

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

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June 1993

Environmental Impact Review Board

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The **EIRB** held three meetings during the past year dealing with several major issues. In June the new Operating Procedures of the Board were published which, the Board believes, will greatly facilitate future reviews.

There are a number of new faces on the Board this year. Mel Smith, Michael Stutter, and Jim Livingston stepped down in June and were replaced by Peter Bannon, Bill Klassen and Robert Hornal. Tom Butters also joined the Board in June replacing Ewan Cotterill who had resigned in 1991. In September the Board's first and only Secretary, Gary Wagner, left the position to be replaced in November by Marshall Netherwood. The present Board is grateful for the years of dedicated service provided by the ex-members and staff. The Board has been well served by all these individuals.

There were no projects submitted to the **EIRB** for formal review during the year.

The major issue brought before the Board during the year was the nature of the Board's relationship to other assessment procedures such as those proposed in the new Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and the Gwich'in and Inuit by land claims settlements. Discussions concerning this issue were continuing at year end.

Other issues tackled by the **EIRB** included the preparation of Guidelines for Impact Assessment Methodologies to be used by potential proponents and the role of the **EIRB** in the North Slope Conservation and Management Plan.

As Chairman of the Board I wish to thank my fellow board members, its staff and 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.

Robert Hornal
Chairman

PERIOD OF REPORT

This report describes the affairs of the **EIRB** for the fiscal period April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993.

This is the sixth Annual Activity Report of the **EIRB**, marking the Board's seventh full 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 II, C.24.], on 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 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 for each Permanent Member is listed in brackets.]

Membership

Chairman: (Appointed by Order-In-Council of the Government of Canada, with the consent of the Inuvialuit)

James I. Livingston (to June 8, 1992)

Robert Hornal (from June 9, 1992)

Members:

Peter Bannon (Government of the Northwest Territories from June 9, 1992)
Tom Butters (Government of Canada from June 9, 1992)
Albert Elias (Inuvialuit Game Council)
Nelson Green (Inuvialuit Game Council)
Bill Klassen (Government of Yukon from June 9, 1992)
Calvin Pokiak (Inuvialuit Game Council)
Mel Smith (Government of the Northwest Territories to June 8, 1992)
Mike Stutter (Government of the Yukon to June 8, 1992)

Staff

Secretary: (appointed by Resolution of the Board)
Gary Wagner (to Sept. 8, 1992)
Marshall Netherwood (from Nov. 19, 1992)

Legal Counsel:

Dr. Andrew Thompson Ferguson Gifford, Vancouver

Technical Consultants:

Dr. Rolph Davis LGL Limited, King City, Ontario

Auditors:

Avery Cooper and Co. (CGA) Yellowknife, NWT

OPERATING PROCEDURES

Those persons interested in obtaining a copy of the **EIRB's** current Operating Procedures, or those individuals or organizations having questions about the **EIRB**, should contact:

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Environmental Impact Review Board
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Inuvik, Northwest Territories
CANADA
X0E 0T0**

**telephone:(403) 979 - 2828
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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 Chairmen of each of the joint management bodies sit on the Board of Directors of the **Joint Secretariat**.

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

ROUTINE OPERATIONS

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

July 28, 1992 *Yellowknife*

November 18, 1992 *Inuvik*

February 4, 1993 *Edmonton*

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

- a) Integration of Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEIA) procedures with those of the **EIRB**.
- b) Review of the implications of the signing of the Gwich'in and Tungavik Federation of Nunavut land claims on **EIRB** procedures.
- c) Development of Guidelines for Impact Assessment Methodologies to be used before the **EIRB**.

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- d) Review for the WMAC(NS) Draft North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan.
- e) Funding Arrangements for the period after March 31, 1994.
- f) Review of the progress of the Beaufort Sea Steering Committee Implementation Work Plan.
- g) Attendance at Beaufort Region Environmental Assessment and Monitoring (BREAM) Program's Workshop in Inuvik in February, 1993.

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 secretariat in Whitehorse that provides services similar to those supplied by the **Joint Secretariat** in Inuvik.

An unaudited summary of the finances of the **EIRB** is attached as Appendix A.

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 the Executive Director of the Joint Secretariat, P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik, Northwest Territories, X0E 0T0.

JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Environmental Impact Review Board
Chairman Category

For the Year Ended March 31, 1993

REVENUE: DIAND Contribution	\$78,000.00
EXPENDITURE	
Honoraria	\$19,601.17
Per Diem	\$814.89
Travel	
Accommodation	2,600.65
Office Costs	1,681.13
GST	2,460.74
Meeting Costs	2,108.30
Telephone & Fax	2,395.59
Legal	19,734.46
Consulting	0.00
<i>Canada Member - Honoraria</i>	0.00
<i>Canada Member - Per Diem</i>	0.00
<i>Canada Member - Travel</i>	0.00
<i>Canada Member - Accommodation</i>	0.00
TOTAL	\$73,465.39
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$4,534.61

JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Environmental Impact Screening and Review Process
Administration¹

For the Year Ended March 31, 1993

REVENUE: DIAND Contribution	\$192,400.00
EXPENDITURE	
Office Consumables and Printing	10,032.49
Office Rent Share	15,000.00
Janitorial Services Share	5,280.00
Telephone & Fax	6,072.86
Fixed Assets	0.00
Lease	2,301.36
Travel & Accommodation	11,395.82
Per Diem	1,436.43
Staff Development	2,105.16
Salaries & Benefits	94,483.99
G.S.T.	2,151.85
Relocation	8,741.13
TOTAL	159,002.09
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	33,397.91

¹ Approximately fifty percent of this category was expended 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.

JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Environmental Impact Review Board
Inuvialuit Participation

For the Year Ended March 31, 1993

REVENUE: G.N.W.T. Contribution	18,373.19
EXPENDITURE	
Honoraria	3,886.72
Per Diem	2,520.00
Travel	8,535.36
Accommodation	3,075.70
G.S.T.	355.41
TOTAL	18,373.19
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	0.00

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDING - DIAND

Environmental Impact Review Board
Assessment Methodology

For the Year Ended March 31, 1993

REVENUE: DIAND Contribution	\$12,810.62
EXPENDITURE	
Fee's	9,512.25
Per Diem	93.92
Travel	2,362.35
Accommodation	78.41
Office Costs	330.48
G.S.T.	433.21
TOTAL	\$12,810.62
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	0.00