

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD**

**ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT  
1991 – 1992**

**APRIL 1992**

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## ***CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS***

The **EIRB** held five meetings during this past year, and we were involved in many demanding activities. A lot of time was spent reviewing the final report of the Beaufort Sea Steering Committee and updating our Operating Procedures. Although no public reviews were conducted, the EIRB remained actively involved in environmental impact assessment and regulatory initiatives that resulted directly and indirectly from its public reviews.

For example, the EIRB submitted position papers to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources, the National Energy Board, and the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office. Representatives of the EIRB participated in the Government of the Northwest Territories' Northern Regulatory Coordinating Committee for Major Hydrocarbon Development.

One of the founding Members of the EIRB, Mr. Ewan Cotterill, resigned in August. Mr. Cotterill's contribution to the formative years of the Environmental Impact Screening and Review Process was outstanding, and his involvement will be sorely missed. I would also like to thank Mr. Mel Smith, appointed by the Government of the Northwest Territories, for his valuable contribution over the past three years. Mr. Smith's term is coming to an end, and he is moving on to other things.

As this will be my last Annual Activity Report as Chairman of the EIRB, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the Members, our legal counsel, technical consultants, and the staff of the Joint Secretariat. Special thanks must go to our Secretary, Mr. Gary Wagner, for his dedication, cooperation and efficiency. Without all of our support, I would not have enjoyed my three-year term as much as I did.

The two detailed public reviews that we conducted brought attention to deficiencies existing within the regulatory and planning framework. The EIRB is well placed to do this work. Our Operating Procedures

Have been revised to take advantage of the hard lessons we learned during the last three years. The EIRB has set a standard for public environmental assessment in the North that, if upheld, will allow all stakeholders an equal opportunity to air their views about proposed developments.

I am confident that I can turn the EIRB over to the new Chairman in excellent condition. I wish my successor, Mr. Robert Hornal, the best of luck as he assumes this important post.

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James I. Livingstone  
Chairman

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## ***PERIOD OF REPORT***

This report describes the affairs of the **EIRB** for the fiscal period April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992.

This is the fifth Annual Activity Report of the **EIRB**, marking the Board's sixth full year of operation.

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

The **EIRB** was established under the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement between Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement (COPE). The Inuvialuit Final Agreement became law under 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 Environmental Impact Review Board 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 Permanent Members are appointed by Canada, three Permanent Members are appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council, and a Chairman is selected by the government of Canada with the consent of the Inuvialuit Game Council.

Professional legal counsel has been provided by the same firm since the formation of the **EIRB** in 1986. Independent expert technical advice is contracted as required.

The Secretary is the only full-time official of the **EIRB**.

During the period of this report, the following individuals comprised the **EIRB**. [The appointing body of each Member is listed in brackets.]

## ***MEMBERSHIP DURING 1991/1992***

**Chairman:**           **James Livingston**  
Appointed by the Order-in Council of the Government of Canada, with the consent of the Inuvialuit, on January 5, 1989)

**Members:**           **Ewan Cotterill**  
Appointed by the Government of Canada  
[resigned August 12, 1991 – position still vacant]

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**Albert Elias**

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council

**Nelson Green**

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council

**Calvin Pokiak**

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council

**Mel Smith**

Appointed by the Government of the Northwest Territories

**Mike Stutter**

Appointed by the Government of Yukon

**STAFF**

**Secretary:**

**Gary Wagner**

Appointed by Resolution of the Board

**Legal Counsel:**

**Dr. Andrew Thomspson** – Ferguson Gifford, Vancouver  
**H.C. Ritchie Clark**

**Technical Consultants:**

**William Scott** - Digger Resources, Calgary

**Dr. Rolph Davis** - LGL Limited, King City, Ontario

**Auditors:**

**Avery Cooper and Co. (CGA) (CGA)** – Yellowknife

**OPERATING PROCEDURES**

Those persons interested in obtaining a copy of the Environmental Impact Review Board's Operating Procedures, completed in September, 1989, or those individuals or organizations having questions relating to the work of the **EIRB**, should contact :

**SECRETARY**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD**  
**P.O. BOX 2120**  
**INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**  
**CANADA X0E 0T0**

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## ***ADMINISTRATION***

The **EIRB** receives administrative and technical support from the **Joint Secretariat** in Inuvik. The Joint Secretariat also supports several other renewable resource organizations involved in joint resource management under the **Inuvialuit Final Agreement:**

- Environmental Impact Screening Committee [EISC]
- Fisheries Joint Management Committee [FJMC]
- Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories) [WMAC(NWT)]
- INUVIALUIT Game Council [IGC]
  - including the **Inuvialuit Harvest Study**

The Chairman of each of the joint management bodies sit on the Board of Directors of the **Joint Secretariat**.

The **EIRB** receives full-time technical and administration support from the **Resource Person- Environment** on staff at the **Joint Secretariat**, who is also appointed to the office of **Secretary**.

## ***ROUTINE OPERATIONS***

The **EIRB** held five meetings during this fiscal period;

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|------|---------------------|-------------|
| i.   | January 25, 1991    | Inuvik      |
| ii.  | May 10-11, 1991     | Yellowknife |
| iii. | July 23, 1991       | Inuvik      |
| iv.  | October 21-22, 1991 | Whitehorse  |
| v.   | March 15, 1992      | Vancouver   |

The **EIRB** was also involved, or is still involved in the following efforts:

- a) House of Commons Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources.
- b) Northern Regulatory Coordinating Committee for Major Hydrocarbon Development.
- c) Beaufort Sea Steering Committee.
- d) National Energy Board/Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration Integration.
- e) Review of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (**FEARO**).

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- f) Preparation for the Public Review of the **Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd.** 1989-91 Drilling Program Update: 1990 Beaufort Sea Operations, subsequently withdrawn by the proponent.
  - g) Comment on the U.S. Department of the Interior Report to Congress on the Impact of Potential Crude-Oil Spills in the Arctic Ocean on Alaskan Natives: Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Section 8302.
  - h) Impact Assessment Procedural Review.
  - i) Preparation of the Omnibus Treasury Board Submission on **IFA** Implementation Funding.
  - j) Examining An Environmental Impact Assessment Methodology For Possible Use In The Evaluation Of Development Proposals Before The Environmental Impact Review Board: A Proposal to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.
  - k) “Globe 92” Environmental Conference.

### ***FINANCES***

Funding for the **EIRB** is accomplished through contribution Agreements with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (**DIAND**), and the Government of the Northwest Territories (**GNWT**).

The time and expenses of the Permanent Member designated by the Government of Yukon are paid for from special funds provided for that purpose. The Government of Yukon also supports a Yukon Secretariat in Whitehorse that provides services similar to those supplied by the **Joint Secretariat** in Inuvik.

An unaudited summary of the finances of the Environmental Impact Review Board is attached as Appendix A.

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

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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:

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**JOINT SECRETARIAT – INUVIALUIT RENEWABLE RESOURCE COMMITTEES**  
**P.O. BOX 2120**  
**INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**  
**CANADA X0E 0T0**



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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD**

**JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

**CHAIRMAN CATEGORY**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1992**

**EXPENDITURES**

Honoraria	\$25,875.00
Per Diem	2,810.80
Travel	7,772.62
Accommodation	2,413.00
Office Costs	109.01
GST	3,735.21
Telephone & Fax	1,740.82
Meeting Costs	1,120.95
Consulting	222.75
Legal	49,218.93
Canada Member- Honoraria	1,625.00
Canada Member- Per Diem	0.00
Canada Member-Travel	0.00
Canada Member-Accommodations	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 96,644.14</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>(\$ 18,944.14)</u></b>

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# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

## JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

### ADMINISTRATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1992

#### EXPENDITURES

Office Consumables	9,277.39
Office Rent - Share	15,000.00
Janitorial Services – Share	2,640.00
Telephone & Fax	7,203.86
Fixed Assets	10,812.89
Lease	2,315.60
Travel & Accommodations	16,063.25
Staff Development	5,453.81
Salaries & Benefits	108,341.84
<b>G.S.T.</b>	<u>1,560.30</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>181,767.69</b></u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 3,231.31</b></u></u>

Approximately fifty percent of this category was expanded to support the Environmental Impact Screening Committee. Since many of the support chores are common to both the EISC and the EIRB, it is often difficult to assign an accurate administrative cost to each organization separately.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD**  
**JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**  
**INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1992**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Honoraria	\$ 5,240.40
Per Diem	3,220.00
Travel	10,490.15
Accommodations	4,213.28
Meeting Costs	810.00
<b>G.S.T.</b>	<u>488.21</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>\$ 24,462.04</b></u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 0.00</b></u></u>

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD**

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDING –DIAND  
JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

**BEAUFORT SEA STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION  
BY REQUEST OF THE MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1992**

**EXPENDITURES**

Chairman's Per Diem	219.45
Chairman's Travel	690.22
Legal	11,876.36
Consulting	10,444.15
Canada Member (Total)	650.00
Other Members – Per Diem	2,900.00
Other Members – Travel	425.00
Other Members – Accommodations	919.82

**TOTAL** \$30,000.00

**SURPLUS (DEFICIT)** (\$ 0.00)