

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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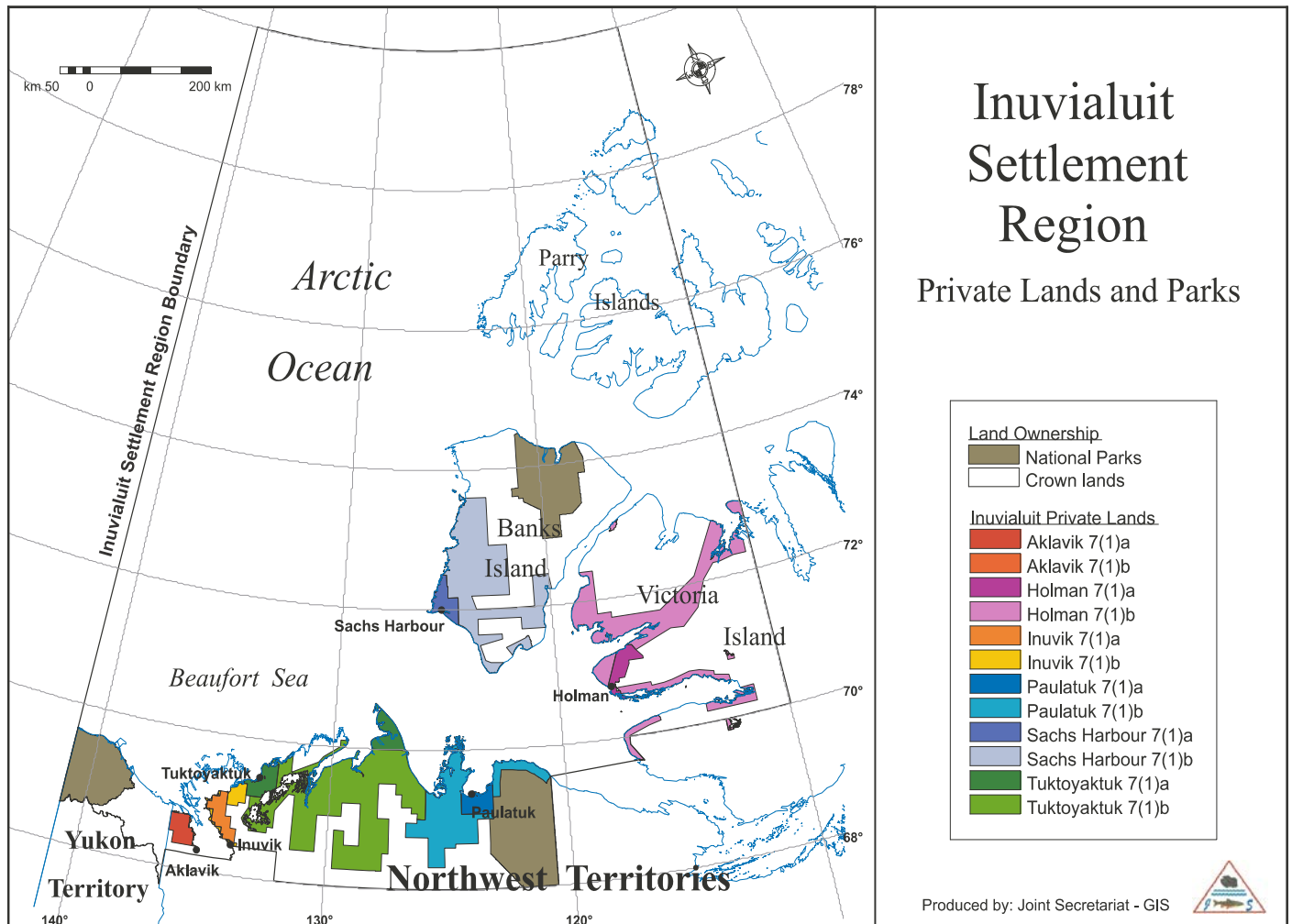


Figure 1. Private Inuvialuit Lands and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

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CHAIR'S COMMENT

2007-2008 has seen the Environmental Impact Review Board go through another year of transition. Although the Board had a full membership over this fiscal year, the Board's Coordinator, Larry Peckford, resigned from his post to pursue another opportunity. Larry did great work for the Board during his tenure and we wish him the best of luck in the future.

The EIRB set out to find a suitable replacement. In January 2008, Eli Arkin moved to Inuvik from Toronto to take the position as Environmental Assessment Coordinator. Eli has been holding down the Inuvik based office ever since and has attended meetings and workshops in order to familiarize himself with policies and procedures, government agencies and regulators, and people in the oil and gas industry.

In 2008, the EIRB is looking to go digital by creating its own website with an electronic registry for interveners and the general public alike to assist in the process of a public review. The EIRB is also in the process of digitizing archived files.

In the coming fiscal year, the EIRB hopes to have a new logo in place. A contest was launched to the communities in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and we received several entries. We hope to announce a winner by the summer of 2008.

As Chair of the EIRB, I wish to thank the Board members, Eli Arkin, and the staff of the Joint Secretariat in their efforts of working with the EIRB over this period. All the best in the coming year.

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, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

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 2007–2008

Chair

Elizabeth Snider, Yellowknife, NT
Appointed by the Government of Canada (2005)
Present Term: February 1, 2008 to February 1, 2011
Previous 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 Terms: September 2002 to September 2005
February 2000 to September 2002

Catherine Cockney, Inuvik, NT
Nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories
Appointed by the Government of Canada
Present Term: December 2006 to December 2009

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

Tom Butters, Chemainus, 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, Inuvik, NT
Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1995)
Present Term: September 2005 to September 2008
Previous Terms: 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 January 2008 by Eli Arkin, Environmental Assessment Coordinator and Resource Person (RP), appointed by resolution of the EIRB to the office of Secretary.

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
Connie Gordon	Senior Administrative Officer, JS

Financial

Erica Lught	Finance Officer, JS
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Clerical

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

Geographic Information Systems

Michael Kohler	GIS Specialist, JS
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Auditors

Avery Cooper and Company, Yellowknife, NT

Legal Advisor

John Donihee Professional Corporation

Resource People

Christine Inglangasuk	Community Support Unit RP
Fred Kuptana	Community Support Unit RP
Richard Binder	Community Support Unit RP
Louie Porta	FJMC Resource Biologist
Sheila Nasogaluak	FJMC Resource Biologist
Diane Dillon	HTC Administrative Support Officer
Barb Chalmers	EISC Environmental Assessment Coordinator
Steve Baryluk	IGC Resource Management Coordinator
Katherine Thiesenhausen	WMAC (NWT) Resource Biologist

REVIEWS

During the year, the EIRB had no reviews to conduct.

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 one regular meeting in February 2008 and one teleconference meeting in August 2007.

ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

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:

2007 (April – December)

- IAIA Annual Conference: Seoul, South Korea, June 1-9, 2007 (Herbert Felix)

2008 (January – March)

- Workshop on Guidelines for Seismic Operations: Yellowknife, NT, January 25, 2008 (Elizabeth Snider, Eli Arkin)
- Hearing Skills Workshop: Inuvik, NT, February 7-8, 2008 (Herbert Felix, Eli Arkin)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioners Workshop: Yellowknife, NT, February 26-27, 2008 (Herbert Felix, Eli Arkin)
- IAIA Western and Northern Canada Conference: Yellowknife, NT, February 27-29, 2008 (Herbert Felix)
- Beaufort Sea Partnership Conference: Inuvik, NT, March 11-13, 2008 (Herbert Felix, Eli Arkin)
- Land Claim/Self Government Workshop: Inuvik, NT, March 25-27, Inuvik, NT (Eli Arkin)

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 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. 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

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
INAC	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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 following 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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Environmental Impact Review Board – CHAIR & CANADA MEMBER

2007-2008 Contribution Agreements - INAC

For the Year Ending March 31, 2008

REVENUE

INAC Contribution (Implementation Funds) **96,302.75**

EXPENDITURES

Chair – Honoraria	35,000
Chair - Per Diem	863.20
Chair - Accommodation	817.26
JS Board Meetings	11,863.45
Office Costs	220.35
Telephone & Fax	497.70
Meeting Costs	1,543.40
Registration Fees	1,226.42
Workshops/Conferences	34,364.16

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

131,135.33

Environmental Impact Review Board – INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION
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REVENUE		
	Government of the Northwest Territories (Implementation Funds)	16,129.27
EXPENDITURES		
	Honoraria	10,160.80
	Per Diem	1,499.65
	Travel	2,859.23
	Accommodation	1,609.59

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

Environment Administration
2007-2008 Contribution Agreements - INAC
For the Year Ending March 31, 2008

REVENUE

INAC Contribution (Implementation Funds) **87,605.54**

EXPENDITURES

Staff Salaries & Benefits	23,332.88
Recruiting	15,687.46
Office Costs	32,468.49
Office Rent	6,365.00
Fixed Assets	0.00
Telephone & Fax	2,397.52
Registration Fees	0.00
Travel	5,025.29
Accommodation	1,568.25
Per Diem	760.25

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)