

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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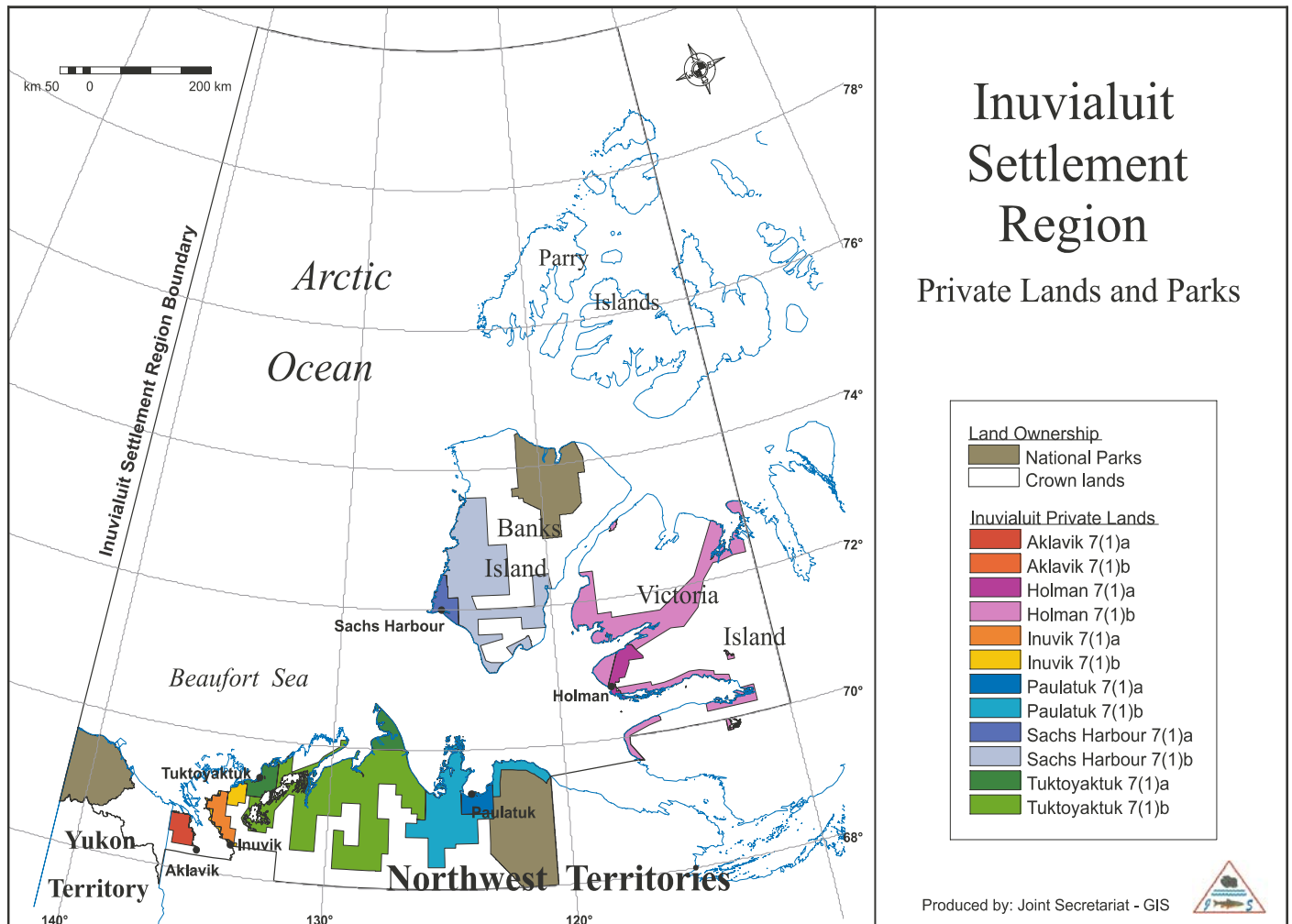


Figure 1. Private Inuvialuit Lands and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

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CHAIR'S COMMENT

The Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) secured appointments necessary to resume normal operations during the review period. The EIRB held two regular meetings and two teleconferences during the year. The EIRB agreed upon a schedule and work plan to guide normal operations for the upcoming year. In addition, it commenced the process for a review of a project that was later withdrawn by the proponent prior to the formal review.

Following the Chair's appointment on February 1, 2005, other outstanding appointments were secured for a three year period. Mr. David Loeks was appointed as the Yukon government appointee on March 31, 2005 and Mr. Tom Butters was reappointed on April 6, 2005 as the Government of Canada appointee. In September 2005, the Inuvialuit Game Council confirmed the reappointments of Mr. Jack Akhiatiak and Mr. Herbert Felix. Mr. Eric Cockney was appointed to replace Mr. Richard Binder who resigned to assume a position at the Community Support Unit of the Joint Secretariat. Mr. Larry Peckford was appointed as the EIRB Environmental Review Coordinator and resource person. With these appointments the EIRB will have the benefit of stable membership and assistance for the near future. The appointment of the GNWT nominee remains outstanding.

The Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) referred the **Proposed JOGMEC/NRCan Mackenzie Delta Program for Drilling of Mallik 6L and 38 and Potential Re-entry Well: Gas Hydrate Research Project 2006-2008** to the Board on March 17, 2006. On April 3, 2006, the developer informed the EIRB that they were withdrawing their proposal and did not wish to proceed with the review.

The EIRB continued to work on developing criteria for establishing acceptable environmental standards and evaluating a developer's standard of performance for the Husky Lakes Area as required by Section 8(1) of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. A draft document was adopted by the EIRB for final consultation during the calendar year with affected communities, the Inuvialuit Land Administration, government and interested parties.

The EIRB and EISC held a joint meeting to explore areas of common interest and agreed upon areas where they could continue to work together. The Chairs of EIRB and EISC also signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board to share information and experience especially in areas of transboundary activities.

The EIRB, through the Chair, participated on the newly formed Board Forum comprised of the Chairs of NWT non-renewable resource regulatory, advisory and environmental assessment boards, the federal government and the GNWT.

As the Chair of the EIRB, I wish to thank fellow Board members, Larry Peckford, Peggy Madore and the staff of the Joint Secretariat for their efforts to help the Board provide a fair and efficient review procedure for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. I would also like to thank Richard Binder for his services as a member of the EIRB since 1998 and wish him well in his new endeavours.

Elizabeth Snider
Chair

PERIOD OF REPORT

This report describes the affairs of the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) for the fiscal period of April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. During its nineteen years of operation the EIRB has produced eighteen Annual Activity Reports.

AUTHORITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

The EIRB was established under the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) between Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, representing the Inuvialuit. The IFA was approved, given effect, and declared valid by the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act* [S.C. 32 - 33 Elizabeth II, C.24.], on June 28, 1984. The IFA provides the groundwork for a two-stage Environmental Screening and Review Process that is carried out by the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) and the EIRB [IFA Section 11.0]. The EISC conducts environmental screenings of development activities proposed for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The EIRB carries out detailed environmental impact assessments and public reviews of development projects referred to it by the EISC pursuant to the IFA.

The EIRB is structured so that both parties to the IFA, the Inuvialuit, and the Government of Canada are represented equally. The goals of the IFA, directly relevant to EIRB operations, are:

- *to preserve Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society;*
- *to enable Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society; and*
- *to protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment, and biological productivity.*

MEMBERSHIP

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

MEMBERS FOR 2005–2006

Chair

Elizabeth Snider, Yellowknife, NT
Appointed by the Government of Canada (2005)
Present Term: February 1, 2005 to February 1, 2008

Members

Jack Akhiatak, Ulukhaktok, NT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2000)
Present Term: September 2005 to September 2008
Previous Term: September 2002 to September 2005
February 2000 to September 2002

Vacant
Nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories
Appointed by the Government of Canada

Eric Cockney, Tuktoyaktuk, NT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2005)
Present Term: September 2005 to September 2008

Tom Butters, Gillies Bay, BC
Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)
Present Term: April 6, 2005 to April 6, 2008
Previous Terms: June 13, 2004 to March 31, 2005
June 12, 2001 to June 12, 2004
June 13, 1998 to June 12, 2001
June 12, 1995 to June 12, 1998
June 12, 1992 to June 12, 1995

Herbert Felix, Tuktoyaktuk, NT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1995)
Present Term: September 2005 to September 2008
Previous Term: September 2002 to September 2005
September 1999 to September 2002
September 1996 to September 1999
September 1995 to September 1996

David Loeks, Whitehorse, YK
Nominated by the Government of Yukon.
Appointed by the Government of Canada (2005)
Present Term: March 31, 2005 to March 31, 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The EIRB receives administrative, technical, and clerical support from the Joint Secretariat (JS) in Inuvik. Full-time assistance has been provided since August 2005 by Larry Peckford, Environmental Assessment Coordinator and Resource Person (RP), appointed by resolution of the EIRB to the office of Secretary. Prior to August, Steven Baryluk acted as Resource Person for the EIRB.

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

Administrative

Norm Snow	Executive Director, JS
Peggy Madore	Senior Administrative Officer, JS

Financial

Evelyn Bullock	Finance Officer, JS
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Clerical

Myrna Button	Casual Office Clerk/Librarian
Pamela Williams	Travel/Accommodation Coordinator, JS
Bernice Joe	Secretary/Receptionist, JS

Geographic Information Systems

Frank Andersen	GIS Specialist, JS
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Auditors

Avery Cooper and Company, Yellowknife, NT

Legal Advisor

John Donihee Professional Corporation

Resource People

Steven Baryluk	Community Support Unit RP
Kevin Bill	FJMC Resource Biologist
Andrea Hoyt	FJMC Resource Biologist
Diane Dillon	HTC Administrative Support Officer
Pippa Seccombe-Hett	Community Support Unit RP
Christine Inglangasuk	EISC Environmental Assessment Coordinator
Nelson Perry	IGC Resource Management Coordinator
Katherine Thiesenhausen	WMAC (NWT) Resource Biologist
Joseph Thrasher	Community Support Unit RP (January 2004 – January 2005)

REVIEWS

During the year, the EIRB dealt with one project that was referred by the Environmental Impact Screening Committee for review. This project was:

- Proposed JOGMEC/NRCan Mackenzie Delta Program for Drilling of Mallik 6L and 38 and Potential Re-entry Well: Gas Hydrate Research Project 2006-2008.

The “Mallik Gas Hydrate Research Project Review” was referred to the EIRB on March 17, 2006. On April 3, 2006, the developer informed the EIRB that they were withdrawing their proposal and did not wish to proceed with the review.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

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

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ROUTINE OPERATIONS

The EIRB held two regular meeting during the year (August 2005 and March 2006) and two teleconference meetings (January 2006 and March 2006). In additions the EISC and EIRB held a joint meeting in March 2006.

ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

In addition to conducting public reviews, the EIRB takes part in other activities, as necessary, to advance the Environmental Review Process and to follow the basic goals of the IFA. The following is a list of activities, meetings, workshops, and conferences in which various members of the EIRB took part in over the past year:

2005 (April – December)

- Pembina Institute: Northern Oil and Gas and the Environment Workshop, September 26, 2005 – Jack Akhiatak
- EISC Community Tour to Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Holman, September 26-29, 2005 – Larry Peckford
- Annual Regulatory Workshop hosted by EISC, October 17-19, 2005 – Elizabeth Snider
- Environmental Excellence: Towards Sustainable Mining Workshop, October 17-19, 2005 – Larry Peckford
- Crown Consultation Unit Workshop, October 19-21, 2005 – Larry Peckford
- Northern Oil and Gas Research Workshop, November 1-3, 2005 – Larry Peckford
- ESRF: Mackenzie Delta Sumps Workshop, November 3-4, 2005 – Larry Peckford
- Geoscience Forum, November 14-18, 2006 – Larry Peckford

2006 (January – March)

- Inuvialuit Game Council/HTC Workshop, January 16-18, 2006 – Larry Peckford
- Canadian Energy Research Institute: Introduction to Natural Gas Industry.. from Wellhead to Burner Tip, February 1-2, 2006 – Larry Peckford
- INAC Sump Monitoring Training, March 6-10, 2006 – Larry Peckford
- Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Technical Seminar, March 24, 2006 – Elizabeth Snider
- Beaufort Sea Strategic Regional Plan of Action Workshop on Social, Cultural and Economic Impact Assessment, March 28-30, 2006 – Larry Peckford
- *International Association for Impact Assessment Conference*, March 9-10, 2006 – Jack Akhiatak, Herbert Felix, Eric Cockney

FINANCES

Funding for the Chair, Canada Member, Yukon Member and the Secretary of the EIRB, and for reviews conducted by the EIRB, is provided by way of Contribution Agreements

with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Funding for the Inuvialuit members is provided by way of a Contribution Agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories. A summary of the finances is attached as Appendix B.

APPENDICIES

Appendix A	Acronyms and Abbreviations
Appendix B	Financial Summary

APPENDIX A ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

DIAND	Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
EIRB	Environmental Impact Review Board
EISC	Environmental Impact Screening Committee
FJMC	Fisheries Joint Management Committee
GIS	Geographic Information System
HTC	Hunters and Trappers Committee
IFA	Inuvialuit Final Agreement (The Western Arctic Claim)
IGC	Inuvialuit Game Council
ISR	Inuvialuit Settlement Region
JS	Joint Secretariat– Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees
RP	Resource Person
WMAC (NWT)	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories)

APPENDIX B FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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

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CANADA X0E 0T0*

Environmental Impact Review Board – CHAIR & CANADA MEMBER

2005 - 2006 Contribution Agreements - DIAND

For the Year Ending March 31, 2006

REVENUE

DIAND Contribution (Implementation Funds) **\$89,933**

EXPENDITURES

Chair – Honoraria \$17,500
Chair - Per Diem \$ 1,316
Chair - Accommodation \$ 1,953
Chair - Travel \$ 9,265
JS Board Meetings \$ 5,595
Office Costs \$ 1,131
Telephone & Fax \$ 117
Meeting Costs \$ 2,214
Registration Fees \$ 2,149
Insurance \$ 1,145
Canada Member - Honoraria \$ 2,438
Canada Member - Per Diem \$ 614
Canada Member - Accommodation \$ 726
Canada Member - Travel \$ 3,860

\$50,023

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

\$39,910

Environmental Impact Review Board – INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION
For the Year Ending March 31, 2006

REVENUE		
	Government of the Northwest Territories (Implementation Funds)	\$ 21, 874
EXPENDITURES		
	Honoraria	\$ 23, 424
	Per Diem	\$ 4, 572
	Travel	\$ 8, 802
	Accommodation	\$ 5, 674
		\$ 42, 472
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		(\$ 20, 598)

Environment Administration
 2005 - 2006 Contribution Agreements - DIAND
 For the Year Ending March 31, 2006

REVENUE

DIAND Contribution (Implementation Funds) **\$107,730**

EXPENDITURES

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$ 34,053.99
Recruiting/ Relocation	\$ 544.04
Office Costs	\$ 11,862.86
Office Rent	\$ 6,365
Fixed Assets	0
Telephone & Fax	\$ 1,963.58
Registration Fees	\$ 999.84
Travel	\$ 3,948.19
Accommodation	\$ 1,697.93
Per Diem	\$ 892.70
Staff Development	\$ 450

\$ 62,778.13

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

\$ 44,951.87