

# Annual Report 2001- 2002

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## **Introduction**

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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 fifteenth Annual Activity Report summarizes the activities of the Inuvialuit Game Council during the 2001-2002 fiscal year (April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002). 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**

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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 (see 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 collective Inuvialuit interest in all matters related to renewable resource management in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) (see Figure 1).

The Inuvialuit Game Council appoints Inuvialuit representatives to all of the joint wildlife and environmental co-management committees established under the IFA. In addition to its responsibilities under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, the Game Council acts as the regional representative of Inuvialuit hunters, trappers and fishermen.

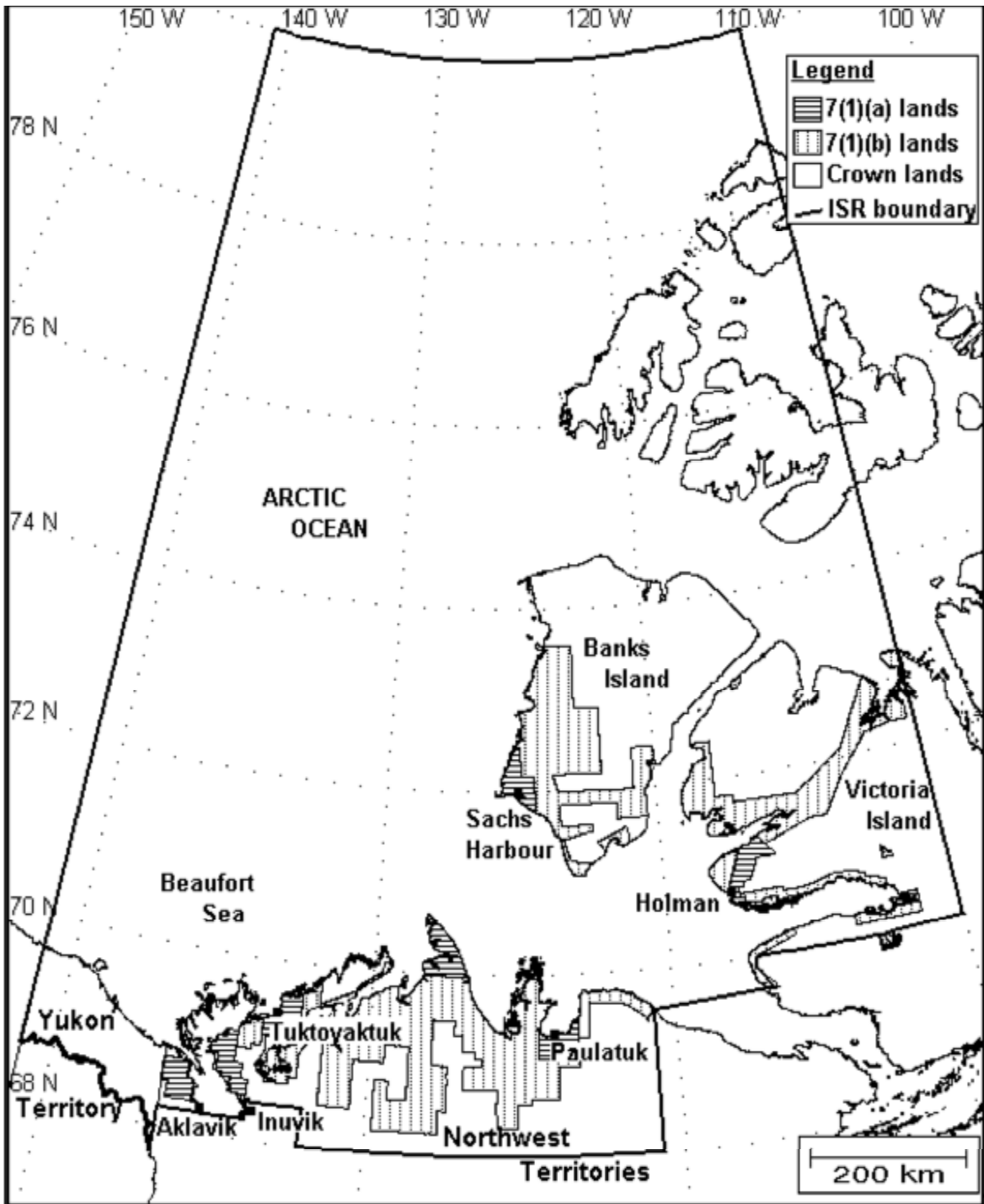


Figure 1 The Inuvialuit Settlement Region

## Structure

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

The six Inuvialuit Game Council Directors elect the IGC Chair from the active membership of a Hunters and Trappers Committee. The Vice-Chair and Treasurer must be elected from 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 2001 - 2002

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<b>Inuvialuit Game Council Membership</b>				
<b>Community</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Fiscal Term</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Appointed</b>
Inuvik	Duane Smith	Chair	April 01- March 2002	IGC: Dec. 1993 Chair: Dec. 1997
Aklavik HTC	Donald Aviugana	Director	April 01- March 2002	May 2000
	Larry Semmler	Alternate	Oct 01- March 2002	Oct 01
Olokhaktomiut HTC	Donald Inuktalik	Director	April 01- March 2002	May 1999
	Margaret Kanayok	Alternate	April 01- March 2002	June 2000
Inuvik HTC	Richard Binder	Treasurer & Director	April 01- March 2002	Sept. 1999
	Billy Day	Alternate	April 01- March 2002	Aug. 1990
Paulatuk HTC	Greg Green	Director	April 01- March 2002	October 2000
	Ruben Ruben	Alternate	April 01-March 2002	June 1999
Sachs Harbour HTC	Andy Carpenter Jr.	Director	April 01- March 2002	January 2001
Sachs Harbour HTC	Darren Nasogaluak	Alternate	April 01- March 2002	June 1998
Tuktoyaktuk HTC	Frank Pokiak	Vice-chair and Director	April 01- March 2002	IGC: Apr 89- Apr.92 & Dec. 1997 Vice chair: Mar 1998
	Chucky Gruben	Alternate	April 01- March 2002	Dec 1997

## Officers and Staff

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The Inuvialuit Game Council is incorporated as a Society under the Northwest Territories Societies Act, and is required to elect Officers. The Officers during the 2001-2002 fiscal year were:

Chair	- Duane Smith	April 2001 - March 2002
Vice-Chair	- Frank Pokiak	April 2001 - March 2002
Treasurer	- Richard Binder	April 2001 - March 2002
Executive Secretary	- Katherine Thiesenhausen - Nelson Perry	April 2001 - August 31, 2001 October 2001 - March 2002

The Joint Secretariat in Inuvik provides support staff for the Inuvialuit Game Council with a Resource Person position. The IGC Resource also acts as the executive secretary for the IGC. Katherine Thiesenhausen and then Nelson Perry fulfilled these roles for the Inuvialuit Game Council. Peggy Madore, Angela Hunter, Brigitte Wolki and Myrna Button provided financial administration and clerical support during the 2001-2002 fiscal year. Esther Price and then later, Diane Dillon assisted in Game Council issues with the Hunters' and Trappers' Committees as the HTC Administrative Support Officers. Norm Snow, Executive Director of the Joint Secretariat, served as a technical and administrative advisor throughout the fiscal year.

## IGC Activities During 2001-2002

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### **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 2001-2002 fiscal year the Inuvialuit Game Council met as follows:

June 13 - 15, 2001	- Tuktoyaktuk, NT
October 2 - 5, 2001	- Yellowknife, NT
December 11 - 14, 2001	- Inuvik, NT
March 20 - 23, 2002	- Inuvik, NT

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

Representatives from the Game Council attended the following meetings and workshops during the 2001 - 2002 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.



## IGC Activities During 2001-2002 cont...

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### April 2001

- **CEAMF Steering Committee**, teleconference, April 9, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **IFA Roles and Responsibilities Workshop**, Inuvik, NT, April 9-12, 2001 - Donald Aviugana, Donald Inuktalik, Ruben Ruben, Andy Carpenter Jr., Frank Pokiak, Richard Binder, Duane Smith, Danny C. Gordon, Katherine Thiesenhausen, Norm Snow
- **GNWT's Wildlife Act Aboriginal Advisory Group (WAAG)** conference call, April 18, 2001 - Donald Inuktalik
- **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group** meeting, Yellowknife, NT, April 18-19, 2001 - Duane Smith and Norm Snow
- **Arctic Science Summit Week**, Iqaluit, Nunavut, April 21-28, 2001 - Donald Inuktalik
- **EISC/EIRB Drilling Methods Workshop**, Inuvik, NT, April 24-25, 2001 - Katherine Thiesenhausen
- **NANGPG** meeting, JS Boardroom, Inuvik, NT, April 26, 2001 - Norm Snow and Katherine Thiesenhausen
- **Meeting with CEAA representatives**, Mackenzie Hotel, Inuvik, NT, April 26, 2001 - Duane Smith and Norm Snow
- **MVCIMP Working Group**, teleconference, April 27, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **TNNPMB Workshop**, Paulatuk, NT, April 30, 2001 - Richard Binder

### May 2001

- **ISR Gravel Management Plan**, JS Boardroom, Inuvik, NT, May 3, 2001 - Richard Binder, Norm Snow and Katherine Thiesenhausen
- **DIAND Managers' meeting**, Yellowknife, NT, May 8, 2001 - Duane Smith
- **CEAMF Steering Committee**, teleconference, May 10, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group** meeting, Calgary, AB, May 10-11, 2001 - Duane Smith and Norm Snow
- **CEAMF - MVCIMP Information Management Group meeting & CEAMF meeting**, Yellowknife, NT, May 15-16 & 17, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **GNWT's Wildlife Act Aboriginal Advisory Group (WAAG)** teleconference, May 18, 2001 - Katherine Thiesenhausen
- **Meeting with DIAND Minister Robert Nault**, Yellowknife, NT, May 22, 2001 - Duane Smith
- **GNWT's Wildlife Act Aboriginal Advisory Group (WAAG)** meeting, Yellowknife, NT, May 29-31, 2001 - Donald Inuktalik
- **Meeting with Gulf Canada, Petro-Canada and IEG**, Inuvik, NT, May 28, 2001 - Katherine Thiesenhausen

## IGC Activities During 2001-2002 cont...

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### June 2001

- **CEAMF Steering Committee** meeting, Inuvik, NT, June 5-6, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **RWED's Guide Level Training & Outfitting Workshop Planning** meeting, Inuvik, NT, June 8, 2001 - Katherine Thiesenhausen
- **GNWT's Wildlife Act Aboriginal Advisory Group (WAAG)** conference call, June 18, 2001
- **Beaufort SIMPI Working Group**, Inuvik, NT, June 18-20, 2001 - Frank Pokiak
- **IFA-ICC**, Inuvik, NT, June 19-20, 2001 - Duane Smith and Norm Snow
- **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group** meeting, Yellowknife, NT, June 21- 22, 2001 - Duane Smith and Norm Snow
- **IUCN Polar Bear Specialists Group** meeting, June 23-28, 2001, Nuuk, Greenland - Frank Pokiak

### August 2001

- **CEAMF Conference Call**, August 13, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group** meeting, Ottawa, ON, August 13-15, 2001 - Duane Smith and Norm Snow
- **Meeting with Chevron-BP-Burlington** to discuss their proposed winter 2002 program, Inuvik, NT, August 15, 2001 - Katherine Thiesenhausen
- **Review of Cumulative Effects Guides for EISC/EIRB Workshop**, Inuvik, NT, August 22-24, 2001 - Katherine Thiesenhausen
- **CAFF/AMAP** meetings, August 29-31, 2001, Uppsala, Sweden - Duane Smith

### September 2001

- **CEAMF Steering Committee** conference call, September 5, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **BSIMPIWG**, Inuvik, NT, September 12-13, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group** meeting, Calgary, September 23-24, 2001 - Norm Snow
- **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Chairs** meeting, Yellowknife, NT, September 30, 2001 – Duane Smith and Norm Snow

## IGC Activities During 2001-2002 cont...

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### October 2001

- **CEAMF Workshop**, Inuvik, NT, October 10-12, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **MVCIMP** teleconference meeting, October 16, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **CEAMF** teleconference meeting, October 17, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **Anadarko and AEC** - preliminary consultations on proposed seismic exploration activity for 2001/2002 season, Inuvik, October 17, 2001 - Nelson Perry
- **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Chair's and Working Group** teleconference meeting - Duane Smith and Norm Snow, October 18, 2001
- **Muskox Management Workshop**, Aklavik, NT, October 24-26, 2001 - Peter Esau Sr. and Darren Nasogaluak
- **Inuit Circumpolar Conference**, Anchorage, Alaska, October 22-27, 2001 - Duane Smith
- **New Wildlife Act and Species at Risk (NWT)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Consultation  
Holman HTC and Public Meeting, October 24, 2001  
Sachs Harbour HTC and Public Meeting, October 30, 2001  
- Donald Inuktalik
- **Hunting Along the Dempster Highway: Inuvialuit Edition (brochure)**, meeting with Ben Moise and Manon Moreau to discuss final changes to this brochure, Inuvik, NT, October 24, 2001 - Nelson Perry

### November 2001

- **MVCIMP** teleconference meetings, November 13 and November 27, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **CEAMF** teleconference meetings, November 13, 2001 Traditional Knowledge Subcommittee, November 5, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Chair's and Working Group** teleconference meeting, November 19, 2001 - Duane Smith and Norm Snow
- **Review of Section 16 of the IFA** meeting, Inuvik, NT, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2001 - Duane Smith and Norm Snow
- **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Group Meeting**, Calgary, AB Nov. 5-7, 2001 - Norm Snow
- **New Wildlife Act and Species at Risk (NWT)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Consultation Paulatuk HTC and Public Meeting, November 7, 2001 - Donald Inuktalik
- **Inuvialuit- Inupiat Beluga Commission (IIBC) & AWBC Meetings**, Anchorage, Alaska, Nov. 12-14, 2001 - Duane Smith, Frank Pokiak, Dennis Arey, Billy Day
- **PAS** teleconference meeting, November 14, 2001 - Richard Binder
- **Alaska Gas Producers Pipeline** team update, Inuvik, NT, Nov. 14, 2001 - Nelson Perry

## IGC Activities During 2001-2002 cont...

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### November 2001 cont...

- **IFAICC**, Inuvik, NT, November 20-21, 2001 - Duane Smith and Norm Snow
- **Pottinger, Gaherty Environmental Consultants Ltd.** -Meeting with co-management bodies on draft ILA Rules and Procedures Manual, Inuvik, NT, November 22, 2001 - Duane Smith, Norm Snow, Nelson Perry
- **BSIMPI Working Group** meeting, Inuvik, NT, November 28-29, 2001 - Frank Pokiak

### December 2001

- **CEAMF SC Meeting #23** and TK Workshop, Yellowknife, NT, December 4-6, 2001 - Richard Binder

### January 2002

- **Joint Secretariat Community Tour**, January 7-14, 2002 - Norm Snow, Duane Smith, Nelson Perry
- **ILA** teleconference meeting, Inuvik, NT, January 18, 2002 - Nelson Perry
- **Arctic Climate Change: Observations from the ISR Workshops**, January 20-31, 2002 - Richard Binder
- **Knowledge Gaps Workshop**, Midnight Sun Recreation Complex, Inuvik, NT, January 24-26, 2002 - Billy Day, Frank Pokiak, Duane Smith, Norm Snow, Nelson Perry
- **Seabed Mapping Workshop**, Aurora Research Institute, Inuvik, NT, January 31, 2002 - Darren Nasogaluak, Chucky Gruben, Donald Aviugana, Billy Day, Alex Kaglik, Ruben Green, Donald Inuktalik, Nelson Perry

### February 2002

- **Polar Bear Technical Committee Meeting**, Iqualuit, Nunavut, Feb. 9-10, 2002 - Frank Pokiak, Larry Carpenter
- **WAAG** meeting, Yellowknife, NT, Feb. 13-15, 2002 - Donald Inuktalik
- **Continental Energy Markets and Greenhouse Gas Emissions: The Implications** conference, Ottawa, ON, Feb. 20-21, 2002 - Randall Pokiak
- **Indigenous Observations of Climate Change**, Tampere, Finland, Feb. 21-24, 2002 - Norm Snow, John Keogak

## IGC Activities During 2001-2002 cont...

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### March 2002

- **Beaufort Sea Habitat Mapping Workshop**, Winnipeg, MB, Feb. 28 - Mar. 1, 2002 - Larry Carpenter, Richard Gordon, Joseph Haluksit
- **NWT Protected Areas Strategy Forum**, Yellowknife, NT, March 5-6, 2002 - Andy Carpenter Jr.
- **Sea Ice Variability and Climate Change Workshop**, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Mar. 6-8, 2002 - Ernest Pokiak, Andy Carpenter Jr., John Keogak, Richard Binder, John Alikamik, Charlie Ruben, Frank Pokiak, Jim Elias, Frank Elanik
- **Dempster Highway Caribou Hunting Review Committee** conference call, March 4, 2002 - Clayton Gordon
- **WMAC (NWT)** meeting, IGC update, March 12-13, 2002, Inuvik, NT - Nelson Perry
- **Gravel Management Plan** update - week of March 11-15, 2002 - Joint Secretariat staff and Duane Smith

## Committees

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Over the years committees were established to implement 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 directly or indirectly affect the Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic. These committees are separate from the co-management structures established under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

The committees and Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) established co-management groups appoint Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) members as listed below. This is followed by a brief summary of the activities for each committee during the 2001 - 2002 fiscal year; contact information is listed for committees 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.

### **Beaufort Sea Integrated Management Planning Senior Management Committee** (formerly Marine Protected Areas Scoping Group – Department of Fisheries and Oceans)

This BSIMP Senior Management Committee, formed by Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), oversees the BSIMP Working Group that implements DFO's federal Oceans' Act initiatives.

Appointee: Duane Smith Dec.1999 - not set

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

This BSIMP Working Group is developing a work plan 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.

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

## Committees cont...

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### **Cumulative Effects Assessment and Management Framework 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 year 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.

Appointee: Richard Binder March 2000 - not set

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

Environmental Impact Screening Committee conducts primary environmental screening of developments proposed for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The EISC was established under section 11(3) of the IFA.

Contact information to obtain EISC Annual Activity Report or Operating Guidelines and Procedures:

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO

phone: (867) 777-2828 fax: (867) 777-2610 e-mail: eisc@jointsec.nt.ca

Appointees:	Billy Day	Sept.1999 – Sept.30, 2002
	Alex Kaglik	Sept.1999 – Sept.30, 2002
	Fred Wolki	Sept.1999 – Sept.30, 2002

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

Environmental Impact Review Board recommends what development projects should proceed and any terms and conditions. It does this by way of a public hearing process. EIRB was established under section 11(18) of the IFA.

Contact information to obtain EIRB Annual Report:

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO

phone: (867) 777-2828 fax: (867) 777-2610 e-mail: eirb@jointsec.nt.ca

Appointees:	Jack Akhiatak	Feb.2000 – Sept.30, 2002
	Richard Binder	June 1999 – Sept.30, 2002
	Herbert Felix	Sept.1999 – Sept.30, 2002

## Committees cont...

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

The Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC) advises the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans on ISR fish and marine mammals management matters under section 14(61) of the IFA. FJMC works with government and renewable resource user groups in Canada and Alaska to oversee common migratory stocks.

Contact information to obtain FJMC Annual Report:

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT X0E 0T0

phone: (867) 777-2828 fax: (867) 777-2610 e-mail: fjmc@jointsec.nt.ca

Appointees:	Billy Day	Sept. 2001 – Sept. 2004
	Max Kotokak Sr.	Sept. 1999 – Sept. 2002
	Esther Price (Alternate)	Oct. 2001- Sept. 2003
	Donald Inuktalik (Alternate)	Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2002

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

The Inuvik region GNWT Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development established this temporary Committee to redesign the outfitting guide training courses.

Appointee:	Chucky Gruben	Dec.1999 - not set
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### **Inuvialuit Final Agreement Implementation Co-ordinating Committee (2 years)**

Contact information to obtain IFA/ICC Annual Report:

Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0

phone: (867) 777-2737 fax: (867) 777-2135

Appointees:	Duane Smith	Mar. 1999 – Mar. 2001
	Norm Snow (Alternate)	Mar. 1999 – Mar. 2001



## Committees cont...

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### **Inuvialuit Harvest Study Management Committee**

The Harvest Study data collection began again in January 2000. The Local Technical Advisory Team 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 IHS annual reports from January 1988 onwards.

Contact information to obtain the Inuvialuit Harvest Study Annual Report:  
P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO  
phone: (867) 777-2828 fax: (867) 777-2610 e-mail: [ihj-j@jointsec.nt.ca](mailto:ihj-j@jointsec.nt.ca)

Appointees:	Herbert Felix	Dec. 1998 - not set
	Danny C. Gordon	Sept. 1999 - not set
	Donald Inuktalik	Sept. 1999 - not set

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

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.

Appointees:	Dennis Arey	Mar. 2000 – Mar. 2004
	Frank Pokiak	Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2002
	Duane Smith	Sept. 1999 – Sept. 2002

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

These two committees discuss the status, health and harvesting of the shared population of polar bears in the southern Beaufort Sea region.

Appointees:	Larry Carpenter	Sept. 1999 – Sept. 2002
	Frank Pokiak	Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2004
	Chucky Gruben (Alternate)	Oct. 1999 – Sept. 2002

## **Committees cont...**

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

Both the Gwich'in and the Sahtu Dene and Metis Land Claim Agreements require the development of a method to monitor land and water use cumulative impacts on the Mackenzie Valley environment. This Group was established to guide this development with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

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

### **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Chairs' Group**

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

Appointee: Duane Smith Not set

### **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Working Group**

This MVPP Working Group performs tasks on behalf of the MVPP Chairs' Group.

Appointee: Duane Smith Not set

### **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) establish protected areas in the Northwest Territories. The Inuvialuit set aside 28% of land within the ISR with some form of protection. This 28% includes three national parks, five migratory bird sanctuaries, one territorial park and numerous national historic sites.

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

## Committees cont...

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### **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.

Appointees:	Larry Carpenter	Mar. 1999 – Sept. 2002
	Frank Pokiak	Sept. 1996 – Sept. 2001
	Chucky Gruben (Alternate)	Sept. 1999 – Sept. 2002

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

Contact information to obtain PCMB Annual Report:

Box 4999, Whitehorse YT Y1A 4S2

phone: (867) 633-4780 fax: (867) 633-4780 e-mail: pcmb@polarcom.com

Appointees:	Clayton Gordon	June 2000 – Sept. 2003
	Larry Semmler (Alternate)	Oct. 2001 – Sept. 2003

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

Contact information to obtain Annual Report:

General Delivery, Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0

fax: (867) 580-3234

Appointees:	John Max Kudlak	Sept. 2001 – Sept. 2003
	Max Kotokak Sr. (Alternate)	Sept. 2001 – Sept. 2003

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

The Government of the Northwest Territories is revising its Wildlife Act. This Group was established to include aboriginal involvement in the process. Draft issues were developed 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.

Appointee:	Donald Inuktalik	Dec. 2000 - not set
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### **Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)**

(3 years - Members, 2 years - Alternates)

Contact information to obtain WMAC (NS) Annual Report:

P.O. Box 5928, Whitehorse YT Y1A 5L9

phone: (867) 633-5476 fax: (867) 633-6900 e-mail: wmacns@web.net

Appointees:	Herbert Felix	June 1999 – Sept. 2002
	Danny C. Gordon	Sept. 2001 – Sept. 2004
	Carol D. Arey (Alternate)	Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2002
	Richard Gordon (Alternate)	Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2002

### **Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)**

(3 years for Members, 2 years for Alternates)

Contact information to obtain WMAC (NWT) Annual Report:

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO

phone: (867) 777-2828 fax: (867) 777-2610 e-mail: wmacnwt@jointsec.nt.ca

Appointees:	William Day	Sept. 2001 – Sept. 2004
	Frank Pokiak	Sept. 2001 – Sept. 2004
	Arnold Ruben	June 1999 – Sept. 2002
	Floyd Sydney (Alternate)	Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2002
	Donald Inuktalik (Alternate)	Mar. 2000 – Sept. 2002

## Hunters & Trappers Committees and Inuvialuit Game Council Highlights

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### Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee

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President	Dennis Arey	
Vice-President	Evelyn Storr	
Secretary/Treasurer	Donald Aviugana	<i>IGC Director</i>
Director	Larry Semmler	<i>IGC Alternate</i>
Director	Danny C. Gordon	
Director	Danny A. Gordon	
Director	Pat Kasook	

Resource Persons     Faith Gordon and Agnes Tardiff

The Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee (AHTC) was busy throughout the 2001-2002 fiscal year. The Resource Person - Faith Gordon- was hired in February 2001 on a full time basis. The Resource Person was busy in getting the office caught up. Due to the high staff turnover with both the AHTC and Aklavik Community Corporation (ACC) the two organizations met and decided to amalgamate their offices. The Resource Person became the Office Manager for both the AHTC and ACC offices and a Receptionist was hired to help with day-to-day operations.

Regular AHTC meetings were held once or twice a month as the correspondence increased. AHTC worked with co-management groups in the two Territories, oil & gas exploration companies, AHTC beneficiaries and ongoing issues. At times things became hectic for AHTC staff and directors. Many Community Consultation meetings were held throughout the year. The AHTC Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on August 27, 2001. The AGM had a good turnout and members voted for four new AHTC Directors for a two-year term.

The AHTC worked on the Westside Char Working Group with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Fisheries Joint Management Committee. Although the beluga harvest was low, the annual beluga-monitoring program went well last summer. The monitors' additional responsibility was to record aircraft flights in the Shingle and West White fish areas. The AHTC had two members from Aklavik out last summer doing index net fishing. The AHTC had one member put in a thermometer gauge at Shingle Point to assist DFO in studies.

## **Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...**

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The AHTC Board of Directors decided to purchase caribou meat for the elders of the community. The caribou meat was picked up in Tuk and delivered to Aklavik by ice road. The caribou meat was distributed to the elders; they appreciated receiving this meat.

AHTC received their Community Harvesting Assistance Program (CHAP) funding late this year; the money was distributed to community members.

Under the Aklavik Community Corporation (ACC) Business arm, the AHTC hired Wildlife monitors, Shelter Crews and Survey Assistants for various company projects. The companies brought employment to locals; they were quite happy and willing to work. For future reference, the AHTC has a list of monitors that have their certificates and employment training.

The AHTC Board of Directors participated in a Board Development Training Workshop. This workshop was beneficial to clarify the Board Members and staff roles.

AHTC continues to seek the support and guidance of the Joint Secretariat Resource People.

Overall the AHTC had a busy year, but with the amalgamation of the AHTC and ACC offices the AHTC has been running very smoothly.

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## Olokhaktomiut Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...

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### OHTC Board Members as of July 2001

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Director                    Margaret Kanayok        *IGC Alternate*

Director                    Peter Malgokak

Director                    Allen Joss

Director                    John Alikamik

Resource Person        Lillian Kanayok

### May 2001

- OHTC hired 2 local residents to do a caribou survey (RWED funded)
- Wildlife Act meeting

### June 2001

- Inuvialuit Harvester's Assistance Program Selections Committee approved or rejected applicants
- Seal Monitoring began and continued until August
- OHTC's Annual General Meeting was held
- Resource Person- Bessie Inuktalik resigned
- Director Sadie Joss resigned
- Director Margaret Kanayok remained as Inuvialuit Game Council Alternate

### July 2001

- Resource Person – Lillian Kanayok- hired
- Executive elections were held
- Commercial fishing began
- Caribou survey - 3 local residents were hired

### August 2001

- OHTC Committee selected Allen Pogotak to do the Harvest Study on behalf of DFO/RWED

### September 2001

- 100 musk-ox tags were saved for the sport hunt season

## Olokhaktomiut Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...

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### October 2001

- 4 fish monitors were hired to work at Fish Lake and Kuuk
- The Board met with John Nagy to discuss “Drafting a New Wildlife Act” and “Protecting NWT Species at Risk”

### November 2001

- The Board made a motion to limit members to 2 tags per month as there was a concern about the musk-ox meat going to waste
- CHAP funding received
- FJMC/OHTC held a joint public meeting

### December 2001

- Regular operations

### January 2002

- Joint Secretariat and OHTC held a joint public meeting

### February 2002

- Resource Person – Lillian Kanayok- attended the Accounting Cycle 1 course held in Inuvik

### March 2002

- Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program Selections Committee received 20 applicants in all of which seven were approved
- The Board approved the Polar Bear contaminants program to be administered through the office
- Sealskin Program to be administered through the OHTC office, funded by RWED
- OHTC/FJMC held a joint public meeting on Seashell project

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Director	Hank Rogers	
Director	Shane Goeson	

Resource Person      Laura Paterson

The Inuvik Hunters & Trappers Committee (IHTC) was busy this 2001-2002 fiscal year. IHTC dealt with regular monthly board meetings, land use applications and general activities to assist the members, corporate bodies and oil and gas companies. Similar to last year, the IHTC dealt with a number of oil and gas related project proposals and reviewed activity reports for research projects along the proposed pipeline area.

The Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee submitted a proposal for the Trapper Training Land Skills Program. The proposal was approved from the Brighter Futures Program with the amount of \$10 680. The program hired 4 instructors, each bringing 3 students out on the land for 10 days.

IHTC also submitted a proposal to Brighter Futures for the annual caribou harvest which involved hunters and youth. This program provides food for elders and families-in-need. The IHTC has already submitted a proposal for the winter of 2002/03 and hopes to have another successful harvest. Caribou samples are being taken from hunters to send to RWED.

The Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program (IHAP) applications were available in February, but due to staff change over, Diane Dillon (HTC Administrative Support Officer) processed the applications. Inuvik was funded \$53 474.80 for 2002 and there were 33 applicants. The IHAP Committee consists of 2 Inuvik Community Corporation members, Jerry Lennie and Gerry Kisoun, 1 Elders Committee director, Esther McLeod, and 2 Inuvik Hunters & Trappers Committee directors, Hank Rogers and Alex Kaglik. There are 11 members that received IHAP money this year.

## **Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...**

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The IHTC received C-cans from the oil companies; these C-cans were distributed to hunters who needed to repair their cabins. RWED gave us a list of cabin owners that had bear problems in the past.

IHTC is trying to arrange for funding for Inuvik Area Campsite Cleanup. IHTC would like the HTC members to stockpile their heavy garbage (like old skidoos) to be picked up next winter.

### Tumitchiat Outfitters

This past year Tumitchiat Outfitters hired 21 Wildlife Monitors. Laura Paterson (IHTC RP) has been busy making sure that the Wildlife Monitors get to and from work. Most of the camps are closed for the summer 2002 season; Swimming Point is the only camp operating for the summer.

Prepared by: Laura Paterson, IHTC Resource Person

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Director	Arnold Ruben	

Resource Person      Bill S. Ruben

Bears were sighted in and around the community in August and September. People were concerned for their safety, especially for their childrens' safety during the evenings. There were also bear problems out in camps- people sighting bears and bears damaging camps. 2 bears were shot in the community last fall.

## **Paulatuk Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...**

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Sport hunts have been going on from September 2001 to May 2002 for Polar Bears, Caribou, Muskox and Grizzly Bears. We had 1 Polar Bear Hunter and 2 Grizzly Bear hunters return after unsuccessful hunts earlier in the year.

The old PHTC building has been turned over to the Hamlet to use as a communications center on a long-term basis. In return the PHTC will be receiving a Bush Radio to be used as a base station for the community.

A community meeting was held last fall to discuss the GNWT Species at Risk legislation and get community input on the New Wildlife Act.

Noel Green was hired last fall as a Harvest Data Collector to collect data on Caribou and Char from April to November.

Under the Community Harvesters Assistance Program (CHAP) the PHTC distributed 24 drums of gas to local harvesters and reimbursed Garrett Ruben \$ 2000 for hunts he performed for the community in early fall.

The Char Monitor program went well. The PHTC hired on David Ruben and Joe Illasiak Jr. The project ran from August 1- 31, 2001. Total Char catch for the summer season was 1,165. One Radio tag was caught -Aklavik tag #BR0556.

Beluga Monitors for 2001 were Bill Wolki as the main monitor and Peter Ruben as the alternate monitor. Hunters did spot whales, but none were harvested due to weather and ice conditions.

Under the Inuvialuit Harvester Assistance Program the Community IHAP Committee approved 7 applicants. After the IHAP Review Committee reviewed the applications they sent us notice that one of the applicants had to be dealt with and the priority list redone. The Community IHAP Committee again met and approved another 6 applicants, withdrew 1 application and redid the priority list.

The PHTC also requested that the Muskox sport hunt season be amended to start earlier; this amendment won't be effective until September 2002.

All in all things around the PHTC office were fairly quiet. PHTC's financial books are still done out of Inuvik.

Prepared by: Bill S. Ruben - PHTC Resource Person

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Director	Wayne Gully	
Director	Joe Kudlak	
Director	Earl Esau	
Resource Person	Florence Elanik	

### March 2001

- approved research permit with RWED (John Nagy) for mini musk-ox harvest, to collect samples, start date March 26<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002. They hired six people from our community to work on this project.
- Director Wayne Gully was selected to attend the Anderson Resources meeting in Inuvik April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001
- Resource Person went to Inuvik to prepare for year end with Esther Price
- Purchased a new desk for the office from one of the teachers
- IHAP committee for 2001 was selected, they are as follows- Andy Carpenter Sr. (chairperson), Frank Kudlak, Andy Carpenter Jr., Wayne Gully, Fred Raddi & Joey Carpenter. A total of 11 applicants were approved, 3 applicants were put on the second to consideration list (these applications become active if 1 of the approved applicants backs out. 10 applications not approved, because most of them received funding in the past, with the IHAP program

### April 2001

- Andy Carpenter Jr.'s application for guiding was approved
- Kris Carpenter's membership with the SHHTC has been reinstated

## Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...

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### May 2001

- Darren Nasogaluak was selected to attend Parks interviews
- The SHHTC to contact IGC to help repossess the Grizzly bear RWED confiscated from John Lucas Sr.
- SHHTC contacted Hamlet to purchase freezers for our community members
- Letter was written to DFO to do a seal count or study on our seals as people were finding them very skinny etc.
- Letter was written to RWED Tim Devine to do physical caribou count
- CWS funded the geese harvest, total funding was \$4600, the HTC sent about 500 geese to Inuvik, Holman and Aklavik

### June 2001

- All the geese were sent to communities for the geese harvest, the HTC kept around 70 geese for our community members. It was decided to approach CWS to harvest 2500 geese and eggs for 2002
- Approved research permit with RWED for productivity of Peary Caribou on Banks Island
- Approved research permit with RWED for Banks Island Peary caribou, musk-oxen, and arctic wolf population survey
- CWS Paul Letour hired two locals for the Lesser Snow Geese studies

### July 2001

- Shawna Sydney was hired casually while Resource Person was in Inuvik on training
- July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001 was set for the SHHTC annual general meeting
- 974120 NT Ltd warehouse was broken into and the 4 wheeler was stolen
- the Hamlet ordered 10 freezers for our community they should be arriving on the sealift
- Climate change project would like to come to our community for a 3 day workshop possible in September 2001

### August 2001

- Samantha Lucas will be working as the DFO harvest Data collector for this season
- SHHTC posted notice for anyone who is interested in hunting caribou for the elders. HTC had about 4 people hunting caribou for the elders, the HTC will use the leftover CHAP funding to cover the cost of gas etc.
- CHAP funding was used to order 40 pails of muktuk from Tuktoyaktuk, hunt 1 caribou each for the elders, and the remaining CHAP went to purchasing char from Holman for the community

## Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...

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### September 2001

- SHHTC had a meeting with Tim Devine RWED, Ian Ellesworth RWED, David Harry RWED, Kelly Robertson, Shawna Mackay Arctic College, regarding the proposed upcoming guide level training 1 course
- Seized polar bear from many years ago was released back to Paul Raddi
- Members concern regarding seal hunting, the seals are very skinny this year

### October 2001

- Parks Canada James McCormick attended the HTC meeting and informed them of activities that are happening within Aulavik Parks
- Species at Risk Meeting set for October 31, 2001 WMAC/ RWED meeting set for October 16, 2001 regarding the Peary Caribou quota
- Peter Esau Sr. and Darren Nasogaluak attending the WMAC (NS) musk-ox management meeting in October the meeting was held in Aklavik
- The HTC decided to buy hides from the community members for 974120 NT Ltd., they will pay \$ 150 per hide + \$ 15 admin fee per hide
- WMAC/RWED public meeting was held to discuss the peary caribou quota in attendance were: John Nagy RWED, David Harry RWED, Larry Carpenter WMAC, Frank Pokiak WMAC, Katherine Thiesenhausen WMAC
- Species at risk public meeting was held October 31, 2001 in attendance were Ian Ellesworth RWED, David Harry RWED, and Donald Inuktalik IGC

### November 2001

- Special members meeting was held to discuss the peary caribou quota, it was decided to leave the quota at 36, 1 per household, 23 members attended the meeting
- The HTC ordered 40 caribou from Tuktoyaktuk, David and Henry Nasogaluak will be hunting the caribou for Sachs, the HTC has approval from Tuk HTC to approach community members to do the hunting HTC received funding from RWED to get caribou for our community
- HTC decide to sponsor this years Christmas Turkey Bingo we will purchase 10 turkeys and 1 ham
- FJMC Public meeting held November 22, 2001 in attendance were FJMC Ed McLean, FJMC Max Kuktokak, DFO Lois Harwood, JS Robin Fonger, DFO Gina Elliot, DFO Doug Chipersack, FJMC Don Dowler
- Approval was given to the guide level training to use 6 musk ox tags for their program, the hides are to come back to the HTC and in return the HTC will sell them to 974120 NT Ltd. and donate the funds to the Sachs Harbour Recreation Dept.

## Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...

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### December 2001

- Proposed studies for Sachs Harbour with FJMC (prioritized) 1. Banks Island Coastal Fish and Seal sites evaluation, 2. Sachs Char Study 3. Sachs marine cod study 4. Sachs Fish and marine mammal TEK study 5. Banks Island fisheries science study
- Board Development meeting to take place in February 2002

### January 2002

- Elected to the SHHTC board as are follows: Andy Carpenter Jr. chairperson, vice chairperson Peter Esau Sr. Secretary Treasurer Richard Carpenter, Director Darren Nasogaluak, Director Wayne Gully, Earl Esau Director, the last seat was tied between Margret Lennie, Joe Kudlak and Joshua Esau, Joe Kudlak was appointed to the SHHTC board until next elections
- The SHHTC approved 200 commercial musk ox tags to 974120 NT Ltd for the musk ox harvest for a total of 1200 approved tags
- John Keogak was selected to go to Tampere Finland with the Climate Change Project

### February 2002

- The HTC had a special meeting with 974120 NT Ltd. (Murray Arsnault) to discuss the musk ox harvest operations
- Samantha Lucas was hired for casual office work while the resource person went on the accounting cycle 1 program

### March 2002

- Peter Esau Sr. and Wayne Gully were appointed to the 2002 IHAP committee on behalf of the SHHTC
- Approved research application for Paleoecology of Mercy Bay Reefs, Frasnian Banks Island, NT
- Approved research application for Polar Bear Contaminants program
- 2002 IHAP committee consisted of Wayne Gully-Chairperson, Peter Esau Sr. Director, Manny Kudlak- Director, Joey Carpenter- Director, Andy Carpenter Sr. Director. A total of 17 applications were submitted for 2002, with 8 being approved and 2 being on the second to consideration list.

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Director	Veryl Gruben	
Director	Darrel Nasogaluak	
Director	Henry Nasogaluak	

Resource Person      Eleanor Ross

#### January 2001

The THTC office reopened on January 3, 2001. Pretty busy completing all year-end material such as T4's, NWT payroll tax, etc. also worked on summaries for the Inuvialuit Harvest Study data. All CHAP information was sent to the Joint Secretariat for review. 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. The elections were done at the AGM and Henry Nasogaluak, Darrel Nasogaluak and Paul Voudrach were voted in by the 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. Also the same goes for the 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.

#### February 2001

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 RP with the Quick Books Program and Catherine met with the executive to discuss the Inuvialuit Harvest Study data. The Board is very concerned about the study here in Tuk. The Board felt there should have been more communication regarding the Harvest Study.



## **Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...**

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February 2001 cont...

The THTC received information on a Board Development Workshop that is being offered by the Joint secretariat and the NWT Housing Corporation. The Workshop is scheduled for April 2 and 3, 2001.

The THTC 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 concern 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. In August the seals and bowhead whales are in this area. The Board also met with Petro-Canada on February 28, 2001 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 all weather road between Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik. They also recommended that EBA (an engineering consultant) re-assess the granular material with updated data because the last assessment was done in 1976.

March 2001

This month was spent preparing for the upcoming audit that will be conducted by Avery Cooper. It is scheduled for May 2 and 3 2001.

The RP and a Board Member met with Anderson Resources on March 9, 2001 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 over pressure which exceeds the 100 kPa guidelines which are set out by DFO.

April 2001

Marsha Branigan attended the Regular Board Meeting to update the Board on the traditional knowledge study that was done in 1999 on grizzly bears in the Tuktoyaktuk area. She will send a copy of the results to the office once she has it completed.

Frank attended the Roles and Responsibilities Workshop in Inuvik. At this workshop a suggestion was made to hire an individual to review all applications submitted by oil companies.

## **Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...**

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May 2001

The audit was conducted by Cathy Cudmore of Avery, Cooper on May 2 & 3. All went well. The HTC office was closed from May 14-28 as the Resource Person was on annual leave.

June 2001

Randal Pokiak, Enoch Pokiak and Christopher Felix attended a meeting in Aklavik on June 29 with the Ocean Marine Group.

Andrea Hoyt attended the Regular Board meeting to present her report on the Husky Lakes Integrated Management Plan. She noted comments made by the users of Husky Lakes on camping and fishing and also the impacts of oil and gas development, all weather road, tourism at Husky Lakes and the reindeer herd. The residents explained that Husky Lakes is a very important traditional area used by the members of Tuktoyaktuk. They also felt that the Inuvialuit Land Administration, Tuktoyaktuk HTC and Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development should be monitoring the area more closely during the springtime.

July 2001

A Husky Lakes Fish and Ecology Study at Husky Lakes from June 25 to July 8 2001. Joseph Felix Jr., Fred Gruben Sr. and Douglas Panaktalok were hired as field assistants for this project.

On July 9, 2001 Joseph Felix Jr. accepted the duties as beluga monitor for the Tuktoyaktuk Harbour. Christopher Felix was hired in June for the Hendrickson Island beluga monitor.

The Tuktoyaktuk HTC held a consultation meeting with Petro-Canada on July 11th.

August 2001

The Tuktoyaktuk HTC held consultation meetings with AEC West and Andarko on August 7th.

An index netting project began on August 7th and was completed on August 12th. Joseph Felix Jr. and Flora Cockney were hired for this project.

An inspection with Anderson Resources Ltd. Took place on August 14th and Chucky Gruben represented the Tuktoyaktuk HTC.

Tuktoyaktuk HTC held a consultation meeting with Petro-Canada on August 16th and also met with the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development on August 20th to discuss the collaring of grizzly bears in the Tuktoyaktuk area.

The Resource Person was on leave from August 16th to the 24th. The beluga monitor project was completed on August 16, 2001.

## **Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...**

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August 2001 cont...

Chucky Gruben and Frank Pokiak attended the workshop hosted by KAVIK Axys on August 22-23 of August in Inuvik.

The Tuktoyaktuk HTC met with the Environmental Impact Review Board on August 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the DRAFT Criteria for Husky Lakes.

Christopher Felix represented the Tuktoyaktuk HTC at a Husky Lakes Management Committee meeting on August 27th.

September 2001

The Resource Person was on leave from September 10th to the 21st.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans requested that an index netting project take place in Tuktoyaktuk and required one member and one youth be hired for this project. Joseph Felix Jr. and Donovan Felix were hired for this project. They were employed from September 17th - 24th.

A meeting with Anderson Resources Ltd. On September 24th was held to discuss amendments to their water licence application.

A consultation meeting was held with Petro-Canada on September 26 to discuss amendments to their upcoming projects.

October 2001

The Tuktoyaktuk HTC met with AEC West Ltd. and Andarko Canada Corporation on October 18, 2001 to discuss project descriptions for seismic work.

The Board met with Tim Devine of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development on October 18, 2001 to review the DRAFT GNWT Wildlife and Species at Risk Act.

Veryl and Chucky Gruben attended an inspection of the Zed Lake area at Husky Lakes with Petro-Canada on October 19, 2001.

November 2001

The Tuktoyaktuk HTC met with Conoco on November 7, 2001 to discuss the Parsons Lake 3D seismic program.

The Board met with a representative from the Alaska Gas Producers Group on November 14, 2001 to review the surveys that were done last year and they also presented information on their proposed activities for the coming year.

A wildlife monitor course was held in the community November 19-23, 2001. This course covered the following: snowmobile/boat safety, bear awareness and first aid/CPR. A total of 22 individuals took part in this course. This course ran for a total of 4.5 days and 12 members were involved. The snowmobile/boat safety and bear awareness portion of this course was not delivered.

## **Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...**

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December 2001

The Resource Person began distributing CHAP funding to the members on December 3, 2001. A harvester may apply for a one time payment of \$200.

The Annual General Meeting scheduled for January 9, 2002 was re-scheduled for January 14, 2002.

The office was closed from December 21st and re-opened on January 2, 2002.

January 2002

The Annual General Meeting was held on January 14, 2002. Elections were held for four seats on the Tuktoyaktuk HTC. Terms for the following expired: Chucky Gruben, Veryl Gruben, Frank Pokiak, and Randal Pokiak. Results are as follows: Chucky 17, Veryl 18, Frank 16, and our newest Board Member Emmanuel Adam 13. Each will serve a two year term.

The THTC held an executive meeting on January 21 and Paul Voudrach was elected as the Chairman. Emmanuel Adam- Vice-chairman and Chucky Gruben was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer.

The Steering Committee which was set up last year to administer a project titled Husky Lakes Assessment with reps from HTC, DFO and a member-at-Large from the community held a meeting on January 17th to discuss the work required for this year. Three individuals were hired last year for this project and it was recommended by the working group that the same individuals be hired again this year. They are required to provide collection of water, sediment, physical and biological samples from Husky Lakes. This project will run for two more years.

February 2002

The RP attended the bookkeeping course that was offered in Inuvik from February 10-22. The course was a lot of fun and very challenging. Sandra Neis who instructed the course was very patient with the class. It was great to meet the Resource Persons from other communities.

Erin Felix was hired as the casual RP while Eleanor attended the course.

The Board provided their support for the following businesses to provide wildlife monitoring in Tuktoyaktuk. Polar Pack Café owned by Randal and Katie Pokiak and Tuktoyaktuk Environmental Services owned by Lloyd Gruben and Rex Cockney.

The Tuk HTC met with Devon on February 28th to discuss the possibility of conducting seismic in the community of Tuk. The Board's biggest concern was safety. A Board Member mentioned that children are curious and if this project goes ahead they will have to monitor very closely.

## **Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee cont...**

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March 2002

This month has been busy preparing for year end and preparing files for the new year. Everything looks in order. The HTC was invited to have two new representatives to sit on the selection committee which will be made up to approve/reject IHAP applications. The Board agreed that they will not be submitting names for this committee. A request was made to hold a Special Meeting with Golder Associates to discuss a proposed seismic program which will be conducted on the Mackenzie River using a boat. This meeting is scheduled for March 20th.

Prepared by: Eleanor Ross – THTC Resource Person

## **Inuvialuit Game Council Highlights**

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Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) members or representatives attend meetings that represent issues concerning Inuvialuit at community, territorial, national and international levels. 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 during the 2001- 2002 fiscal year.

The Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) was signed eighteen years ago but many older pieces of government legislation do not reflect the harvesting rights of the Inuvialuit. Although the IFA supercedes existing and future legislation to the extent of any inconsistency, the Game Council feels that it is important to ensure that when legislation is being written or amended, 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 (SARA) Aboriginal Working Group.

This fiscal year the Game Council and the Hunters and Trappers Committees (HTC) again spent time meeting with oil and gas company representatives and consultants regarding proposed projects and discussing the wildlife and environmental management processes under the IFA. The pace of oil and gas activities has increased dramatically during this fiscal year and it is expected to continue at this rate over the next few years.

This activity increase 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 HTCs identified the need for more assistance to enable them to comment to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee on the many project submissions. Robin Fonger- the Hunters and Trappers Committee Technical Resource Person joined the Joint Secretariat in fall 2001. Robin is part of the proposed three-person Technical Resource Person team for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. The Technical Resource People will form a community support unit for the six ISR communities- Aklavik, Inuvik, Holman, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Tuktoyaktuk.

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 and the Beaufort Sea. 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 Inuvialuit Settlement Region the Game Council and the co-management bodies are discussing thresholds, wildlife research gaps, and prioritizing research to address those gaps.

## **Inuvialuit Game Council Highlights cont...**

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Also, with relevance to the increased oil and gas development the Inuvialuit Game Council holds an interest in environmental impact assessment and regulatory matters of the proposed northern gas pipeline project. The Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) will be part of field development and gathering systems as the proposed pipeline routes from the Mackenzie Valley (part of the ISR) to southern Canada. The Draft Cooperation Plan being developed by the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Preparedness Chair/Working Group brings together the viewpoints of the different land claim regions such as the Sahtu, Gwich'in and Inuvialuit regions.

A Sea Ice Variability and Climate Change Workshop was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 6-8, 2002. The Game Council sent community representatives to present Inuvialuit knowledge that combined with scientific knowledge on themes such as hemispheric versus regional variability, the effects of sea ice on shoreline dynamics and the ecological implications of sea ice variability. All these themes focused on the Beaufort Sea to identify research priorities for the ISR.

The Joint Secretariat (JS) completed an Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) community tour in January 2002. The JS showed a PowerPoint presentation at the schools and public meetings. The PowerPoint presentation described the co-management process and the composition of the co-management bodies, the Inuvialuit Game Council and the Joint Secretariat.

## Appendix A

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### **Inuvialuit Game Council's Role 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

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### **Inuvialuit Hunters and Trappers Committees' Role 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:

- (a) 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 (NWT and North Slope) or by the Fisheries Joint Management Committee; and  
As amended January 15, 1987

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.