

# **INUVIALUIT GAME COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2000 - 2001**

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<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	

The Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) was established in 1978 and incorporated under the Society Act in 1983 to represent the six Inuvialuit communities of the Western Arctic on wildlife management issues. When the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) was signed in 1984 and proclaimed through the promulgation of the Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act, the Inuvialuit Game Council acquired a legislated mandate for its activities.

The first few years of Inuvialuit Game Council operations were devoted largely to organizational matters; support staff were hired in 1987. Details of the early operations of the Council are summarized in their first Annual Activity Report (1987/88).

This fourteenth Annual Activity Report summarizes the activities of the Inuvialuit Game Council during the 2000-2001 fiscal year (April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001). Financial information is reported separately and is included in the financial statements for the Joint Secretariat - Inuvialuit Renewable Resources Committees.

## **THE ROLE OF THE INUVIALUIT GAME COUNCIL**

Under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, the Inuvialuit Game Council represents the collective Inuvialuit interest in wildlife and environmental matters. The Council derives its mandate from Section 14(74) of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (Appendix A). The Inuvialuit Game Council is one of the major Inuvialuit organizations established to implement the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, and works in parallel with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC). The Inuvialuit Game Council is responsible to uphold and administer Inuvialuit harvesting rights acquired under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. The Council also has the mandate to represent the Inuvialuit in all matters related to renewable resource management in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) (Figure 1).

The Inuvialuit Game Council appoints Inuvialuit representatives to all of the joint wildlife and environmental co-management committees established under the IFA and, with the consent of the Inuvialuit Game Council, the Government selects the Chairpersons for these groups.

In addition to its responsibilities under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, the Game Council acts as the regional representative of Inuvialuit hunters, trappers and fishermen.

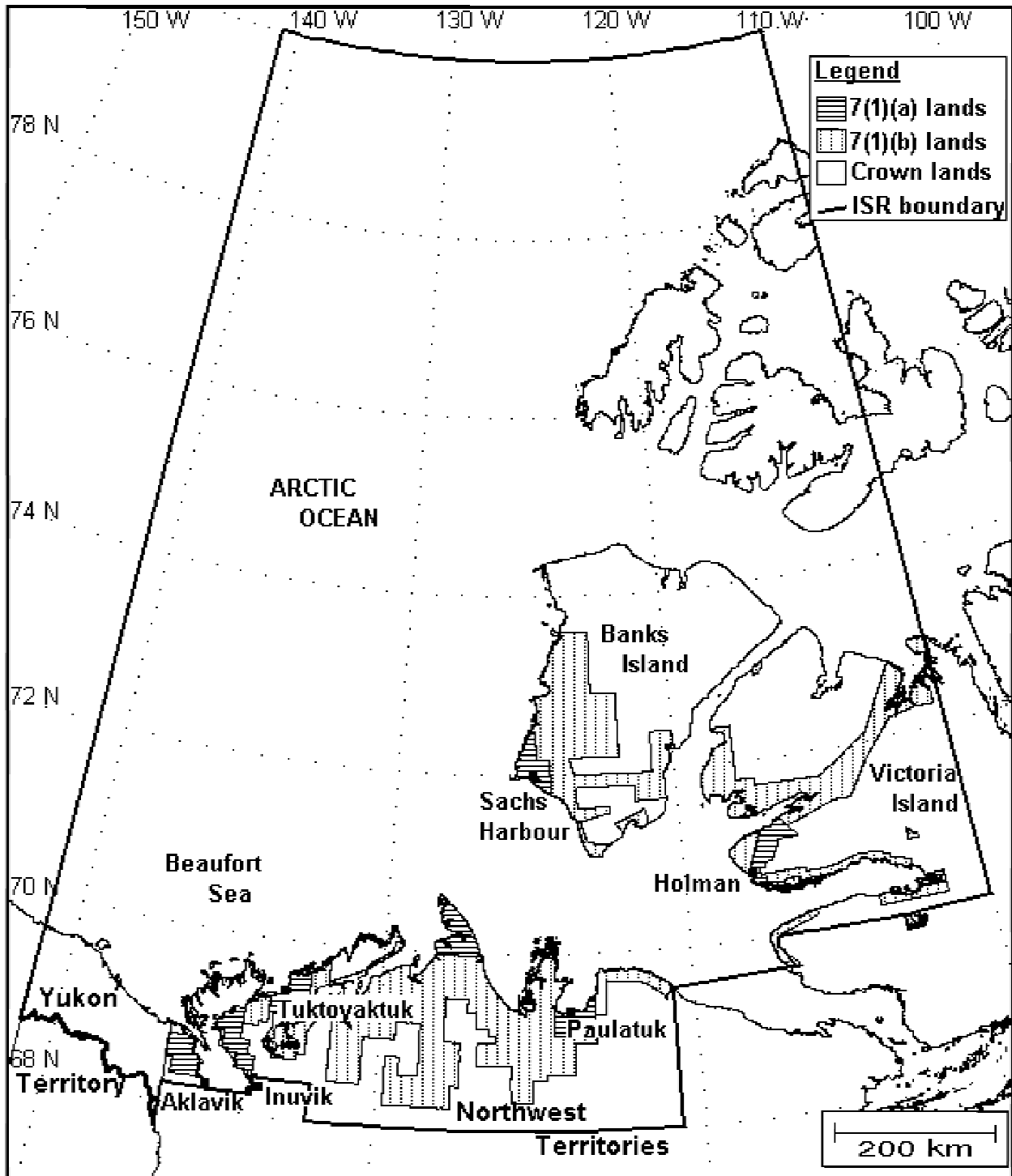


Figure 1 The Inuvialuit Settlement Region

## STRUCTURE

The Inuvialuit Game Council is made up of two representatives from each of the six Inuvialuit Hunters' and Trappers' Committees (HTCs). Each HTC elects a Director (the voting member) from its' Board and an Alternate from its' general membership to the Inuvialuit Game Council. Both Directors and Alternates attend all Directors' and Regular meetings of the Inuvialuit Game Council. Alternates may vote on behalf of their community if the Director is absent.

The Chair of the Game Council is elected by the six Inuvialuit Game Council Directors from within the active membership of a Hunters' and Trappers' Committee. The Vice-Chair and Treasurer must be elected from among the Hunters' and Trappers' Committees' appointed Directors or Alternates. The Inuvialuit Game Council Resource Person/Executive Secretary is not required to be a member of any Hunters' and Trappers' Committee.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE INUVIALUIT GAME COUNCIL DURING 2000 - 2001

INUVIALUIT GAME COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP				
COMMUNITY	NAME	POSITION	FISCAL TERM	1 <sup>ST</sup> APPOINTED
Inuvik	Duane Smith	Chair	April `00-March 2001	IGC: Dec. 1993 Chair: Dec. 97
Aklavik HTC	Dennis Arey	Director	April `00-May 2000	Feb. 1999
	Donald Aviugana	Director	May `00-March 2001	May 2000
	Danny C. Gordon	Alternate	April `00-March 2001	Jun. 94 - Mar. 95 & May 1997
Olokhaktomiut HTC (Holman)	Donald Inuktalik	Director	April `00-March 2001	May 1999
	John Alikamik	Alternate	April `00-June 2000	Jun.91 - Feb. 93 & April 1998
	Margaret Kanayok	Alternate	June `00-March 2001	June 2000

Inuvik HTC	Richard Binder	Treasurer and Director	April `00-March 2001	Sept. 1999
	Billy Day	Alternate	April `00-March 2001	Aug. 1990
Paulatuk HTC	Nelson Ruben	Director	April `00-Oct. 2000	Feb. 2000
	Greg Green	Director	Oct. `00-March 2001	October 2000
	Ruben Ruben	Alternate	April `00-March 2001	June 1999
Sachs Harbour HTC	John Lucas Jr.	Director	June `00-Jan. 2001	June 2000
	Andy Carpenter Jr.	Director	Jan. `01-March 2001	January 2001
	Desmond Nasogaluak	Alternate	April `99-May 2000	June 1998
	Tony Lucas	Alternate	Jun.`00-March 2001	June 2000
Tuktoyaktuk HTC	Frank Pokiak	Vice-Chair and Director	April `00-March 2001	IGC:Apr.89-Apr.92 & Dec. 1997 V.Chair: Mar. 1998
	Chucky Gruben	Alternate	April `00-March 2001	Dec. 1997

### Officers and Staff

The Inuvialuit Game Council is incorporated as a Society under the NWT Societies Act, and is therefore required to elect Officers. The Officers during the 2000-2001 fiscal year were:

Chair	- Duane Smith	April 2000 - March 2001
Vice-Chair	- Frank Pokiak	April 2000 - March 2001
Treasurer	- Richard Binder	April 2000 - March 2001
Executive Secretary	- Katherine Thiesenhausen	April 2000 - March 2001

Support staff for the Inuvialuit Game Council are provided by the Joint Secretariat in Inuvik. Katherine Thiesenhausen was both the Executive Secretary and Resource Person for the Inuvialuit Game Council. Financial administration and clerical support during the 2000-2001 fiscal year was provided by Peggy Madore, Angela Hunter, Brigitte Wolki and Myrna Button. Esther Price assisted in Game Council issues with the Hunters' and Trappers' Committees as the HTC Administrative Support Officer. Norm Snow, Executive Director of the Joint Secretariat, served as a technical and administrative advisor throughout the fiscal year.

## **ACTIVITIES DURING 2000-2001**

### **Directors' and Regular Meetings**

The Directors' meetings are attended by the appointed Directors and Alternates from the community Hunters' and Trappers' Committees. During these meetings each community reports on issues and concerns from their Hunters' and Trappers' Committee. The Inuvialuit Game Council also discusses internal issues during the Directors' meetings. Directors' meetings are held the day before the Regular meetings. Regular meetings are open to the various co-management committees, government departments and others that wish to update the Game Council on their activities within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

During the 2000-2001 fiscal year the Inuvialuit Game Council met as follows:

June 20 - 23, 2000	- Inuvik, NT
September 13 - 16, 2000	- Whitehorse, YT
December 12 - 15, 2000	- Inuvik, NT
March 14 - 17, 2001	- Whitehorse, YT

### **Other Meetings Attended by Inuvialuit Game Council Members or their Appointed Representatives**

Representatives from the Game Council attended the following meetings and workshops during the 2000 - 2001 fiscal year. Some of the costs for representatives to attend some of these meetings were covered by government departments. The costs for the Game Council Resource Person/Executive Secretary to attend meetings are covered under the Joint Secretariat's budget.

April 2000:

- Committee on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) COP 10, Nairobi, Kenya - Richard Binder
- Mackenzie Valley Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program Working Group (MVCIMPWG), telephone conference #3 - Johnny Lennie

#### May 2000:

- Cumulative Effects Assessment Management Framework Steering Committee (CEAMFSC), Fort Simpson, NT - Richard Binder
- Mackenzie Valley Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program Steering Committee (MVCIMPSC), Deline, NT - Richard Binder

#### June 2000:

- Species At Risk Act (SARA-federal) and Stewardship Information Meeting, Yellowknife, NT- Duane Smith, Richard Binder
- CEAMFSC, telephone conference - Richard Binder
- DFO's Beaufort Sea Integrated Management Planning (BSIMP) Senior Management Committee (formerly the MPA Scoping Group) meeting, Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith

#### July 2000:

- RWED's Guide Level Training course redesign meeting, Inuvik, NT - Chucky Gruben
- CEAMFSC telephone conference - Richard Binder
- Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries meeting with FJMC and tour of Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk - Duane Smith, Frank Pokiak

#### August 2000:

- IFA Implementation Coordinating Committee meeting, Inuvik, NT - Norm Snow
- National Energy Board meeting, Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith, Richard Binder, Frank Pokiak

#### September 2000:

- Kuññek Resource Development Corporation Environmental Impact Review, Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith, Katherine Thiesenhausen
- NWT Protected Areas Strategy Implementation Group meeting, Yellowknife, NT- Johnny Lennie
- Yukon North Slope Conference, Whitehorse, YT - all of Game Council
- AAAS Arctic Science Conference, Whitehorse, YT - Duane Smith
- RWED's Guide Level Training course redesign and workshop planning meeting, Inuvik, NT - Katherine Thiesenhausen

#### October 2000:

- IUCN's World Conservation Congress, Amman, Jordan - Duane Smith, Frank Pokiak, Richard Binder



- GNWT's Wildlife Aboriginal Advisory Group meeting on the proposed Wildlife Act, Yellowknife, NT - Larry Carpenter, Donald Inuktalik

#### November 2000:

- DFO's Beaufort Sea Integrated Management Planning (BSIMP) Working Group (formerly the MPA Steering Committee) meeting, Inuvik, NT - Frank Pokiak
- Petro-Canada's telephone conference on cumulative impacts - Duane Smith, Richard Binder
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and DIAND representatives meeting, Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith, Richard Binder
- Chuckchi-Bering Beluga Workshop, Seattle, Washington, USA - Richard Binder
- Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group meeting, Yellowknife, NT - Duane Smith
- Petro-Canada's telephone conference on cumulative impacts, Inuvik, NT - Richard Binder, Katherine Thiesenhausen

#### December 2000:

- Oil and Gas Producers' meeting, Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith
- Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group meeting, Yellowknife, NT - Duane Smith
- WMAC (NS)'s meeting on their draft Muskox Management Plan for the Yukon North Slope, Anchorage, Alaska, - Duane Smith
- NWT Protected Areas Advisory Committee, Fort Simpson, NT - Johnny Lennie
- Meeting with DIAND Minister Nault, Yellowknife, NT - Duane Smith
- Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group, telephone conference - Duane Smith

#### January 2001:

- Meeting with Peter Usher to discuss the management of caribou calving and post-calving grounds, Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith
- Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group, telephone conference - Duane Smith
- Meeting with Inuvialuit Environmental & Geotechnical Inc. and Anderson Resources, Inuvik, NT - Richard Binder, Katherine Thiesenhausen
- Species At Risk Act (federal) Aboriginal Working Group meeting, Ottawa, ON - Duane Smith, Larry Carpenter
- Various meetings with DIAND, Ottawa, ON - Duane Smith
- Meeting with John Bailey on the Yukon Development Assessment Process, Inuvik, NT - Katherine Thiesenhausen
- DFO's BSIMP Working Group meeting, Inuvik, NT, - Frank Pokiak
- Northern Oil and Gas Seminar, Whitehorse, YT - Frank Pokiak

- CEAMFSC & MVCIMPSC joint meeting, Yellowknife, NT - Frank Pokiak
- DFO's BSIMP Senior Management Committee meeting, Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith
- IFA Implementation Coordinating Committee meeting, Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith

#### February 2001:

- two Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group meetings in Yellowknife and one in Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith
- Polar Bear Technical Committee meeting, Edmonton, AB - Frank Pokiak, Larry Carpenter, Duane Smith
- Program for Energy Research and Development (PERD), Inuvik, NT - Norm Snow
- CEAMFSC Stakeholders' Workshop, Yellowknife, NT - Richard Binder
- NWT Protected Areas Strategy meeting, Deline, NT - Richard Binder

#### March 2001:

- Coastal Climate Change Impacts & Adaptation Workshop, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia - Richard Binder
- Annual meeting of the Inuvialuit-Inupiat Joint Commission on Polar Bears in the Southern Beaufort Sea, Anchorage, Alaska, USA - Frank Pokiak, Larry Carpenter
- DFO's BS IMP Senior Management Committee, telephone conference - Duane Smith
- Circumpolar Climate Change Summit and Exposition, Whitehorse, YT - Duane Smith, Donald Inuktalik, Frank Pokiak, Richard Binder, Margaret Kanayok, Andy Carpenter Jr., Katherine Thiesenhausen
- RWED's trapping regulations & hunting provisions meeting, Inuvik, NT - Duane Smith
- DFO's BSIMP Working Group meeting, Inuvik, NT - Richard Binder

### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING 2000 - 2001**

Over the years a number of committees were established to implement various provisions of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and to deal with on-going issues (including national and international issues) related to the management of wildlife species that would directly or indirectly affect the Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic. These groups are separate from the co-management structures established under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

Below is an alphabetical list of the committees to which the Inuvialuit Game Council has appointed members, including the co-management committees established under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. This is followed by a brief summary of the activities for each committee during the 2000 - 2001 fiscal year, except for those that provide their own annual report. The terms of these appointments are listed. In some cases, when a term ended, the Inuvialuit Game Council chose to not re-appoint members because the committee was either no longer meeting or no longer dealing with issues related to the IGC's mandate. Some

committees listed in previous years' Annual Reports have not been listed here because those committees have been inactive during this fiscal year.

### **Inuvialuit Game Council Committee Appointments:**

#### **Beaufort Sea Integrated Management Planning Senior Management Committee (formerly the Marine Protected Areas Scoping Group - DFO)**

Appointee: Duane Smith December 1999 - not set

#### **Beaufort Sea Integrated Management Planning Working Group (formerly the Marine Protected Areas Steering Committee - DFO)**

Appointees: Frank Pokiak December 1999 - not set  
Richard Binder (Alternate) December 1999 - not set

#### **Cumulative Effects Assessment and Management Framework Steering Committee**

Appointees: Richard Binder March 2000 - not set  
Frank Pokiak (Alternate) March 2000 - not set

#### **Environmental Impact Screening Committee (3 years)**

Appointees: Billy Day September 1996 - September 2002  
Alex Kaglik September 1996 - September 2002  
Fred Wolki September 1996 - September 2002

#### **Environmental Impact Review Board (3 years)**

Appointees: Jack Akhiatak February 2000 - September 2002  
Richard Binder June 1998 - September 2002  
Herbert Felix September 1996 - September 2002

#### **Fisheries Joint Management Committee (3 years)**

Appointees: Billy Day September 1998 - September 2001  
Max Kotokak Sr. September 1998 - September 2002  
Dennis Arey (Alternate) December 1999 - September 2001  
Donald Inuktalik (Alternate) September 2000 - September 2002

#### **Guide Level Training (RWED)**

Appointee: Chucky Gruben December 1999 - not set

**Inuvialuit Final Agreement Implementation Co-ordinating Committee (2 years)**

Appointees: Duane Smith March 1999 - March 2001  
Norm Snow (Alternate) March 1999 - March 2001

**Inuvialuit Harvest Study Management Committee**

Appointees: Herbert Felix December 1998 - not set  
Danny C. Gordon September 1999 - not set  
Donald Inuktalik September 1999 - not set

**Inuvialuit - Inupiat Beluga Management Committee (3 years)**

Appointees: Dennis Arey March 1999 - March 2001  
Herbert Felix September 1997 - September 2000  
Frank Pokiak September 2000 - September 2002  
Duane Smith September 1997 - September 2002

**Inuvialuit - Inupiat Polar Bear Joint Commission & Technical Committee (3 years)**

Appointees: Larry Carpenter March 1999 - September 2002  
Frank Pokiak September 1998 - September 2002  
Chucky Gruben (Alternate) October 1998 - September 2002

**Mackenzie Valley Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program Steering Committee**

Appointees: Richard Binder March 2000 - not set  
Frank Pokiak (Alternate) March 2000 - not set

**Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Chairs' Group**

Appointee: Duane Smith Not set

**Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group**

Appointee: Duane Smith Not set

**NWT Protected Areas Strategy Implementation Advisory Committee**

Appointees: Richard Binder December 1999 - not set  
Johnny Lennie (Alternate) June 1998- not set

**Polar Bear Technical Committee (federal)**

Appointees: Larry Carpenter March 1999 - September 2002  
Frank Pokiak September 1996 - September 2001  
Chucky Gruben (Alternate) September 1999 - September 2002

**Porcupine Caribou Management Board (2 years)**

Appointees: Clayton Gordon June 2000 - September 2001

Frank Pokiak (Alternate) September 1999 - September 2001

**Tuktut Nogait National Park Management Board (2 years)**

Appointees: John Max Kudlak September 1999 - September 2001  
Max Kotokak Sr. (Alternate) September 1999 - September 2001

**Wildlife Act (GNWT) Aboriginal Advisory Group**

Appointee: Donald Inuktalik December 2000 - not set

**Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)**

**(3 years for Members, 2 years for Alternates)**

Appointees: Herbert Felix June 1999 - September 2002  
Danny C. Gordon September 1998 - September 2001  
Carol D. Arey (Alternate) September 1998 - September 2002  
Billy Archie (Alternate) September 1998 - September 2000  
Richard Gordon (Alternate) September 2000 - September 2002

**Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)**

**(3 years for Members, 2 years for Alternates)**

Appointees: William Day September 1998 - September 2001  
Frank Pokiak September 1996 - September 2001  
Arnold Ruben June 1999 - September 2002  
Herbert Felix (Alternate) September 1996 - September 2000  
Floyd Sydney (Alternate) September 2000 - September 2002  
Donald Inuktalik (Alternate) March 1999 - September 2002  
Paul Raddi (Alternate) September 2000 - September 2002\*

\*Paul resigned in October 2000

**World Council of Whalers**

Appointees: Billy Day December 1998 - December 2000\*  
Herbert Felix (Alternate) December 1998 - December 2000\*

\*The appointees' terms were not renewed as the Inuvialuit Game Council decided that an Inuit representative from the eastern Arctic should be given the opportunity to represent Canadian Inuit on this committee.

**Committee Summaries**

The following is a summary of activities for some of the committees for this fiscal year.

Beaufort Sea Integrated Management Planning Senior Management Committee (formerly the Marine Protected Areas Scoping Group -DFO)

This Committee was formed by DFO late in the last fiscal to oversee the Working Group listed below who will implement DFO's federal Oceans' Act initiatives. They are in the early stages of narrowing down the focus of the Group.

Beaufort Sea Integrated Management Planning Working Group (formerly the Marine Protected Areas Steering Committee -DFO)

This Group is developing a workplan for integrated management planning in the Beaufort Sea region. A draft Terms of Reference and timeline have been developed and are being reviewed by the Senior Management Committee.

Cumulative Effects Assessment and Management Steering Committee

The completion of a cumulative effects assessment and management framework was a condition of the Minister of the Environment's acceptance of the Diavik Comprehensive Study Report on the Diavik diamond mine in the NWT. The budget for this Committee was reduced during this fiscal so the Committee revised their budget allocations. As a result of this, the majority of the framework will be complete by the deadline of March 2001, but work on other aspects, such as thresholds and carrying capacity, will continue into the implementation phase during the next fiscal year.

Environmental Impact Screening Committee

See the contact information below to obtain this Committee's annual report.

Environmental Impact Review Board

See the contact information below to obtain this Board's annual report.

Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC)

See the contact information below to obtain this Committee's annual report.

Guide Level Training Committee (RWED)

The Inuvik region GNWT Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development established this temporary Committee to redesign the outfitting guide training courses. The changes suggested by this Committee are in draft form and are to be discussed at a proposed fall 2001 outfitters' workshop with a pilot of the program to be tested in Sachs Harbour.

Inuvialuit Final Agreement Implementation Co-ordinating Committee

See the contact information below to obtain this Committee's annual report.

Inuvialuit Harvest Study Management Committee

The Harvest Study data collection began again in January 2000. The Local Technical Advisory Committee is dealing with most of the management issues of the Harvest Study as the Management Committee is not expected to meet more than once a year. See the contact information below to obtain this Committee's annual report from January 2000 onwards.

#### Inuvialuit - Inupiat Beluga Management Committee

The Beaufort Sea Beluga Whale Agreement was signed on March 3, 2000. As per the Agreement, the FJMC has been sending Inuvialuit Settlement Region beluga harvesting data to the Alaskans.

#### Inuvialuit - Inupiat Polar Bear Joint Commission & Technical Committee

These two Committees held their annual meeting in Alaska in March 2001 to discuss the health and harvesting of the shared population of polar bears in the southern Beaufort Sea region.

#### Mackenzie Valley Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program Working Group

Both the Gwich'in and the Sahtu Dene and Metis Land Claim Agreements require the development of a method to monitor the cumulative impacts of land and water uses on the environment in the Mackenzie Valley. This Group was established to guide this development with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Less than one third of the requested budget was received in the fall of this fiscal which delayed this Groups' work on meeting the objectives outlined in their May 2000 draft workplan. They have not met since a joint CEAMF/MVCIMP meeting in December 2001 on information management options.

#### Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Chairs' Group

This Group consists of the Chairs of the various environmental assessment and regulatory agencies responsible for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and down the Mackenzie Valley. This Group was formed to discuss options on how to integrate their environmental assessments and regulatory approvals processes for a potential natural gas pipeline from the ISR down the Mackenzie Valley.

#### Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group

This Group carries out tasks on behalf of the Chairs' Group listed above.

#### NWT Protected Areas Strategy (PAS) Implementation Advisory Committee

The PA Strategy was approved in September 1999. This Committee guides the establishment of protected areas. Several regions outside of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) are working to establish protected areas. The Inuvialuit have set aside about 28% of our land

mass with some form of protection. This includes three national parks, five migratory bird sanctuaries, one territorial park and numerous national historic sites.

#### Polar Bear Technical Committee (federal)

This Committee of resource users and scientists held their annual meeting in February in Edmonton, Alberta. They discussed the management and research of polar bears in Canada.

#### Porcupine Caribou Management Board

See the contact information below to obtain this Board's annual report.

#### Tuktut Nogait National Park Management Board

See the contact information below to obtain this Board's annual report.

#### Wildlife Act (GNWT) Aboriginal Advisory Group (WAAG)

The Government of the Northwest Territories is revising their Wildlife Act. They have established this Group to include aboriginal involvement in the process. Draft issues were established in consultation with WAAG members and these have been circulated to the communities for comments. The WAAG members will be bringing those comments back to the GNWT for incorporation into the draft discussion paper.

#### Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)

See the contact information below to obtain this Council's annual report.

#### Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories)

See the contact information below to obtain this Council's annual report.

#### World Council of Whalers

The Inuvialuit Game Council decided to not reappoint a representative on this Council due to the increased activity in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and the need to focus on regional issues. The Game Council suggested that an Inuit representative from the eastern Arctic should be given the opportunity to represent Canadian Inuit on this Council.

### **Committee Annual Reports**

The following Committees provide their own Annual Reports, which are available upon request:

Environmental Impact Screening Committee

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO

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Environmental Impact Review Board  
P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT X0E 0T0  
phone: (867) 777-2828 fax: (867) 777-2610 e-mail: eirb@jointsec.nt.ca

Fisheries Joint Management Committee  
P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT X0E 0T0  
phone: (867) 777-2828 fax: (867) 777-2610 e-mail: fjmc@jointsec.nt.ca

Inuvialuit Final Agreement Implementation Co-ordinating Committee  
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation  
P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0  
phone: (867) 777-2737 fax: (867) 777-2135

Inuvialuit Harvest Study Management Committee  
P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT X0E 0T0  
phone: (867) 777-2828 fax: (867) 777-2610 e-mail: ihs-js@jointsec.nt.ca

Porcupine Caribou Management Board  
Box 4999, Whitehorse YT Y1A 4S2  
phone: (867) 633-4780 fax: (867) 633-4780 e-mail: pcmb@polarcom.com

Tuktut Nogait National Park Management Board  
General Delivery, Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0  
fax: (867) 580-3234

Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NS)  
P.O. Box 5928, Whitehorse YT Y1A 5L9  
phone: (867) 633-5476 fax: (867) 633-6900 e-mail: wmacns@web.net

Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)  
P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT X0E 0T0  
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## **HTC & IGC HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2000 - 2001 FISCAL YEAR**

**Aklavik Hunters' and Trappers' Committee**  
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Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0  
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Board members 00/01:

President: Carol Arey  
Vice President: Dennis Arey  
Sec/Treasurer: Richard Gordon  
Directors: Donald Aviugana  
              Danny A. Gordon  
              Danny C. Gordon  
              Jacob Archie

Board members (as of June 2000 AGM)

Dennis Arey  
Carol Arey  
Flora Elanik  
Donald Aviugana  
Danny A. Gordon  
Marjorie Elanik  
Jacob Archie

Resource Person: Agnus Tardiff - December 2000 - January 2001  
                      Sharon Gordon September - November 2000  
                      Faith Gordon April - August 2000  
                      Denise Jerome February - April, 2000

IGC Voting member: Dennis Arey  
IGC Alternate member: Danny C. Gordon

The Aklavik Hunters' & Trappers' Committee (AHTC) was again quite busy, through out the 2000/2001 year. With regular meetings twice per month as the correspondence can be substantial as we are working with such a variety of co-management groups, two Territories and also more oil & gas explorations, assisting our beneficiaries and dealing with ongoing issues.

We have not had very much success this past year for a full time RP since Faith had resigned to go to school, we have had a casual worker and a full time but both did not work out. So that makes it quite difficult for the directors to keep up on correspondence.

The AHTC has also worked along with the DFO/FJMC in putting together a West Side Char Working Group which is still in progress. Along, with a salmon study with Sam Stevenson (DFO) which will be on going for about three years. Also the annual beluga monitoring program had gone well this past summer although the harvest was very low, the monitors additional responsibility was to record air craft flights in the Shingle and West Whitefish area's, we also had two members from Aklavik out this past summer doing index net fishing.

We were also involved with various management plans that were particularly involving the beneficiaries of Aklavik. We had meetings with Dave Ladret with Herschel Island Parks, at the time had met with the WMAC (NS) and currently over looking the proposed muskox management plan.

The committee also attended the Yukon North Slope Conference in Whitehorse, Yukon, with involvement from almost each Board member. We had also selected a youth to come to the conference with us and with hopes that this would continue in the future.

We have also been patiently waiting to discuss the MOU with RWED but, have not had very much success, and also hoping to get together with the local Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council to discuss the overlap issue. As we find that these topics are long over due.

As for the implanted species called the muskox we have heard concerns continuously through out the years of the muskox interfering with the caribou, we have decided that we would work on a Traditional knowledge documentation, so to begin we have gone to Kaktovik, Alaska to gather information of the introduction of the muskox from the local people of Kaktovik. From what we have gathered so far we find it more and more interesting, so once we finalize our documentation we will send out copies to all interested parties, and to the Inuvialuit Game Council and hopefully we can use this as a tool at the proposed muskox gathering early this spring. You would be surprised on how many communities have concerns because of this animal. We have also written letters to Paulatuk and Sachs, just to get their history between the two animals but have not yet received any information.

The Aklavik HTC has also received caribou from Tuktoyaktuk, because of the great demand from our members, they were distributed to widows and single families. But due to the demand that is not enough as we are still getting calls for meat. So, we are hoping we would get assistance from the local Community Corporation and the Elders Committee.

As in the fields of clean up we have requested that Shell take a look at the West Channel area as there was a concern from members they have checked and there will be a clean done this up coming summer.

Overall it has been a very busy year and with no one on staff regularly it can become very hectic. We are looking forward to the new fiscal year and hopefully can find a reliable person to work in our office for the entire year of 01/02, which we are seriously looking at.

### **Olokhaktomiut Hunters & Trappers Committee**

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“ “ Margaret Kanayok  
“ “ Allen Joss  
“ “ Sadie Joss

IGC Voting member Donald Inuktalik  
IGC Alternate John Alikamik

IGC Voting member Donald Inuktalik  
IGC Alternate Margaret Kanayok

Resource Person

Bessie Inuktalik

Resource Person as of July 20,2000

Ida Hokanak-While Bessie's taking CBT course in Inuvik

April 2000

1. Caribou Survey
2. Sport Hunts for Musk-ox

May

1. Annual General Meeting
2. Elected 2 board members Joseph Haluksit, Allen Joss
3. IHAP assisted members:

Jimmy Memogana	Polaris Snowmobile
Allen Pogotak	Outboard Motor & Boat
Doug Goose	Outboard Motor
Philip Inuktalik	Polaris Snowmobile
George Okheena	ATV Honda
John Alikamik	ATV Honda
Bessie Inuktalik	ATV Honda
Walter Goose	Radio
Mark Kaadloak	Ski-doo Snowmobile

Out of town: Larry Olifie ATV Honda

June

1. Executive Elections  
President, Joseph Haluksit Vice President, Donald Inuktalik,  
Secretary Treasurer, Mary Banksland
2. IGC Voting Member & Alternate Elections

IGC Voting Member Donald Inuktalik    Alternate Margaret Kanayok

3. Seal Monitoring

July

1. Charr Monitoring
2. Seal Tagging
3. Ida Hokanak hired as R/P while Bessie's taking 1 yr computer training

August

1. 2 Member's assisted with C.H.A.P. funding
2. Sport Hunting for Caribou & Musk-ox

September

1. Sport Hunting continues

October

1. Tahiryuak Lake Charr Project
2. Fish Lake Charr Project
3. Sport Hunting Continues
4. 3 Member's assisted with C.H.A.P. funding

November

1. 4 Member's assisted with C.H.A.P. funding
2. Sport hunting Continues

December

1. 3 Member's assisted with C.H.A.P. funding

January 2001

1. Regular Operations

February

1. Regular operations

March

1. Sport Hunting begins for Polar Bear & Musk-ox

Report by Ida Hokanak, RP for OHTC



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Hank Rogers – Director  
Shane Goeson – Director  
Billy Day – Director

Shelly Gordon – Resource Person

IGC Appointee – Richard Binder  
IGC Alternate – Billy Day

The Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee has been quite busy this fiscal year dealing with regular monthly board meetings, land use applications, and general information assisting the members and the corporate bodies along with a lot of Oil and Gas companies.

The Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee has submitted a proposal for the Trapper Training Land Skills Program. It has been approved from the Brighter Futures Program in the amount of \$10680.00. The program has hired 3 instructors, each bringing 3 students out on the land for 10 days. The Renewable Wildlife Economic Development officers had took part of the program and visited the camps to assist the students with gun safety, usage of traps etc.

IHTC submitted a proposal to Brighter Futures for the Annual Caribou Harvest, which was approved for the full amount of \$7637.90. 10 hunters and 4 students have been selected although only 5 have completed the harvest due to the caribou being such a long distance away. The hunters have also had the opportunity to get some samples for RWED and was paid an additional \$50.00 per sample. There is a total of 25 caribou in the freezer from the annual caribou harvest and 2 hunters have done the sampling for RWED.

The IHAP applications were available in February so the Resource Person was busy assisting the members with the applications. Inuvik was funded approximately \$48,000 for 2000, there was a total of 30 applications and of those 11 was approved. The IHAP committee consists of 2 Inuvik Community Corporation Directors (Harry Elias and Moses Hansen), 1 Inuvik Elders Committee Director (Leonard Harry) and 2 Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee Directors (Alex Kaglik and Hank Rogers).

The Inuvialuit Harvest Study was back in March 2000. The I.H.S fieldworker hired was Linley Day. He was been working at a slow pace and has requested another fieldworker to replace him. Shortly after Amy Rogers has been hired for the I.H.S fieldworker and at the end of the month Amy had also quit the Harvest Study and hasn't done any interviews.

Soon afterwards Linley Day mentioned that things were going better and was interested in working again therefore he and Velma Dick were both hired to get the interviews caught up. Things today have been going well and the interviews have been up to 80% done, Velma is now working on her own.

The resource person has attended the beluga monitor workshop. During this time there was a suggestion made to have the IHTC become more involved with the monitors and the IHTC resource person should a visit with the whale monitors. The resource person made a trip to East Whitefish Station along with FJMC Resource Person - Ed McLean. We also hired George Dillon to assist Lois Harwood - DFO in Beluga sampling.

Gas was distributed for the Beluga harvest and we received 26 pails of muktuk and some dryfish, which were distributed to elders and other families in need.

There has been some concerns regarding Grizzly bear problems at Sitidgi Lake and a couple in the delta, RWED had gone out to Sitidgi Lake to assist the cabin owners.

The Resource Person had ordered mugs, pins and pens with the new logo for the Annual General Meeting.

#### TUMITCHIAT OUTFITTERS LTD.

Tumitchiat has been quite busy since February 2000 there has been a lot of employment for our members. The name has changed from Bear monitors to Wildlife Monitors, which the HTC's are responsible for and the environmental monitors will be the ILA's responsibility. Things have picked up a bit again in September; wildlife monitors have been hired for Swimming Point and Parson Lake that will run until April 2001. Too date there has been 18 monitors hired and will probably be more as the companies begin working 24-hour days.

#### **Paulatuk Hunters' and Trappers' Committee**

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President: Ruben Green

Vice President: Noel Green

Sec/Treasurer: Nelson Ruben (until October 2000)

Directors: David Ruben  
Bobby Ruben  
Greg Green  
Arnold Ruben

Resource Person - Sharon Green (April 1 - July 2000)  
Bill Ruben (as of July 24, 2000)

IGC Voting member: Nelson Ruben (as of March 2000)  
IGC Alternate: Ruben Ruben (as of March 2000)

This report covers July 2000 to March 31, 2001.

I was hired on as the new Resource Person on July 24, 2000, my first task was to coordinate the Char Monitor project. The PHTC hired on David Ruben and Steve Illasiak as the monitors, they were out at the Hornaday River for the whole month of August. They reported that the quota this year had not been filled and that this year the water was above normal level for most part of the month. All in all things went well, all data was returned and shipped out.

The Beluga Monitor project also went well although the community did not get many whales. Noel Green was hired on as the Beluga Monitor, he had made some recommendations for the upcoming year. Those recommendations were forwarded to FJMC.

Funding for Alternate Fishing Sites was acquired through DFO for harvesters in the community to locate alternate fishing sites other than the Hornaday River system. This project was intended to lessen the pressure on the Hornaday River stock. Ruben Ruben was hired on to carry out this project. We have yet to date not received a report from him.

The PHTC also worked on RWED's Wolverine/Grizzly Bear Local Knowledge project. Ray Ruben and Kathy Ruben were hired on to do the interviews. A total of approximately 25 out of a possible 48 individuals were interviewed.

The PHTC, at the request of the local Recreation Committee, hosted and sponsored a day during the Christmas holidays, games, a feast and old time dance were held which were enjoyed by all.

The CHAP funding was used to distribute gas to harvesters going out to hunt caribou for themselves and elders in the community.



Back in October 2000 the PHTC Board appointed Lawrence Ruben to replace Nelson Ruben who had resigned from the PHTC. They also appointed Greg Green as the regular member to the IGC.

The Paulatuk Big Game Guiding and Outfitting Services got it's licences to operate this year, they provided guided sport hunts for 1 Polar Bear, 3 Grizzly Bear and 9 Muskox.

The PHTC gave support to DFO to do a seal tagging project in the Paulatuk area for the summer of 2001. They also supported Derek Muir (National Water Research Institute) to take samples from 25 seals in the summer of 2001. The PHTC will be hiring locals to carry out the project.

The Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program provided 7 people with assistance this year, with equipment ranging anywhere from nets to 4x4 quads.

The PHTC also supported Patrick Thrasher's request to build a cabin in the flats (west of Paulatuk) for subsistence purposes.

Brian Kudlak is no longer working with the PHTC as the Inuvialuit Harvest Study Fieldworker, this is due to the program being shut down. During the past few years he has been doing a tremendous job and the PHTC wishes him well in his future endeavors.

Lastly the PHTC, as of April 18<sup>th</sup>, has moved into their new office at the new Paulatuk Centre.

Bill S. Ruben, Resource Person

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### SHHTC Board (as of the June 2000 AGM)

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Director: Ryan Lucas

Director: Darren Nasogaluak

Director: Tony Lucas  
Director: Andy Carpenter Jr.

IGC Member: John Lucas Jr.  
IGC Alternate: Tony Lucas

Resource Person: Florence Elanik

#### April 2000

The SHHTC will hold a geese harvest this year again to harvest geese for the surrounding communities. It was decided to hire 10 people at \$150.00 per day x 5 days with 15 gallons of gas and 4 boxes of shells. Land use permit #ILA005n15 was approved for snow geese habitat work, snow geese banding, to survey non-game birds and radio marking of King Eider ducks with CWS's Jim Hines. The HTC donated 13 boxes of shells to this year's White Fox Jamboree for the goose calling event.

#### May

The IHAP Committee met. The IHAP Board of Directors are as follows: James Harry-Chairperson, Peter Esau Snr., Lena Wolki and Frank Kudlak. The following guidelines were set up: 1. Set even maximum amounts for capital equipment. The amount was set at \$3,000. 2. Have a rotating list of applicants so everyone benefits in the long run. 3. Must be recognized in the community as a subsistence hunter who must harvest for the benefit of their household and community. 4. For small items such as gas, tents, nets, etc. a percentage will be allocated. 5. Must show a demonstrated need, limited means to purchase required harvesting equipment and materials and/or cover harvesting operating costs. Ten people were approved for capital equipment and were given \$3,000 each and 1 person was approved for radios at \$700.

Desmond Nasogaluak resigned as a Board of Director for the HTC. He also stepped down as the Inuvialuit Game Council member. John Lucas Jr. took his place on Game Council.

#### June

Due to government cutbacks RWED can no longer operate the walk-in freezer for the community. It will be turned over to the HTC or Hamlet. The HTC can apply for a power subsidy. RWED will give \$12,000 annually for the freezers' costs. The IISD has asked that the HTC be the review committee to review the video footage on climate change in Sachs Harbour before it is released to the public. We also hired 2 people to do a survey on this project and 1 translator from the community. It was decided that the IGC Member and Alternate will be selected at the June HTC AGM. The Resource Person posted a

notice for the appointment of 2 more Board Members.

The AGM was held June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000. The HTC allocated the 6 Norway Island population polar bear tags and 8 North Beaufort polar bear tags to the Banks Island Big Game (BIBGH). The HTC accepted 1 membership request from Lorna Dillon, and 2 honorary memberships from Bob Eldridge and Kelly Carpenter. They also released Darcy Gordon as a member from the HTC at his request. Ryan Lucas and Desmond Nasogaluak were also approved as guides for the BIBGH. The 2 appointments to the HTC Board are Darren Nasogaluak and Andy Carpenter Jr. John Lucas Jr. was acclaimed as IGC Board Member and Tony Lucas was appointed as the Alternate (both with 2 year terms). The HTC appointed Steve Rhor to do the audit. The SHHTC representative appointed to sit on BIBGH for a 2 year term was Darren Nasogaluak.

#### July

The community reviewed and commented on IISD's climate change project video. The HTC donated the polar bear that elder Peter Esau shot last July to the Sachs Harbour Recreation Committee. HTC Chairperson John Lucas Jr. informed the board that he will be resigning his position in September.

#### August

Samantha Lucas was hired as manager for the BIBGH. The HTC reinstated Floyd Sydney as a member of the SHHTC. A Special Members Meeting was held to approve the 1999/2000 audit. They also approved Manny Kudlak as a musk-ox guide and Floyd Lennie and Floyd Sydney as polar bear guides. The by-laws were approved to be sent to the Registrar of Societies.

#### September

Andy Carpenter Jr. was appointed to the Freezer Committee to try to get the community an icehouse. John Lucas Jr. was released from signing authority for the HTC. He will be residing in Inuvik for school. Applications for CHAP funding was open from September 28 to October 24, 2000.

The BIBGH office was moved from John Lucas Jr.'s house back to the HTC office. Samantha Lucas resigned her position as BIBGH manager. Manny Kudlak replaced her until a new manager is hired. The SHHTC is now collecting biological samples for RWED. The HTC was also the sport fishing license vendor. Toomy Esau's HTC membership was reinstated. David Harry's request to release his membership with the SHHTC was approved. He was leaving Sachs Harbour to work for RWED in Inuvik. The SHHTC wished him well in his endeavors. He will still be tied to Sachs Harbour as he will be our RWED officer located in Inuvik.

## October

The CHAP funding allocation was finalized with a total of \$7,223.94 released to 27 applicants. The SHHTC moved their bank account from the Bank of Montreal to the CIBC, as banking will be easier out of Inuvik. John Lucas Jr. and Lena Wolki were released as HTC Board Members as they are both attending school in Inuvik. The SHHTC wished them well. A joint meeting was held with the SHHTC and Sachs Harbour Community Corporation (SHCC) relating to the Airport Land Exchange.

## November

A SHHTC evaluation was done on Resource Person Florence Elanik. Her rate of pay was increased by \$1.70 per hour.

## December

The SHHTC elections were held. The new Board Members are as follows: Floyd Sydney, Chairperson (appointed for 1 year), Andy Carpenter Jr., Secretary Treasurer (2 year term), Peter Esau Sr., Vice-Chairperson (2 year term), Darren Nasogaluak (2 year term), Wayne Gully (2 year term). Board Directors Tony Lucas and Ryan Lucas each have 1 more year for their term of office. Andy Carpenter Jr. was selected as the Inuvialuit Game Council Board Member.

## January 2001

Approval was given to Graham Ashford, IISD for himself and a Globe & Mail reporter to come to our community for the final meeting on the climate change video project. A feast was held for them with over 50 people in attendance. The Resource Person's 1 month leave of absence was approved. The HTC approved Derek Muir's (Northern Contaminants Program) application to study contaminants in seals around Sachs Harbour. The SHHTC signed and approved the Harvest Data Collection contract for 2001.

## February

The Joint Secretariat informed the HTC that the 2001 IHAP program will open February 1, 2001. The representatives for IHAP were Andy Carpenter Jr. and Wayne Gully for the HTC, Joey Carpenter for the community, Peter Esau Sr. for the Elders and Andy Carpenter Sr. and Fred Raddi for the SHCC. The SHHTC approved the wildlife permit from John Nagy, RWED to do a harvest of 20 musk-ox to collect blood samples etc.

## March

The SHHTC approved the wildlife research permit from John Nagy, RWED to do another musk-ox harvest of another 20 musk-ox. The Resource Person's request to release her VTA was approved. The HTC purchased a desk for the office from one of the teachers. IHAP approvals were finalized and 10 applicants were approved for capital equipment and 1 applicant for a tent. The SHHTC ordered caribou meat for our community. To date

we have received 9 caribou which were distributed to those in need in the community.

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Paul Voudrach – Sec-Treasurer

Chucky Gruben – Director

Darrel Nasogaluak – Director

Randal Pokiak – Director

Veryl Gruben – Director

Eleanor Ross – Resource Person

IGC Appointee – Frank Pokiak

IGC Alternate – Chucky Gruben

March, 2000

A Special Meeting was held on March 28, 2000 to review the Inuvialuit Harvesters' Assistance Program applications. The Board reviewed and allocated the funds as per Policies and Procedures of the Program. Later a letter regarding the Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program was received from IRC. They explained that if the Tuktoyaktuk HTC does not involve the Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation in the selection of the applicants that no funds will be released. The Tuktoyaktuk HTC decided to hand everything over to the Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation.

The Inuvialuit Harvest Study Fieldworker was to begin collecting data this month. The Tuktoyaktuk HTC hired Sandra Pascal as the Field worker. The Resource Person attended the Harvest Study Workshop in Inuvik but the Fieldworker could not attend due to personal reasons.

Lois Harwood attended the Regular Meeting on March 27 and discussed the cisco project. She explained that 1836 cisco herring were tagged during the 3 year project. She also gave an update on the whales that were trapped in Husky Lakes. She also submitted a

proposal on behalf of the Tuktoyaktuk HTC to conduct a lake trout study in Husky Lakes.

The THTC received a request from the Canadian Wildlife Service to harvest 500 geese for the community. This was posted for the community members.

#### April

Lennie Emaghok attended a Beluga Management Plan Workshop in Inuvik, March 28 & 29. They discussed the DRAFT plan and also the activities of the whales which were fitted with satellite collars. Lennie is willing to attend any future meetings on behalf of the Tuktoyaktuk HTC.

#### May

Davie Krengnektak was hired to harvest 500 geese for the community. The report was submitted to the Canadian Wildlife Service in Yellowknife.

#### June

The Tuktoyaktuk HTC met with Brian Plesuk of Gulf Canada regarding seismic work this summer at Parson's Lake. He explained that this will be a test to find out whether or not they should collect the data in the summer months.

The HTC donated sweatshirts to the school with the HTC logo on the front. They will be given to students for awards.

Chucky Gruben and Vera Ovayuak attended a meeting in Inuvik in December, 1999 to discuss the Coney Management Plan and the final report was to be signed off this month by Frank.

Rex Noksana was hired on as the beluga monitor for Hendrickson Island and Joseph Felix Jr. was hired as the Tuktoyaktuk Harbour monitor. They both attended a workshop in Inuvik on June 23, 2000.

#### July

The Resource Person was on annual leave from July 10 - August 8, 2000. Wayne Thrasher was hired during this time.

The HTC met with Anderson Resources at the HTC Regular Board Meeting and they presented information outlining their upcoming plans. The HTC provided them with information on fishing and hunting locations and cabins that may be in that area.

Karra Dillon was hired on July 31, 2000 as the new Inuvialuit Harvest Study Fieldworker for Tuktoyaktuk. She will be collecting the harvest information from January, 2000 to

present.

#### August

On August 17 the beluga monitoring program was completed.

Brian Plesuk of Gulf Canada requested that a representative from the Tuktoyaktuk HTC accompany them on a tour of Parson's Lake. This is the location that Gulf Canada is conducting a seismic test to collect the data during the summer rather than during the winter. Chucky will attend and the alternates will be Veryl and Eleanor. There was a lake survey done in the area. They were being tested to find out which have fish. The information collected will be used by the companies that will be conducting seismic this coming winter.

The Resource Person posted information regarding the CHAP funding that will be available to the HTC Members. The distribution is as follows: a one time payment of \$100 for whaling, caribou hunting and a one time payment of \$150 for polar bear hunting (if funds are available).

#### September

The HTC held a consultation meeting with Chevron on September 8, 2000.

Frank attended the WMAC(NWT) and IGC meetings in Whitehorse from September 10-24. Max also attended a meeting on behalf of Fisheries Joint Management Committee.

#### October

The Board held a consultation meeting with Anderson Exploration on October 2 and with Shell on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Vera and Randal attended the Self Government Workshop here in Tuktoyaktuk from the 16-18, 2000.

#### November

The HTC met with Explor Data on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board also attended a Community meeting for the Fisheries Joint Management Committee's community tour on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### December

The office was closed from December 22 - January 3, 2001 for the Christmas holidays.

#### January, 2001

The office was busy completing all year end material such as T4's, NWT payroll tax, and summaries for the Inuvialuit Harvest Study data.

The Tuktoyaktuk HTC held their Annual General Meeting on January 15, 2001 at the Hamlet Council Chambers. The following Board Members' terms were up for election: Max Kotokak Sr., Christopher Felix and Vera Ovayuak. During the elections Henry Nasogaluak, Darrel Nasogaluak and Paul Voudrach were voted in by the HTC Members. They will each serve a two year term. The Members concerns at the AGM were: to have Environmental Monitors on site during all activity in the area until all projects are complete and the same for Wildlife Monitors. The Members also recommended that the HTC use Avery Cooper for the audit this year. It will be cost shared with the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk and Tuktoyaktuk Housing. Frank Pokiak was appointed as the Inuvialuit Game Council representative and Chucky Gruben as the alternate Member for Tuktoyaktuk. Frank Pokiak was elected Chairman and Paul Voudrach as the Secretary Treasurer. The Vice-Chairman position will be done at our next Regular Board Meeting when all Board Members are present.

## February

The office was pretty quiet the first week so that time was used to get caught up with the filing and getting some year end information together. Esther Price and Catherine Pinard came to Tuktoyaktuk for a visit on February 13, 2001. Esther assisted the Resource Person with the Quick Books Program and Catherine met with the HTC Executive to discuss the Inuvialuit Harvest Study data. The Board is very concerned about the study here in Tuktoyaktuk. They were not notified by Catherine about these problems when they first occurred, the Board felt there should have been more communication from her.

The HTC held a consultation meeting with Anderson Resources to discuss their proposed offshore marine seismic program for this summer. They explained to the Board their plans and what equipment will be used during this program. The Board's concerns was the timing because during the summer months the proposed area is when the beluga whales are feeding and with their young. Also during the month of July is when the herring are spawning in the area as well. In August is when the seals and bowhead whales are in this area.

The Board also met with Petro-Canada on February 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the quarry licence applications for Devil's Lake and Swimming Point. They are requesting this gravel for an extension to the airstrip that is at their base camp at Swimming Point. The Board requested that Petro-Canada use the existing quarry at Ya-Ya Lakes. This gravel that they are proposing to use has been identified by the community for use on the proposed all weather road between Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik. They also recommend that EBA an engineering consultant re-assess the granular material with updated data because the last assessment was done in 1976.



March,

This month was spent preparing for the upcoming audit which will be conducted by Avery Cooper May 2-3, 2001.

The Resource Person and a Board Member met with Anderson Resources on March 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the reason why their seismic operations which are being conducted in the lakes around Tuktoyaktuk are suspended until further notice. They explained that the monitoring program they are using shows that there is overpressure which exceeds the 100 kPa guidelines which are set out by DFO.

### **Inuvialuit Game Council**

The list of meetings that members of the Inuvialuit Game Council or their representatives attended, and the committee summaries that are included in this annual report outline a number of issues in which the Game Council was involved. The following highlights Inuvialuit Game Council activities of note during the 2000 - 2001 fiscal year.

The Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) was signed over sixteen years ago but many older pieces of government legislation do not reflect the harvesting rights of the Inuvialuit that were established in the IFA. Although the IFA supercedes existing and future legislation, the Game Council feels that it is important to ensure that when legislation is being written or amended, that it be made consistent with the IFA. The Game Council provides ongoing input into various territorial and national acts and regulations. The Government of the Northwest Territories' Wildlife Act is being amended and the Game Council has representation on the Wildlife Act Aboriginal Advisory Group (WAAG). The Game Council also has representation on the Species At Risk Act Aboriginal Working Group. The federal SARA was reintroduced into parliament this year following the federal election. Complimentary legislation is being developed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. The Game Council is also in consultation with the Yukon and federal Governments regarding concerns about the possible duplication of environmental impact screening on the Yukon's North Slope under the proposed Yukon Development Assessment Process.

One of the highlights of this fiscal was the sixth Yukon North Slope Conference. The IFA states that this Conference will be held for beneficiaries, government and industry to discuss wildlife management on the Yukon North Slope. The Conference is held every three years and this year's theme was "The Challenge of Change". Attendees discussed some of the changes that have taken place on the North Slope since the IFA was signed, as

well as current and future challenges. Looking back to the Berger inquiry days, and

where Inuvialuit are now after the signing of the IFA, was particularly relevant due to the current increase in oil and gas exploration activities in the Beaufort Delta.

This fiscal the Game Council and the HTC's again spent a lot of time meeting with oil and gas company representatives and consultants regarding proposed projects and discussing with them the wildlife and environment management processes under the IFA. The pace of oil and gas activities has increased dramatically during this fiscal and it is expected to continue at this rate over the next few years. This has created some concerns in the communities about whether they have the capacity to deal with so many seismic projects happening at the same time. The HTC's have identified the need for more assistance to enable them to comment to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee on the many project submissions, as well as the need for training programs for more wildlife monitors who work in the field helping seismic crews avoid bear dens, muskrat push-ups, trap lines and other sensitive wildlife and harvesting areas. One of the issues being discussed by the Game Council and the co-management bodies is how to assess the cumulative impacts of all this exploration activity in the delta. The Game Council has ongoing participation in the steering committee working on developing a cumulative effects assessment and management framework for the whole Northwest Territories and in the Mackenzie Valley Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program Working Group. To deal with cumulative effects within the ISR the Game Council and the co-management bodies are discussing thresholds, wildlife research gaps, and prioritizing research to address those gaps.

The roles that the Game Council, co-management bodies and the HTC's play in wildlife and environmental management under the IFA was discussed at a Joint Secretariat Roles and Responsibilities Workshop held during this fiscal. Representatives from each of these bodies talked about their mandates under the IFA, how to avoid duplication of effort, and make the most efficient use of their time and resources.

The impacts of global warming are expected to occur earlier and be more extreme in the circumpolar north, with effects such as less multi-year sea ice, rising sea levels and melting of permafrost. The community of Sachs Harbour was featured in a video produced this year called "Inuit Observations on Climate Change". Residents spoke about the impacts that they have already seen in and around their community. This video was produced by the International Institute for Sustainable Development.

This fiscal, the Game Council, along with the co-management boards, have increased our communication about our activities through articles in the new Joint Secretariat newsletter, the *JS Bulletin*, sent to beneficiaries twice a year.

## Appendix A

### The Role Of The Inuvialuit Game Council Under The Inuvialuit Final Agreement

#### Section 14 (73)

The Inuvialuit Game Council shall be established and shall have a Chairman and at least one representative from each of the Hunters and Trappers Committees referred to in subsection (75).

As amended January 15, 1987

#### Section 14 (74)

For the purposes of this Agreement, the Inuvialuit Game Council shall represent the collective Inuvialuit interest in wildlife. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Inuvialuit Game Council shall, among its other activities:

- (a) appoint Inuvialuit members for all joint government/Inuvialuit bodies having an interest in wildlife, including those referred to in Sections 11, 12 and 14;  
As amended January 15, 1987
- (b) advise the appropriate governments through the Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (NWT and North Slope) or otherwise as appropriate on policy, legislation, regulation and administration respecting wildlife, conservation, research, management and enforcement;
- (c) assign community hunting and trapping areas within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region for the purposes of Inuvialuit wildlife harvesting where appropriate;
- (d) review and advise through the Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (NWT and North Slope) or otherwise as appropriate, the appropriate governments on existing or proposed wildlife legislation;
- (e) review and advise the government on any proposed Canadian position for international purposes that affect wildlife in the Inuvialuit Settlement region;
- (f) where appropriate, allocate Inuvialuit quotas among the communities;
- (g) appoint members whenever possible or appropriate for any Canadian delegation that deals with international matters affecting wildlife harvesting by the Inuvialuit.

(h) ~~appoint members for any committee or group whose purpose is to investigate any aspect of wildlife~~

usage in the Inuvialuit Settlement region; and

(i)  
on request, assist the Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (NWT and North Slope) in carrying out their functions.

## Appendix B

### The Role of The Inuvialuit Hunters' And Trappers' Committees Under The Inuvialuit Final Agreement

#### Section 14 (75)

Each Inuvialuit Community Corporation shall establish a community Hunters and Trappers Committee and determine the qualifications for membership therein. In determining those qualifications, regard shall be had to any agreements between the Inuvialuit and other native groups.

As amended January 15, 1987

#### Section 14 (76)

A Hunters and Trappers Committee shall, among its other activities:

1. advise the Inuvialuit Game Council on all local matters within the Committee's area of responsibility;
- (b) advise the Inuvialuit Game Council on the division of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region into community hunting and trapping areas;
- (c) advise the Inuvialuit Game Council on the requirements of subsistence users in regard to fish and the animals referred to in paragraph (6)(a) within its area of responsibility;
- (d) sub-allocate the subsistence quota allocated for animals referred to in paragraph (6)(a) within its area of responsibility;
- (e) sub-allocate any Inuvialuit quota set for fish and the animals referred to in paragraphs (6)(a), (b) and (c);
- (f) make by-laws, subject to the laws of general application, governing the exercise of the Inuvialuit rights to harvest referred to in paragraphs (6)(a), (b), (c) and (d);
- (g) encourage and promote Inuvialuit involvement in conservation, research, management, enforcement and utilization in relation to the wildlife resources in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region;

(h) ~~assist in providing harvest data on request by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council [sic] (NWT~~

and North Slope) or by the Fisheries Joint Management Committee; and

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Section 14 (76)

(i)

on request, assist the Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (NWT and North Slope) in carrying out their functions.

As amended January 15, 1987

Section 14 (77)

By-laws made under paragraphs (76)(f) shall be enforceable under the Wildlife Ordinance of the Northwest Territories.

Section 14 (78)

Local Hunters and Trappers Committees shall be responsible for the sub-allocation of community shares of subsistence and other quotas among individuals and shall participate in the regulation of the subsistence harvest and the collection of harvest information as determined from time to time by the Fisheries Joint Management Committee and Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (NWT and North Slope).

As amended January 15, 1987

Section 14 (79)

The administrative and operational costs of the Inuvialuit Game Council and the Hunters and Trappers Committees shall be borne by the Government of the Northwest Territories.