frigida).

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Protect important habitats and ecological relationships (as appropriate) where these become known.
- Become more familiar with the insect life of the region.



#### PLANTS / NAUTCHIAT OF THE MAINLAND WESTERN ARCTIC

A large number of plant species occur in the mainland western Arctic portion of the ISR. The flora of the area includes approximately 523 species of vascular plants (**nautchiat**), at least 100 mosses, 121 lichen (**tuktut niqait**), 6 species of liverwort and 11 species of fern. These latter non-vascular plants are collectively known as **ivgit**. Plants provide an essential component of the ecosystem on which all animals depend. They provide food and shelter for wildlife, influence water quality, provide food for humans and make a valued contribution to the overall appearance of the land. The picking of berries (**asiat**) is an important summer activity.

#### **Research Priority**

The community considers research on plants, particularly monitoring the health of important food plants (for humans and animals) a very high priority.

#### **Conservation Measures**

- Protect important habitats and ecological relationships when these become known.
- Do not export.

A partial list of plants which have been or may be found in the area is provided below. Not included are the many species of moss, lichen and liverwort referred to above. Plants used for food or other purposes by the Inuit are marked with an asterisk (\*). Those which are considered rare are marked with a "+" sign. Where an asterisk is in brackets, there is uncertainty about the plant's identification.

#### PLANT SPECIES LIST

Achillea sibirica

A. borealis

Aconitum delphinifolium subsp. delphinifolium

Agoseris glauca

Agropyron boreale subsp. alaskanum

A. b. subsp. boreale

A. b. subsp. hyperarcticum

A. macrourum Agrostis borealis

A. scabra

Allium schoenoprasum var. sibiricum

Alnus crispa subsp. crispa A. incana subsp. tenuifolia

Alopecurus alpinus subsp. alpinus

Amerorchis rotundifolia Andromeda polifolia

Androsace chamaejasme subsp. lehmanniana

A. septenrionalis Anemone drummondii

A. multifida

A. narcissiflora subsp. interior

A. parviflora A. richardsonii

Antennaria friesiana subsp. compacta

A. f. subsp. friesiana

A. isolepis

A. monocephala subsp. philonipha

Aquilegia brevistyla

Arabis hirsuta subsp. pycrocarpa

A. drummondii A. divaricarpa

Arctagrostis latifolia var. latifolia

A. I. var. arundinacea

Arctophila fulva

Arctostaphylos alpina (Black bearberry, Paungat food)(\*)

A. rubra

A. uva-ursi var. uva-ursi Arenaria capillaris

A. humifusa

Armeria maritima subsp. arctica Arnica alpina subsp. angustifolia

A. a. subsp. attenuata A. a. subsp. tomentosa

A. frigida

A. lessingii subsp. lessingii Artemisia arctica subsp. arctica

A. a. subsp. comata

A. borealis A. frigida A. furcata

A. tilesii subsp. elatior

A. tilesii subsp. tilesii (Wormwood - medicine)\*

Aster sibiricus

Astragalus aboriginum A. alpinus subsp. arcticus A. alpinus subsp. alpinus

A. bodinii

A. eucosmus subsp. eucosumus

A. eucosmus subsp. sealei

A. umbellatus Atriplex gmelini

Beckannia erucaeformis subsp. baicalensis

Betula glandulosa

B, nana subsp. exilis (Dwarf Arctic Birch - food)\*

Betula occidentalis B. papyrifera Boschniakia rossica Botrychium boreale

B. lunaria

Braya humilis subsp. arctica

B. purpurascens

B. pilosa

Bromus pumpellianus var. arcticus

B. p. var. pumpellianus

Bupleurum triradiatum subsp. articum

Calamagrostis canadensis subsp. canadensis

C. c. subsp. langsdorfii C. deschampsioides

C. holmii C. inexpansa C. lapponica C. neglecta C. purpurascens Calla palustris

Callitriche hermaphroditica

C. verna

Caltha palustris subsp. arctica (Marsh marigold food)\*

Campanula uniflora Capsella bursa-pastoris Cardamine bellidifolia

C. hyperborea

C. pratensis subsp. angustifolia

Carex albo-nigra C. amblyorhycha C. aquatilis C. atrofusca C. aurea C. bicolor C. bigelowii C. bonanzensis

C. canescens C. capillaris C. capitata C. chordorrhiza C. concinna C. diandra C. dioica C. disperma C. eburnea

C. garberi subsp. bifaria

C. glacialis

C. glareosa subsp. glareosa

C. holostoma C. lachenalii

D. macrocarpa

D. nivalis

C. laxa Descurainia sophioides C. limosa Diapensia lapponica C. livida Dodecatheon pulchellum subsp. pauciflorum C. magellanica D. frigidum C. machenziei Douglasia arctica C. macloviana D. ochotensis C. maritima Draba aurea C. media D. caesia C. membranacea D. crassifolia C. microchaeta D. lanceolata C. microglochin D. longipes C. misandra D. oligosperma C. nardina D. pilosa D. pseudopilosa C. obtusata C. petricosa Drosera rotundifolia C. podocarpa Dryas integrifolia subsp. integrifolia C. Ramenskii+ D. i. subsp. sylvatica C. rariflora (var. androgyra considerd rare)+ D. octopetala C. rostrata Dryopteris fragrans Dupontia fischeri subsp. fischeri C. rotundata C. rupestris D. F. subsp. psilosantha C. saxatilis Eleocharis acicularis C. scirpoidea E. palustris C. subspathacea Elymus arenarius subsp. mollis var. mollis C. tenuiflora E. a. subsp. mollis var. villosissimus C. ursina E. innovatus C. vaginata Empetrum nigrum subsp. hermaphroditum C. williamsii (Crowberry / Paungat - food, fuel)(\*) Cassiope tetragona subsp. tetragona Epilobium angustifolium (Fireweed - food, medicine)\* Castilleja caudata E. davuricum C. elegans E. latifolium (River beauty, willowherd - food)\* C. hyperborea E. palustre C. raupii Equisetum arvense (Horsetail - food, medicine)\* Cerastium arvense E. fluviatile C. beeringianum var. grandiflorum E. palustre Chamaedaphne calyculata E. pratense Chenopodium berlandieri subsp. zschackei E. scirpoides C. capitatum E. silvaticum (Horsetail - medicine)\* E. variegatum subsp. variegatum Chrysanthemum arcticum subsp. polare C. bipinnatum subsp. huronense Erigeron acris subsp. politus C. integrifolium E. compositus Chrysosplenium tetrandrum E. elatus Cicuta mackenzieana E. eriocephalus Cnidium cnidiifolium E. grandiflorus subsp. grandiflorus Cochlearia officinalis subsp. arctica E. humilis Corallorrhiza trifida E. hyperboreus Cornus canadensis E. lonchophyllus Eriophorum angustifolium subsp. subarcticum Corydalis sempervirens Crepis nana var. nana (Lettergrass - food, weaving)\* Cypripedium guttatum subsp. guttatum E. brachvantherum C. passerinum E. callitrix Cystopteris fragilis subsp. dickieana E. scheuchzeri var. scheuchzeri C. f. subsp. fragilis E. Scheuchzeri var. tenuifolium Delphinium glaucum E. russeolum Deschampsia brevifolia E. vaginatum subsp. spissum D. caespitosa var. caespitosa E. vaginatum subsp. vaginatum D. c. subsp. orientalis Erysimum cheiranthoides Draba cinerea E. inconspicuum D. hirta Ervsimum pallasii Eutrema edwardsii D. lactea

> Festuca altaica F. baffinensis

F. brachyphylla F. rubra Galium boreale G. brandegei

G, trifidum subsp. trifidum

Gentiana detonsa

G. glauca

G. propinqua subsp. arctophila

G. p. subsp. propinqua

G. raupii

Geocaulon lividum Geum glaciale

Goodyera repens var. ophioides

Halimolobus mollis

Hedysarum alpinum subsp. americanum

(Licoriceroot, Eskimo potato, Masu - food)\*

H. hedysaroides H.mackenzii Hierchloe odorata H. alpina

H. alpina H. pauciflora Hippuris tetraphylla

H. vulgaris (Mare's tail - food)\*

Honckenya peploides (Seabeach sandwort - food)\*

Hordeum jubatum

Juncus arcticus subsp. ater

J. biglumis J. bufonius

J. castaneus subsp. castaneus J. triglumis subsp. albescens J. triglumis subsp. triglumis Juniperus communis subsp. nana

J. horizontalis

Kobresia myosuroides

K. sibirica K. simpliciuscula Koeleria asiatica+

Lagotis glauca subsp. minor

Lappula occidentalis

Larix laricina var. alaskensis Ledum palustre subsp. decumbens

L. p. subsp. groenlandicum (Laborador Tea -

medicine)\*
Lemna trisulca
Lesquerella arctica
Linnaea borealis

Linum perenne subsp. lewisii

Listera borealis Lloydia serotina Loiseleuria procumbens

Loiseleuria procumbens Lomatogonium rotatum

Lupinus arcticus Luzula arctica

L. arcuata subsp. unalaschcensis L. multiflora subsp. multiflora L. parviflora subsp. parviflora

L. spicata L. tundricola L. wahlenbergii Lycopodium annotinum

L. confusa

L. selago subsp. appressum

L.s. subsp. selago Matricaria matricarioides Melandrium affine

L. apetalum subsp. articum

M. taimyrense M. taylorae

Menyanthes trifoliata

Mertensia maritima subsp. maritima

M. paniculata Minuartia biflora M. dawsonensis M. obtusiloba M. rossii M. rubella

Moehringia lateriflora Monenses uniflora

Montia fontana subsp. fontana Myosotis alpestris subsp. asiatica Myrica gale var. tomentosa Myriophyllum spicatum Nuphar polysepalum Oxycoccus microcarpus

Oxyria digyna (Mountain sorrel - food, medicine)\*

Oxytropis arctica
O. borealis

O. campestris subsp. gracilis

O. deflexa
O. maydelliana
Papaver hultenii

P. lapponicum subsp. occidentale

P. macounii

Parnassia kotzebuei P. palustris subsp. neogaea

Parrya nudicaulis subsp. septentrionalis

Pedicularis capitata

P. kanei subsp. kanei (Wooly Lousewort - food)\*

P. labradorica

P. langsdorffii subsp. arctica (Lousewort - food) (\*)

P. lapponica

P. sudetica subsp. albolabiata

P. s. subsp. interior (Lousewort - food)(\*)

P. verticillata

Petasites frigidus (Sweet Coltsfoot - food)\*
P. hyperboreus (Sweet Coltsfoot - food)\*

P. palmatus
P. sagittatus
Phippsia algida
Phlox alpigena1
P. hoodii

P. sibirica subsp. richardsonii

P. s. subsp. sibirica Picea glauca P. mariana

Pinguicula vulgaris subsp. vulgaris

P. villosa

Plantago canescens

P. eriopoda

P. maritima subsp. juncoides Platanthera hyperborea

P. obtusata Poa alpina

P. arctica subsp. arctica

P. glauca P. lanata P. paucispicula P. pratensis

Polemonium acutiflorum P. boreale subsp. boreale

P. pulcherrimum

Polygonum alaskanum (Eskimo rhubarb / Qaugaq - food)\*

P. amphibium subsp. laevimarginatum

P. aviculare

P. bistorta subsp. plumosum (Bistort - food)\*

P. viviparum (food)\*

Populus balsamifera subsp. balsamifera

Potamogeton berchtoldi

P. filiformis
P. friesii
P. gramineus
P. pectinatus
P. perfoliatus
P. praelongus
P. subsibiricus
P. vaginatus

P. zosterifolius subsp. zosteriformis

Potentilla egedii subsp. egedii

P. E. subsp. grandis
P. E. subsp. yokonensis

P. fruticosa

P. hookeriana subsp. chamissonis P. H. subsp. hookeriana var. hookeriana

P. hyparctica P. nivea

P. norvegica subsp. monspeliensis

P. palustris
P. pennsylvanica
P. pulchella
P. rubricaulis
P. vahliana
Primula borealis

P. egaliksensis

P. stricta

Puccinellia andersonii+

P. artica+ P. borealis P. interior P. phryganodes P. vaginata

Pulsatilla patens subsp. multifida Pyrola asarifolia var. purpurea

P. chlorantha P. grandiflora P. minor

P. secunda subsp. obtusata Ranunculus confervoides

R. cymbalaria R. eschscholtzii R. gelidus subsp. grayi R. gmelini subsp. gmelini

R. hyperboreus R. lapponicus R. nivalis

R. pallasii (Buttercup - food)\*+

R. pedatifidus subsp. affinis R. pygmaeus subsp. pygmaeus

R. p. subsp. sabinei

R. reptans

R. sceleratus subsp. multifidus R. sulphureus var. sulphureus R. trichophyllus var. trichophyllus

R. turneri+

Rhododendron lapponicum

Ribes hudsonianum

R. triste

Rorippa calycina

R. hispida var. barbareaefolia R. islandica subsp. fernaldiana

Rosa acicularis

Rubus arcticus subsp. stellatus (Arctic raspberry - food)\*+

R. chamaemorus (Cloudberry, Aqpik - food)\*

R. idaeus subsp. melanolasius

R. pubescens

R. acetosa subsp. alpestris

R. sibiricus

R. arcticus (Arctic Dock - food)\*

Sagina intermedia

Salix alaxensis (Alaska willow - food, additive to chewing tobacco)\*

S. arbusculoides

S. arctica subsp. arctica

S. arctolitoralis
S. arctophila
S. chamissonis+
S. fuscescens

S. glauca subsp. acutifolia S. g. subsp. callicarpaea S. g. subsp. desertorum

S. hastata S. lanata S. myrtillifolia S. niphoclada S. phlebophylla S. phylicifolia

S. polaris subsp. pseudopolaris

S. pulchra (food, medicine, additive to chewing tobacco and snuff)\*

S. reticulata subsp. reticulata Sanguisorba officinalis Saussurea angustifolia

Saxifraga caespitosa

S. cernua (Bulblet saxifrage - food)(\*)

S. exilis

S. foliolosa var. foliolosa Saussurea angustifolia Saxifraga caespitosa

S. cernua (Bulblet saxifrage - food)(\*)

S. exilis

S. foliolosa var. foliolosa

S. hieracifolia

S. hirculus (Bog saxifrage - food)(\*)

S. nivalis

S. oppositifolia subsp. oppositifolia

S. punctata subsp. nelsoniana (Cordate-leaved Saxifragi - food)\*

S. reflexa

S. rivularis var. flexuosa S. rivularis var. rivularis

S. tricuspidata

Sedum rosea subsp. integrifolium

Selaginella sibirica

Senecio atropurpureus subsp. frigidus

S. a. subsp. tomentosus

S. congestus
S. hyperborealis
S. lugens
S. pauperculus
S. resedifolius
S. yukonensis

Shepherdia canadensis Sibbaldia procumbens Silene acaulis subsp. acaulis S. a. subsp. subacaulescens

Silene repens
Smelowskia calycina
Solidago multiradiata
Sparganium hyperboreum
S. multipedunculatum
Spiraea beauverdiana

Stellaria calycantha subsp. interior

S. calycantha var. isophylla

S. crassifolia S. edwardsii S. humifusa S. laeta S. longipes S. media S. monantha

Taraxacum alaskanum T. ceratophorum

T. lacerum (Dandelion - food)\*

T. phymatocarpum Thellungiella salsuginea Thlaspi arcticum Tofieldia coccinea

T. pusilla

Trichophorum caespitosum Triglochin maritimum

T. palustris

Tripleurospermum phaeocephalum Trisetum spicatum subsp. molle

T. s. subps. spicatum Utricularia intermedia

U. vulgaris subsp. macrorhiza

Vaccinium uligonosum subsp. alpinum (Blueberry,

Asivit - food, fuel)\*

V. u. subsp. microphyllum (Blueberry, Asivit - food, fuel)\*

V. vitis-idaea subsp. minus (Lingonberry, Cranberry,

Kimingnat - food)\*

Valeriana capitata (Valerian - medicine)\*

Viola epipsila subsp. repens Wilhelmsia physodes Woodsia alpina+ W. glabella

Zygadenus elegans

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Stanford, California.

#### HARVEST SEASONS IN THE TUKTOYAKTUK PLANNING AREA

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Jun 15-30			caribou					fish	birds	Dec 15-31	furbearers	caribou	polar bear		fish	
Jun 1-15			caribou				grizzly bear	fish	birds	Dec 1-15	furbearers	caribou	polar bear		fish	
May 15-31		muskrat	caribou	polar bear	seal	muskox	grizzly bear	fish (I. trout)	birds	Nov 15-30	furbearers	caribou			fish	
May 1-15		muskrat	caribou	polar bear	seal	muskox	grizzly bear	fish (I. trout)	birds	Nov 1-15	furbearers	caribou			fish	
Apr 15-30		muskrat	caribou	polar bear	seal	muskox	grizzly bear	fish (I. trout)		Oct 15-31		caribou			fish	
Apr 1-15	furbearers	muskrat	caribou	polar bear	seal	muskox	grizzly bear	fish (I. trout)		Oct 1-15		caribou	seal		fish	
Mar 15-31	furbearers	muskrat	caribou	polar bear	seal			fish (I. trout)		Sep 15-30	beluga	caribou	seal	grizzly bear	fish	birds
Mar 1-15	furbearers		caribou	polar bear	seal			fish (I. trout)		Sep 1-15	beluga	caribou	seal	grizzly bear	fish	birds
Feb 15-28	furbearers		caribou	polar bear	seal			fish (I. trout)		Aug 15-31	beluga	caribou	seal	grizzly bear	fish	birds
Feb 1-15	furbearers		caribou	polar bear	seal			fish (I. trout)		Aug 1-15	beluga	caribou			fish	birds
Jan 15-31	furbearers		caribou	polar bear						Jul 15-31	beluga	caribou			fish	
Jan 1-15	furbearers		caribou	polar bear						Jul 1-15	beluga	caribou			fish	

# APPENDIX A: PRINCIPLES OF WILDLIFE HARVESTING AND MANAGEMENT FROM THE INUVIALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT

- 1. A basic goal of the Inuvialuit Land Rights Settlement is to protect and preserve the arctic wildlife, environment and biological productivity through the application of conservation principles and practices.
- 2. In order to achieve effective protection of the ecosystems in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, there should be an integrated wildlife and land management regime, to be attained through various means, including the coordination of legislative authorities.
- 3. It is recognized that in the future it may be desirable to apply special protective measures under laws, from time to time in force, to lands determined to be important from the standpoint of wildlife, research or harvesting. The appropriate ministers shall consult with the Inuvialuit Game Council from time to time on the application of such legislation.
- 4. It is recognized that one of the means of protecting and preserving the Arctic wildlife, environment and biological productivity is to ensure the effective integration of the Inuvialuit into all bodies, functions and decisions pertaining to wildlife management and land management in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.
- 5. The relevant knowledge and experience of both the Inuvialuit and the scientific communities should be employed in order to achieve conservation.

# APPENDIX B: GOALS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE INUVIALUIT RENEWABLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### **GOALS**

- 1. **Conserve Resource Base**. To conserve arctic animals and plants and their associated ecosystems within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.
- 2. **Integrated Management**. To provide for integrated renewable resource and land management.
- 3. **Co-operation**. To co-operatively manage shared resources.
- 4. **Enhance Understanding**. To enhance understanding and appreciation of arctic ecosystems.

#### **PRINCIPLES**

- 1. **Diversity**. Maintaining the great variety of animals and plants will help ensure the stability and productivity of the arctic ecosystem.
- Productivity & Culture. Maintenance of productive arctic ecosystems is essential for the survival of Inuvialuit cultural values, social systems, local economy and sense of well being.
- 3. **Communication and Co-operation**. Long term protection of ecosystems can best be achieved through active communication and co-operation of all parties concerned, including the combination of renewable resource and land management activities.
- 4. **Future Options**. Maintenance of the renewable resource base and its enhancement, where appropriate, will maximize Inuvialuit future options.
- 5. **Protection**. Special conservation measures, including new legislation, may be necessary from time to time, to protect the renewable resource base.
- 6. **Population Management**. Management of fish and wildlife resources as discrete populations, where these can be identified is essential to their conservation.
- 7. **Habitat**. Careful management of habitat is vital to the maintenance of abundant fish and wildlife populations.
- 8. **Resource Use**. Subsistence and recreational use of well managed renewable resources is desirable and consistent with their conservation.
- 9. **Participation**. Participation of the Inuvialuit in renewable resource and land management is essential for the conservation of Arctic plants and animals and the habitats on which they depend.
- 10. **Indigenous Knowledge**. Inuvialuit knowledge and experience are essential elements in the proper management of renewable resources in the Settlement Region.

# APPENDIX C: GOALS OF THE NORTH SLOPE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 1. **Conservation of Wildlife and Habitat**. Ensure that the management of fish and other wildlife, as well as habitat and harvesting, occur according to conservation principles.
- 2. **Protection of the North Slope Environment.** Ensure a healthy North Slope environment to maintain its natural state, including its biological diversity and productivity.
- 3. **Enhanced inter-jurisdictional Cooperation.** Ensure integrated and coordinated management of North Slope wildlife and habitat through inter-jurisdictional and international cooperation.
- 4. **Involvement with User Groups in Management Decisions.** Ensure participation of all North Slope user groups in management decisions.
- 5. **Development within Environmental Limits.** Ensure that development activity does not compromise the environment, wildlife, habitat or native use of the Yukon North Slope.

#### D: ORGANIZATION CHART FOR RENEWABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UNDER THE INUVIALUIT **FINAL AGREEMENT**

# As established in the Inuvialuit Final Agreement The Co-management System

Organizations Inuvialuit

Hunters and Trappers Committees (HTCs)

Impact Screening

Committee

Environmental

Aklavik

HTC

Inuvik HTC Inuvialuit Council Game Olokhaktokmiut

Tuktoyaktuk

(JGC)

Paulatuk HTC Sachs Harbour

Board of Directors to Each HTC appoints a member from their

form the IGC.

IGC appoints

board involves an equal number of government Each Co-management Co-management

Northwest Territories

Wildlife Management

Advisory Council

Government Agencies

Co-Management

Boards

Canada (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada) Yukon Government

Government of the Northwest Territories

Canada (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada) Yukon Government

Government of the Northwest Territories

Impact Review Board

Fisheries Joint

Management

Committee

Environmental

Canada (Department of Fisheries and Oceans)

Canada (Environment Canada - Parks Canada) Yukon Government

Wildlife Management

Advisory Council

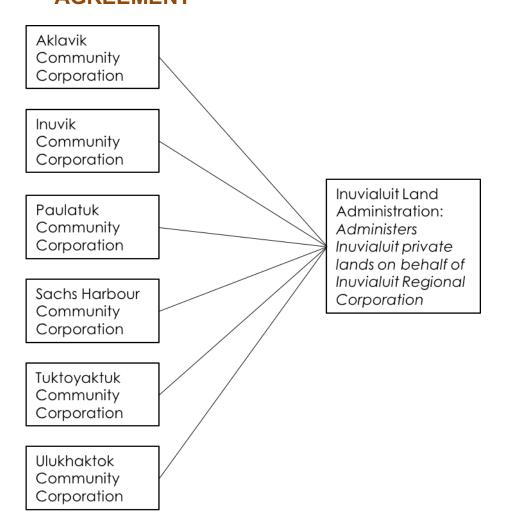
(North Slope)

Canada (Environment Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service) Government of the Northwest Territories

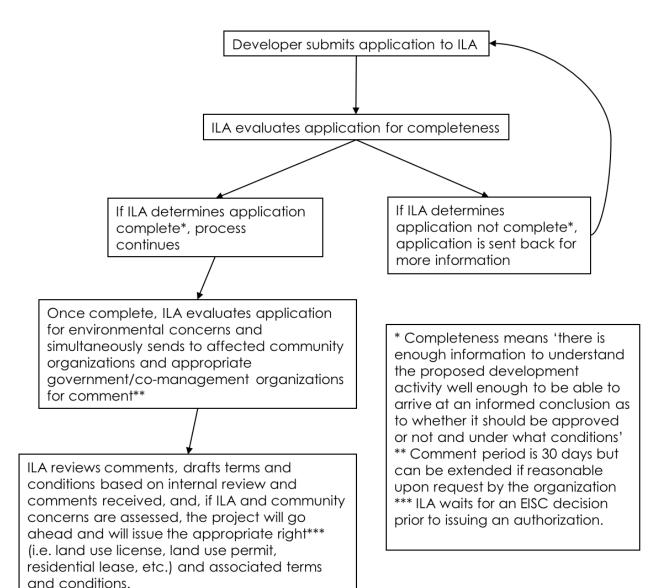
Co-management groups Government agencies appoint members to

The Joint Secretariat-Inuvialuit Settlement Region provides administrative, technical and logistical support to Inuvialuit Organizations and Co-management Boards.

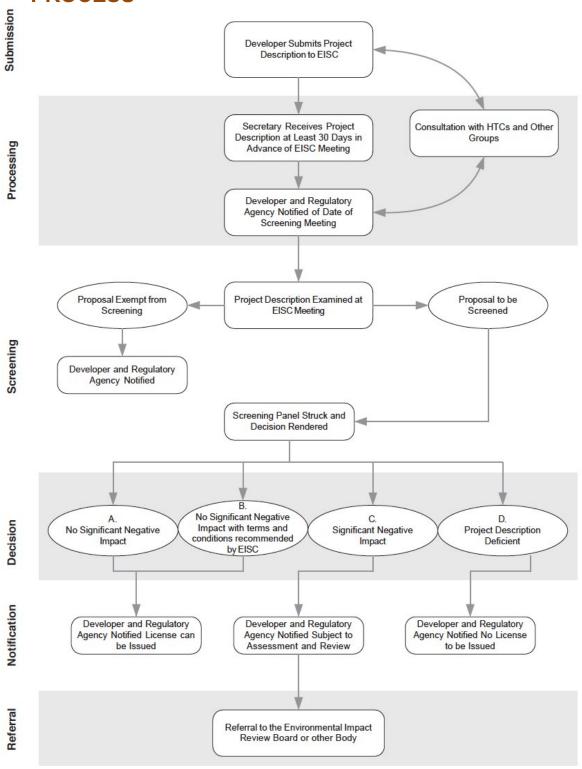
# APPENDIX E: ORGANIZATION CHART FOR PRIVATE LAND MANAGEMENT UNDER THE INUVIALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT



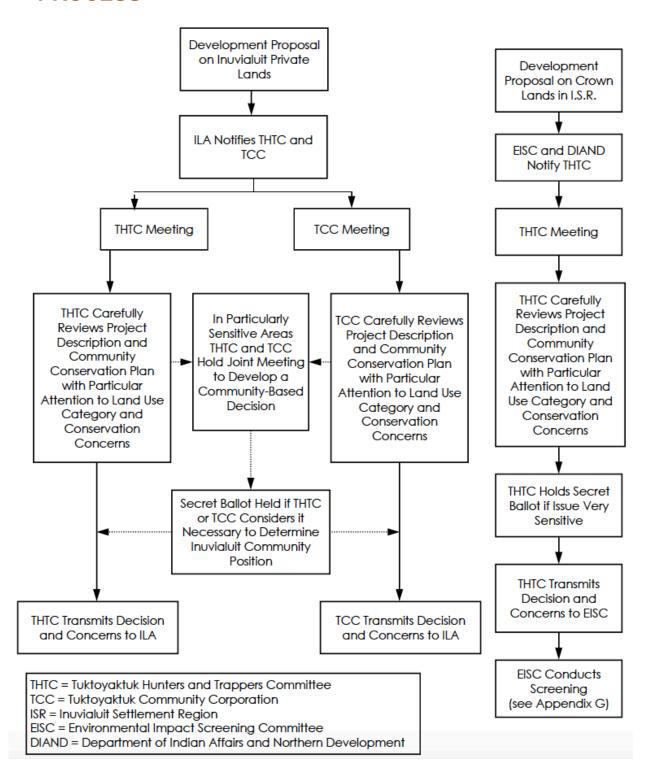
## APPENDIX F: INUVIALUIT LAND ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS



# APPENDIX G: INUVIALUIT SETTLEMENT REGION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SCREENING AND REVIEW PROCESS



## APPENDIX H: TUKTOYAKTUK LAND USE DECISION PROCESS



#### **APPENDIX I: CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS**

#### Section 19. From Inuvialuit Land Administration Manual of Rules and Procedures

- 19(1) Activities Prohibited on Inuvialuit Land
- 19(2) Excavation
- 19(3) Water Crossings
- 19(4) Clearing of Lines, Trails or Rights of Way
- 19(5) Survey Monuments
- 19(7) Contingency Plans
- 19(8) Pingos
- 19(9) Archaeological Sites
- 19(10) Campsites
- 19(11) Sewage
- 19(12) Restoration of an Area
- 19(13) Removal of Buildings and Equipment
- 19(16) Emergencies
- 19(17) Display of Rights
- 19(18) Staking
- 19(19) Cutting of Trees
- 19(20) Availability of Rules and Procedures

#### **CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS**

#### **ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED ON INUVIALUIT LAND**

- 19(1) No Holder shall, unless expressly authorized in his Right or in writing by the Administrator or Inspector:
  - (a) conduct an operation within 30 m (98 ft.) of a known monument or a known or suspected archaeological site or burial ground;
  - (b) when excavating Inuvialuit Land within 100 m (328 ft.) of any stream excavate at a point that is below the normal high water mark of that stream, except for buried pipelines:
  - (c) deposit on the bed or on the ice of any waterbody any excavated material; or
  - (d) when placing a fuel or supply cache within 100 m (328 ft.) or any stream or waterbody, place the fuel or supply cache below the normal high water mark of that stream or waterbody;

#### **EXCAVATION**

19(2) Subject to the terms and conditions of his Right or the express written authority of an Inspector, every Holder, other than the Holder of a Quarry Licence, Quarry Concession or Concession, shall replace all materials removed by him in the course of excavating, other than rock trenching, and shall level and compact the area of excavation, except for backfill over buried pipelines and sumps.

#### WATER CROSSINGS

19(3) Subject to the terms and conditions of his Right or the express written authority of an Inspector, every Holder shall:

- (a) remove any material or debris deposited in any stream or waterbody in the course of an operation, whether for the purpose of constructing a crossing or otherwise, and
- (b) restore the channel and bed of the stream or waterbody to their original alignment and cross- section, prior to the completion of the operations or prior to the commencement of spring break-up, whichever occurs first.

#### **CLEARING OF LINES, TRAILS OR RIGHTS OF WAY**

- 19(4) Unless expressly authorized in a Right, no Holder shall:
- (a) clear a new line, trail or right-of-way where there is an existing line, trail or right-of-way that can be used;
- (b) clear a line, trail, or right-of-way wider than 10 m (33 ft.); or,
- (c) while clearing a line, trail or right-of-way, leave leaners or debris in standing timber.
- 19(5) Where, in the opinion of an Inspector, serious erosion may result from an operation, the Holder shall adopt such measures to control erosion as may be required by the Inspector.

#### **SURVEY MONUMENTS**

- 19(6) Where a boundary, geodetic or topographic monument is damaged, destroyed, moved or altered in the course of an operation, the Holder shall, in accordance with these Rules and laws generally applicable:
  - (a) report the fact immediately to the Administrator and respective authorities, and pay the costs of:
    - (i) investigating such damage, destruction, movement or alteration, and
    - (ii) restoring or re-establishing the monument to its original condition or its original place; or
  - (b) cause the monument to be restored or re-established at his own expense.

#### **CONTINGENCY PLANS**

19(7) Holders of a Land Use Permit Class A, Commercial Lease Class 1, Well-Site Lease, Public Lease, Quarry Concession, Concession, Reconnaissance Permit, or Right of Way shall submit to the Administrator and, from time to time, update comprehensive contingency plans to cope with possible major accidents, disasters or catastrophic events during the operations.

#### **PINGOS**

19(8) No vehicle shall have access to any Pingo, including a zone of 100 meters (328 ft.)surrounding such Pingo.

#### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES**

- 19(9) Where in the course of an operation, a suspected archaeological site or burial ground is unearthed or otherwise discovered, the Holder shall immediately:
- (a) suspend the operation on the site; and
- (b) notify the Administrator or an Inspector of the location of the site and the nature of any unearthed materials, structures or artifacts.

#### **CAMPSITES**

19(10) Subject to the terms and conditions of the Right, every Holder shall dispose of all garbage, waste and debris from any campsite used in connection with an operation by removal, burning or burial or by such other method as may be directed by an Inspector.

#### **SEWAGE**

19(11) Sanitary sewage produced in connection with operations, shall be disposed of in accordance with the Public Health Ordinance of the Northwest Territories and any regulations made under the applicable Ordinance, or as stipulated by the Administrator.

#### **RESTORATION OF AN AREA**

19(12) Subject to the terms and conditions of the Right, every Holder shall, after completion of the operations, restore the area as nearly as possible to the same conditions as it was prior to the commencement of the operations.

#### REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

- 19(13) Subject to subsections 19(14) and 19(15) hereof, every Holder shall, on completion of the operation, remove all buildings, machinery, equipment, materials and fuel drums or other storage containers used in connection with the operations.
- 19(14) A Holder may, with the prior written approval of the Administrator, leave on Inuvialuit Lands such buildings, equipment, machinery and materials as the permittee deems may be required for future operations or other operations in the area, but any equipment, machinery or materials so left shall be stored in a manner, at a location and for a duration approved by the Administrator, and apply for the reduction of the Land Occupancy Rent as provided for in subsection 17(14) hereof. Where applicable, the Holder may also make an Application for the reclassification of his Right.
- 19(15) Subject to any applicable mining legislation on 7(1)(b) Lands, a Holder may, without the prior approval of the Administrator, leave diamond drill cores at a drill site on Inuvialuit Lands.

#### **EMERGENCIES**

19(16) Any person may, in an emergency that threatens life, property or the natural environment, carry out such operations as he deems necessary to cope with the emergency, whether or not the operation is carried out in accordance with these Rules or any Right that he may have and such person shall immediately thereafter send a written report to the Administrator describing the duration, nature and extent of the emergency operation.

#### **DISPLAY OF RIGHTS**

19(17) E v e r y Holder engaged in a work or undertaking authorized by a Right shall display:

- (a) An exact copy of the Right, including the conditions thereof, in a prominent place of the operations; and
  - (b) The ILA number assigned to the Right on such articles and equipment, in such a manner and at such places as the Administrator may require.

#### **STAKING**

- 19(18) A person who desires to obtain a Quarry Concession, Coal Concession or Mineral Concession, shall stake such lands in the following manner:
- (a) the area shall not exceed the maximum area permitted by these Rules and the length of any areas shall not exceed twice its width;
- (b) the area shall be rectangular in form except where a boundary of a previously staked tract is adopted as common to both areas;
- (c) the land shall be marked by the applicant with posts firmly fixed in the ground, one at each corner; alternatively, rock cairns may be used in lieu of posts;
- (d) each post shall be at least 25 sq. cm (4 sq. in.) and when firmly planted shall not be less than 1.25 m (4 ft.) above the ground;
- (e) each post shall bear markings showing the number of the post, the name of the applicant, the date of the staking and the kind of materials which it is desired to remove;
- (f) when rock cairns are used they shall be well constructed and shall not be less than two feet high and two feet in diameter at the base and a metal container shall be built into the cairn, and a notice bearing the number of the cairn, name of the applicant, the date of the staking and the kind of material which it is desired to remove shall be placed therein;
- (g) in a timbered area the lines between the posts shall be clearly marked; and in treeless areas mounds of earth or rock not less than 2 m (6 ft.) high and 2 m (6 ft.) in diameter at the base may be used to mark the lines between the cairns;
- (h) the applicant shall post a written or printed notice on a post or in a cairn setting out his intention to apply for a Quarry Concession within the time prescribed by these Rules; or
- (i) if two or more persons apply for the same area, the person who first staked the area in accordance with these Rules shall be entitled to priority in respect to the issuance of a Quarry Concession.

#### **CUTTING OF TREES**

19(19) Holders shall only cut trees where there is no reasonable alternative than cutting trees for the creation of seismic lines, Right-of-Ways, or areas necessary for work camps or buildings. Otherwise, Holders shall under no circumstances cut trees unless specifically authorized in writing by the Administrator.