

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD**

**ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT  
1996 – 1997**

**JUNE 1997**

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### ***CHAIR'S COMMENTS***

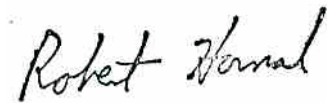
The Board held two meetings during the year, primarily to deal with impact of the recently promulgated *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and the settlement of the Nunavut, Gwich'in, Sahtu and Council of Yukon Indians land claims.

The Board was very sorry to lose the services of two original appointees to the Board, Albert Elias and Nelson Green, during the year but were delighted to welcome Joey Amos and Noel Green as their replacements.

The Board did not conduct any reviews during the year but instead busied itself with seeking substitution in principal of the Board for a federal panel, which might be established by the Minister of Environment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* process. The Board also continued its review of the *Operating Procedures*.

As Chair of the Board I wish to thank my fellow board members, its secretary, Linda Graf, its advisors and the staff of the Joint Secretariat for their efforts to help the Board provide a fair but efficient review procedure for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Sincerely,



Robert Hornal  
Chairman

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## PERIOD OF REPORT

This report describes the affairs of the **Environment Impact Review Board (EIRB)** for the fiscal period April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997.

This is the tenth Annual Activity Report of the **EIRB**, marking the Board's eleventh year of operation.

## ***AUTHORITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD***

The **EIRB** was established under the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) between Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement (COPE), representing the Inuvialuit. The Inuvialuit Final Agreement was approved, given effect, and declared valid by the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act* [S.C. 32-33 Elizabeth 11, c.24], 28 June 1984.

As an environmental impact assessment and review body for any development referred to it pursuant to the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, the **EIRB** is structured so that both parties to the **IFA** are represented equally. The goals of the **IFA** that are directly relevant to **EIRB** operations are to ensure that the Inuvialuit are equal and meaningful participants in the Environmental Impact Screening and Review Process, and to protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment, and biological productivity.

## ***MEMBERSHIP***

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

There were several changes to the membership since the previous reporting. Nelson Greene resigned on 10 September 1996 after a distinguished ten-year term on the **EIRB**. Albert Elias, also a ten-year veteran with the **EIRB**, finished his term in September 1996. Mr. Green and Mr. Elias were appointees to the Board at the time of its inception in 1986 and brought a wealth of knowledge to the **EIRB**. Both men were directors of the Committee for Original People's Entitlement (C.O.P.E.), the organization that negotiated the *Inuvialuit Final Agreement*.

To replace the two out-going members Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) appointed Joey Amos of Inuvik and Noel Green of Paulatuk. Both men will serve three-year terms until September 1999.

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## ***MEMBERS DURING 1996/1997***

**Chairman:**        **Robert Hornal** – Vancouver, BC  
Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)  
Present Term: June 9, 1995 to June 9 1998

**Members:**        **Joey Amos** – Inuvik, NWT  
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1996)  
Present Term: September 1996 to September 1999

**Peter Bannon** – Yellowknife, NWT  
Appointed by the Government of the Northwest Territories (1992)  
Present Term: June 12,1995 to June 12,1998

**Tom Butters** – Gillies Bay, BC  
Nominated by the Government of Canada (1992)  
Present Term: June 12, 1995 to June 12, 1998

**Albert Elias** - Holman, Northwest Territories  
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1986)  
Until September 1996

**Herbert Felix** - Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T.  
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1995)  
Indeterminate Position

**Nelson Green** - Paulatuk, N.W.T.  
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1986)  
Until 10 September 1996

**Calvin Pokiak** - Tuktoyaktuk ,N.W.T.  
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1987)  
Resigned: August 8, 1995

**Noel Green** – Paulatuk, N.W.T.  
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1996)  
Present Term: September 1996 to September 1999

**Andrew Williams** - Whitehorse, Yukon  
Nominated by the Government of Yukon (1995)  
Present Term: July 6, 1995 to July 6, 1998

## ***ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE***

The **EIRB** receives administrative, technical, and clerical support from the **Joint Secretariat (JS)** in Inuvik. Full-time assistance is provided by the Resource Person-Environment appointed by resolution of the **EIRB** to the office of **Secretary**. Independent expert legal counsel and technical advice are contracted as required.

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Linda Graf has held the position of Secretary to the **EIRB** from November 1995 to the present time.

In addition to Ms. Graf, during the period of this report the following individuals provided assistance to the **EIRB**.

**Administrative:**    **Norm Snow** – Executive Director, JS  
                          **Peggy Madore** – Office Manager, JS

**Financial:**        **Judy Gordon** – Senior Accounting Office, JS

**Clerical:**         **Angela Hunter**, Receptionist, JS (from September 1996)  
                          **Laura Paterson** – Receptionist, JS (From June 1995)  
                          **Shirley Kisoun** – Travel Co-Ordinator, JS

**Auditors:**        **Avery Cooper and Co. (CGA) (CGA)** – Yellowknife, NWT

## ***OPERATING PROCEDURES***

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

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INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
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EMAIL: [EISCEIRB@JOINTSEC.NT.CA](mailto:EISCEIRB@JOINTSEC.NT.CA)**

## ***ROUTINE OPERATIONS***

The **EIRB** held two regular meetings during 1996/97. The first was held on 18 September 1996 and the second on 27-28 February 1997. An “introductory” meeting for newly appointed members was held on 19 September 1996. All meetings occurred in Inuvik.

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Two telephone conferences were conducted to discuss specific topics. The Chair and Members forming the Driftwood Lumber Review Panel held a telephone conference on 25 November 1996 (refer to *Activities 2*)

## **ACTIVITIES**

During the year the **EIRB** was also involved in the following activities;

1. Canadian Environmental Assessment Act

The **EIRB** continued correspondence with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to request that the **EIRB** process be substituted for the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* process for developments of consequence to the Inuvialuit settlement region, as per Section 44 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. By February 1997 the preliminary draft *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Environmental Impact Review Board and the Minister of the Environment Concerning Environmental Assessment* had been prepared.

2. Review of the Operating Procedures

The **EIRB** continued a review of its *Operating Procedures*. The *Operating Procedures* are being revised to incorporate comments from the co-management groups arising subsequent to the Driftwood Lumber review, to incorporate comments from Parks Canada and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and to enable the EIRB process to substitute for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency process within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The *Operating Procedures* were in a final draft stage at the end of the fiscal year.

3. Adjacent Land Claims, March 1996

The **EIRB** reviewed the progress being made to implement the Gwich'in, Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, and Council of Yukon Indians land claims. The **EIRB** also examined the manner in which adjacent land claim organizations plan to assess cumulative effects.

4. Procedures for an Assessment by a Review Panel to the Environmental Impact Review Board.

The **EIRB** reviewed the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's *Procedures for an Assessment by a Review Panel to the Environmental Impact Review Board* and submitted comments in July 1996.

5. Driftwood Lumber Salvage Project

In November 1996 the **EIRB** was asked to clarify for the department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development specific terms of its decision regarding the Driftwood Lumber Salvage Proposal review (completed January 1995). The request followed an application by the proponent for the applicable permit(s).

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6. Indian and Northern Affairs Sustainable Development Strategy.

The **EIRB** reviewed the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's sustainable development strategy discussion Paper and submitted comments in January 1997.

7. Indemnification Insurance

During the past fiscal year the **EIRB** has followed the efforts of the Environmental Impact Screening Committee to obtain indemnification insurance. In February 1997 the **EIRB** decided to pursue the matter on behalf of its Chair & Members.

***MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES***

During the fiscal year, the **EIRB** or its representatives attended the following meetings, workshops, or conferences.

1. Cumulative Effects Identification and Assessment Strategy Session, 10-11 April 1996, Calgary (Participation)
2. Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Cost recovery and Process Efficiency in Environmental Assessment, August 1996, Vancouver and Yellowknife (Participation)
3. Inuvialuit Game Council Meeting, September 11- 12, 1996, Whitehorse (Presentation)
4. Bluenose Caribou Management Plan Workshop, 13-15 November 1996, Inuvik, (Presentation)
5. Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Working Group meeting, 21 November 1996, Inuvik (Observer)
6. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual GeoScience Forum, November 27-29, 1996, Yellowknife (Booth/Display)
7. Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Working Group meeting, 21 January 1997 Yellowknife (Participation)
8. Protected Areas Strategy for the Northwest Territories, Inuvik, 3-6 March 1997 (Participation)
9. Inuvialuit Game Council Meeting, 6 March, 1997, Tuktoyaktuk (Presentation)
10. Long Term Research Planning Workshop for the Yukon North Slope, 20-21 March 1997, Whitehorse (Participation)

***PRESENTATION GUEST***

1. Mr. Doug Burch and Mr. Calvin Brackman, Yellowknife, on behalf of Minerals, Oil and Gas Division, Department of Resources, Wildlife, and Economic development, government of the Northwest Territories, September 1996.

Mr. Burch reviewed the recommendations of the Beaufort Sea Steering Committee (BSSC), discussed whether the concerns raised in the BSSC report were still valid, and summarized the follow-up completed to date.



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Mr. Brackman discussed current oil and gas development proposals regarding the Beaufort Sea and Mackenzie Delta.

2. Mr. Albert Elias, former **EIRB** member, Holman, September 1996

Mr. Elias joined the **EIRB** during the September 1996 meeting as a guest to add to the discussion regarding the BSSC report.

### ***FINANCES***

Funding for the Chair, Canada Member and the Secretary of the **EIRB**, and for reviews conducted by the **EIRB**, is provided by way of Contribution Agreements with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND). Funding for the Inuvialuit members is provided by way of a Contribution Agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories. A summary of the finances is attached as Appendix A.

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**APPENDIX A**  
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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

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

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**JOINT SECRETARIAT-INVIALUIT RENEWABLE RESOURCE COMMITTEES**  
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**INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**  
**CANADA X0E 0T0**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD  
CHAIR & CANADA MEMBER**

**1996-1997 CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS – DIAND  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31,1997**

**REVENUE**

DIAND Contribution **\$ 53,671.00**

**EXPENDITURE**

Chairman- Honoraria	23,287.51
Chairman- Per Diem	1,271.95
Chairman- Travel	10,873.46
Chairman- Accommodations	2,852.11
Office Costs	1,781.91
Telephone & Fax	1,257.78
Meeting Costs	314.36
Legal/Consulting	3,000.00
Canada Member- Honoraria	487.5
Canada Member- Per Diem	45.00
Canada Member-Travel	1,253.31
Canada Member-Accommodation	128.02

**TOTAL** **\$ 46,552.91**

**EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)** **\$ 7,118.09**

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**ENVIRONMENT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD  
INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1997**

**REVENUE**

Government of the Northwest Territories	<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>
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**EXPENDITURE**

Honoraria	3145.08
Per Diem	1063.22
Travel	5314.73
Accommodations	1533.15
Meeting Costs	19.92
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,076.10</u></b>
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<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 21,923.90</u></u></b>
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**ENVIRONMENT ADMINISTRATION**  
**1996-1997 CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS – DIAND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1997**

**REVENUE**

DIAND Contribution **\$ 101,052.00**

**EXPENDITURE**

Staff Salaries & Benefits	60,804.46
Office Consumables	5,710.51
Office Rent	10,780.00
Telephone & Fax	3234.32
Meeting Costs	323.40
Fixed Assets	4625.41
Travel	4,610.31
Accommodations	1210.72
Per Diem	448.39

**TOTAL** **\$ 91,747.52**

**EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)** **(\$ 9,304.48)**