

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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2004 - 2005**

For the period April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005

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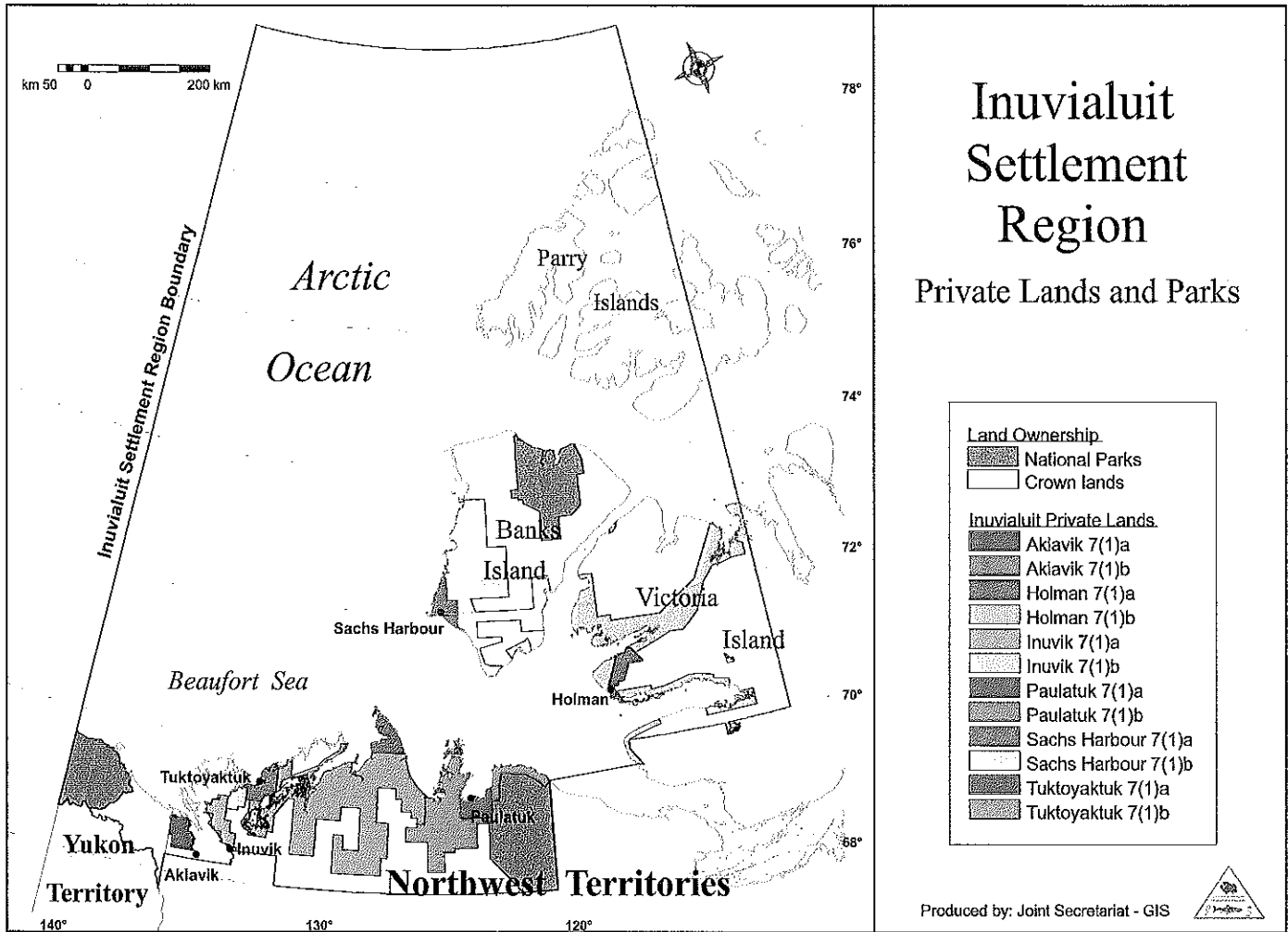


Figure 1. Private Inuvialuit Lands and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

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CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) held one regular meeting by teleconference during the year. There were no reviews referred to the Board. Mr. Robert Hornal, Chair of the EIRB, assumed responsibilities as Chair of the Joint Review Panel for the Mackenzie Gas Project. Mr. Hornal's departure, the expiration of three other member appointments and the delay in appointments to the vacant positions limited regular operational activities during the reporting period.

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 third draft of the criteria was circulated during the summer of 2004.

Discussions continued throughout the year on ways to avoid duplication of processes should a pipeline be built through the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) and the Mackenzie Valley or should offshore drilling recommence in the Beaufort Sea.

As the Chair of the Board, I wish to thank Mr. Hornal, the outgoing Chair, for his excellent longstanding service to the Environmental Impact Review Board since his initial appointment in 1992. I would also like to thank my fellow Board members, its advisors, 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.


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, 2004 to March 31, 2005. During its eighteen years of operation the EIRB has produced seventeen 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 2004-2005

Chair

Robert Hornal, Vancouver, BC

Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)

Present Term: June 9, 2004 to March 31, 2005 - Vacant

June 9, 2001 to June 8, 2004

Previous Terms: June 10, 1998 to June 9, 2001

June 9, 1995 to June 9, 1998

June 9, 1992 to June 9, 1995

Members

Jack Akhiatak, Olokhaktomiut (Holman), NT

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (2000)

Present Term: September 2002 to September 2005

Previous Term: February 2000 to September 2002

Peter Bannon, Yellowknife, NT

Nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories

Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)

Present Term: June 13, 2004 to March 31, 2005 - Vacant

June 12, 2001 to June 12, 2004

Past Terms: June 13, 1998 to June 12, 2001

June 12, 1995 to June 12, 1998

June 12, 1992 to June 12, 1995

Richard Binder, Inuvik, NT

Appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (1998)

Present Term: September 2002 to September 2005

Past Terms: September 1999 to September 2002

June 1998 to September 1999

Tom Butters, Gillies Bay, BC

Appointed by the Government of Canada (1992)

Present Term: June 13, 2004 to March 31, 2005 - Vacant

June 12, 2001 to June 12, 2004

Past Terms: 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 2002 to September 2005

Past Terms: September 1999 to September 2002

September 1996 to September 1999

September 1995 to September 1996

Andrew Williams, Whitehorse, YK

Nominated by the Government of Yukon.

Appointed by the Government of Canada (1995)

Present Term: July 7, 2004 to March 31, 2005 - Vacant

July 6, 2001 to July 6, 2004

Past Term: July 7, 1998 to July 6, 2001

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 had been provided by the Resource Person (RP), appointed by resolution of the EIRB to the office of Secretary. For the past fiscal year, Robin Fonger (April 2004 – July 2004), Letitia Pokiak (November 2004 – February 2005), and 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

Debra Fendrick	Austring, Fendrick, Fairman & Parkkari Barristers and Solicitors, Whitehorse, YK
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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 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 during the year – June 2004 by teleconference.

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:

2004 (April – December)

International Association for Impact Assessment Conference, April 24-30, 2004
(Vancouver, BC) – Robert Hornal, Herbert Felix, Richard Binder

2005 (January – March)

Participated in *NWT Environmental Audit*, February 2005 (Inuvik, NT) – Richard Binder, Jack Akhiatak

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

2004 - 2005 Contribution Agreements - DIAND

For the Year Ending March 31, 2005

REVENUE		
	DIAND Contribution (Implementation Funds)	<u>\$ 88,018.00</u>
EXPENDITURES		
	Chair – Honoraria	\$6,468.75
	Chair - Per Diem	245.50
	Chair - Accommodation	544.80
	JS Board Meetings	3,888.20
	Office Costs	1,201.42
	Telephone & Fax	813.50
	Meeting Costs	2,528.23
	Registration Fees	716.37
	Workshops/Conferences	<u>2,070.00</u>
		<u>\$ 18,476.77</u>
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		<u>\$ 69,541.23</u>

Environmental Impact Review Board – INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION
For the Year Ending March 31, 2005

REVENUE

Government of the Northwest Territories (Implementation Funds)

\$ 21,409.00

EXPENDITURES

Honoraria

8,180.58

Per Diem

1,418.87

Travel

4,952.17

Accommodation

2,488.75

\$ 17,040.37

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

\$ 4,368.63

Environment Administration
2004 - 2005 Contribution Agreements - DIAND
For the Year Ending March 31, 2005

REVENUE

DIAND Contribution (Implementation Funds) \$ 105,436.00

EXPENDITURES

Staff Salaries & Benefits	43,571.02
Recruiting	4,452.00
Office Costs	8,995.79
Office Rent	6,365.00
Fixed Assets	4,046.85
Telephone & Fax	1,626.05
Registration Fees	954.38
Travel	1,800.95
Accommodation	908.00
Per Diem	<u>288.75</u>

\$ 73,008.79

EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)

\$ 32,427.21