AKLAVIK INUVIALUIT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLAN
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A Plan for the Conservation and Management
of Natural Resources and Lands
within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region
in the Vicinity of
Aklavik, Northwest Territories

Prepared by

The Community of Aklavik,
the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
and the Joint Secretariat

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June 2008

We thank the elders who made this possible by telling us about the Inuvialuit lifestyle of long ago which in many ways continues today. This plan will help preserve our lifestyle into the future.

June 2000

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The following important words and abbreviations have been used in the Community Conservation Plan and are explained below.

Community
Refers to all the Inuvialuit individuals living in the area and the local organizations which represent them. Those organizations include the Hunters and Trappers Committee, Elders, Community Corporation, Community Education Council and Hamlet.

Conservation
Is ensuring that if we take caribou, there will be caribou the next year and the year after that. The same for anything else. This applies to all uses of the land: if it is used and enjoyed now, it must be left and preserved so that it will be there for the next year and for future years.

Ecosystem
Refers to all of the plants and animals in an area, including the air, water and land on which they depend. The parts of the ecosystem are interconnected and influence one another. Food and energy flow through the ecosystem and are returned to it. Successful conservation and management depend on the recognition that changing one part of the ecosystem may affect the other parts.

AHTC - Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee
ACC - Aklavik Community Corporation
CWS - Canadian Wildlife Service
DFO - Department of Fisheries and Oceans
DIAND - Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
DOT - Department of Transportation
DENR - Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR)
EIRB - Environmental Impact Review Board
EISC - Environmental Impact Screening Committee
FJMC - Fisheries Joint Management Committee
GNWT - Government of the Northwest Territories
GRRB - Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board
GTC - Gwich'in Tribal Council
HTC - Hunters and Trappers Committee
IBP - International Biological Programme
IFA - Inuvialuit Final Agreement
IGC - Inuvialuit Game Council
ILA - Inuvialuit Land Administration
ILAC - Inuvialuit Land Administration Commission
IRC - Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
ISR - Inuvialuit Settlement Region
NWMB - Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
NWT - Northwest Territories
PCMB - Porcupine Caribou Management Board
PWNHC - Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
RRC - Renewable Resource Committee (Gwich'in)
SRRB - Sahtu Renewable Resource Board
WMAC(NS) - Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)
WMAC(NWT) - Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories)
YTG - Yukon Territorial Government

June 2000

The 2000 Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan has been prepared in consultation with the Inuvialuit Community in Aklavik and Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit bodies with an interest in the area. The undersigned representatives hereby adopt this document for the purpose of guiding policy and resource management in the planning area.

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Conservation means the protection of wildlife and their land and also the keeping of traditional subsistence lifestyle. Wise planning based on traditional and scientific knowledge should be used to conserve and manage wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Mervin Joe and Joe Joe Benoit
Aklavik, 1993

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The **Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan** is a community-based planning document that was originally prepared in 1993 by the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee, Aklavik Community Corporation, and Aklavik Elders Committee. Creation of community-based conservation plans was the first objective of the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan (1988), a document jointly prepared by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) and the Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC) in partial fulfilment of their obligations under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. The original Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan was prepared coincidentally with a similar plan for the community of Inuvik by a joint working group comprised of representatives of both communities. Numerous Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit organizations were consulted during the planning process. A wide range of existing conservation plans were considered by the joint working group and extensive use was made of the Land Use Plan for the Mackenzie Delta Beaufort Sea Region (1991).

The updated 2000 Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan built upon the work of the original document. A Working Group was re-established as part of the review exercise, and extensive consultation was once again undertaken with Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit organizations. Government agencies and co-management bodies also contributed a significant amount of time and effort to update the information in the Plan.

The document is intended to provide guidance to all those with an interest in the planning area, but is not a legally binding document.

The Plan contains a brief description of the current conservation and resource management system in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and describes the strategy to address five broad goals:

1. To identify important wildlife habitat and seasonal harvesting areas and make recommendations for their management.

2. To describe a community process for land use decisions and managing cumulative impacts which will help protect community values and the resources on which priority lifestyles depend.

3. To identify educational initiatives for the Inuvialuit of Aklavik and others interested in the area which will promote conservation, understanding and appreciation.

4. To describe a general system of wildlife management and identify population goals and conservation measures appropriate for each species of concern in the planning area using the knowledge of community and others with expertise.

5. To enhance the local economy by adopting a cooperative and consistent approach to community decision making and renewable resource management.

All excerpts of other documents included in this plan are not a substitute for the originals; original source documents should be used for legal accuracy or citation purposes.

The Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan will be subject to a progress review and potential amendment every two years. The HTC is responsible for initiating the review, to be conducted by the Community Conservation Plan Working Group. All feedback should be provided to the Joint Secretariat for integration in updated versions of the plan. Minor revisions or corrections to the plan may be sent to the Joint Secretariat at any time, for entry into subsequent versions. A complete review of the plan by all stakeholders will occur a minimum of every four years. Copies of the plan are available from the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik, NWT, X0E 0T0. Phone (867) 777-2828.

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1993

On behalf of the Aklavik Community Conservation Planning Committee we would like to take this time to thank the following people: Kathleen Hansen, Jim Edwards, Albert Oliver, Elijah Harley, Jim Kalinek and Billy Day. If it wasn't for the elders we would never find out this valuable information. The story on the history of Aklavik and their knowledge about the land and animals will be very useful. We would also like to thank members of the various Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit organizations who were contacted and subsequently took time to offer comments and advice. We would particularly like to thank WMAC (NWT), WMAC (NS) and the FJMC for their encouragement and guidance.

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Revisions to the 2000 Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan could not have been achieved without the dedicated efforts of: Carol D. Arey, Barbra Allen, Colin Gordon, Richard Gordon, Dwayne Storr, and the staff of the Joint Secretariat. Brian Johnston (Resource Person, WMAC(NWT)) and Michael Muller (GIS Specialist, Joint Secretariat) conducted community consultations and drafted the updated document, based on the recommendations of the community. The current plan is produced and distributed by the Joint Secretariat.

2008

The 2008 Aklavik Community Conservation Plan would have not been such a success if it were not for the following: The Aklavik Working Group, the Wildlife Management Advisory Council, Fisheries Joint Management Committee and the Joint Secretariat. Also a very big Thank You to the Environment and Natural Resources Department for making the old maps available to the Working Group and drafting the amended maps.

1 INTRODUCTION

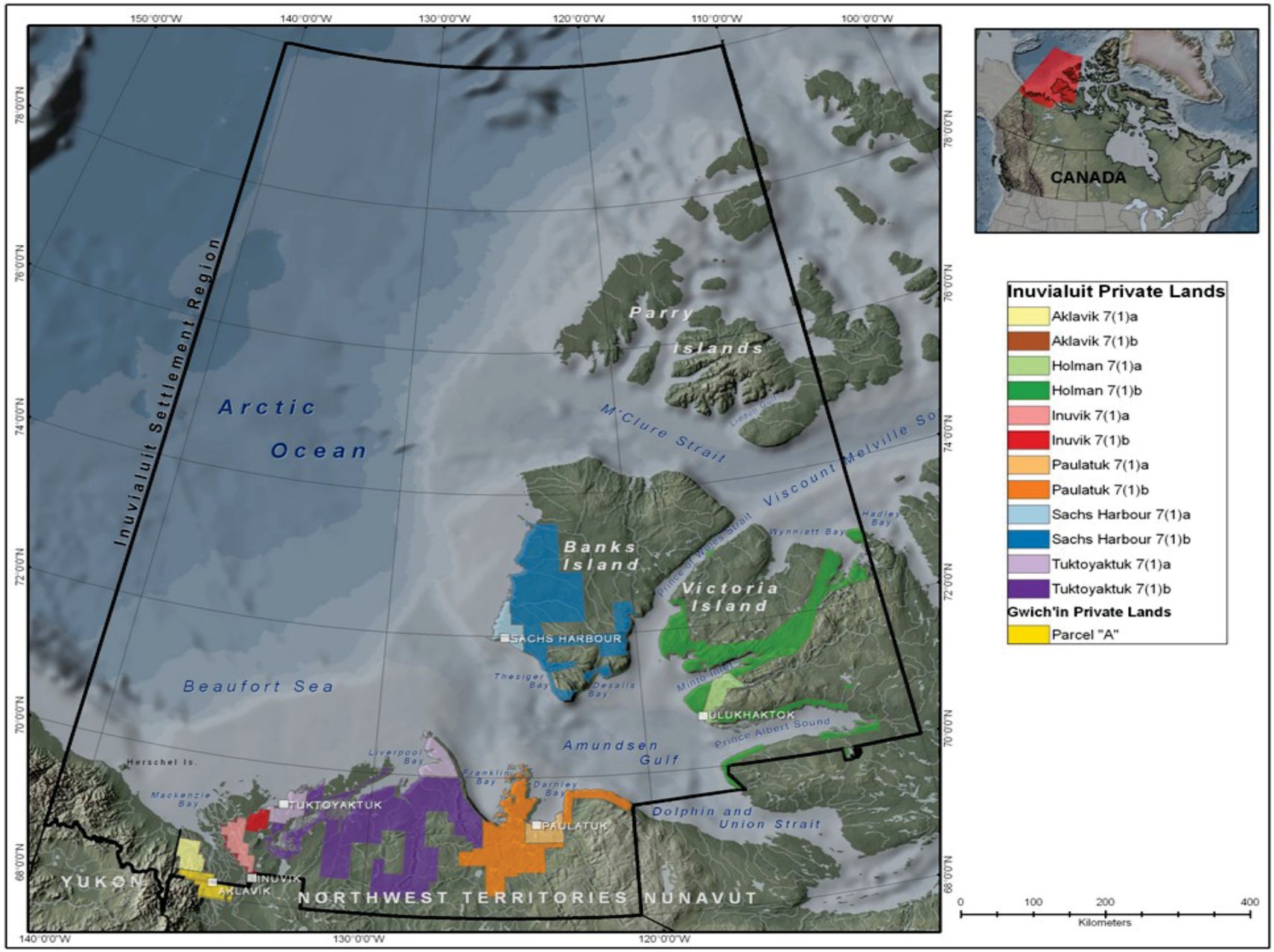
The people of the Mackenzie Delta and Yukon North Slope have relied upon the area's wildlife for many years. This plan was developed to help protect the environment in the Delta area and onshore and offshore areas of the Beaufort Sea to ensure cultural survival of the Inuvialuit Community, in accordance with the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act* and the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan.

Development of the original plan was coordinated by representatives of the Aklavik and Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committees, the Community Corporations, the Elders and other community representatives. To prepare this plan, the joint Inuvik-Aklavik Community Conservation Plan Working Group carefully reviewed conservation plans already completed in other Inuvialuit communities, species management plans, the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan, the Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan, the Regional Land Use Plan For the Mackenzie Delta-Beaufort Sea Region and relevant documents arising from the Inuit Circumpolar Conference.

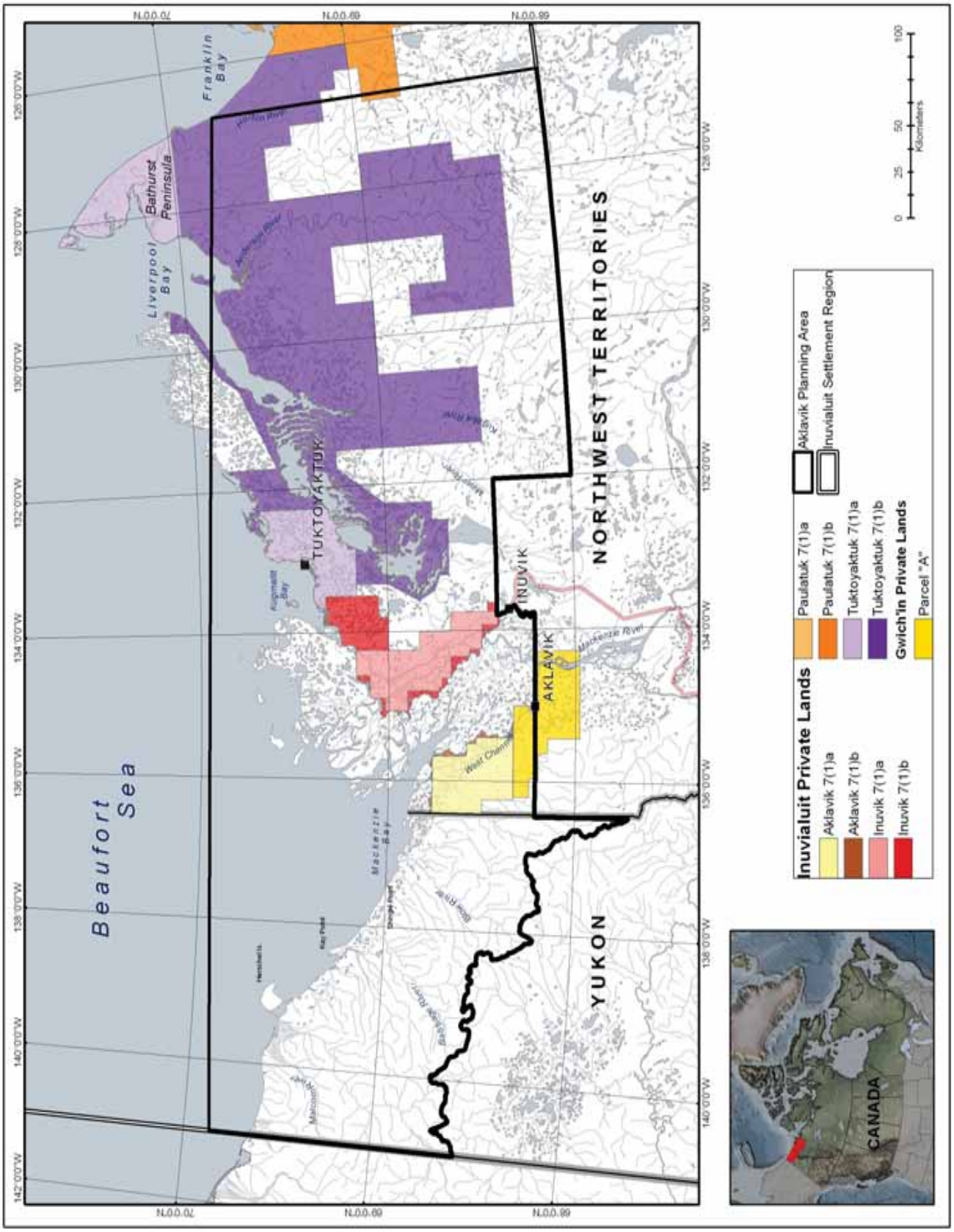
In addition, considerable effort was made to obtain opinion and advice from Inuvialuit and Gwich'in members of the Community as well as government agencies. The plan is intended to express the Inuvialuit community's specific goals and objectives with respect to conservation of lands, waters and living resources in the vicinity of Aklavik in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Figure 1). It makes recommendations and describes activities to be undertaken by individuals and organizations at the local, regional and national level. The plan describes a process for avoiding land use conflicts and dealing with cumulative impacts. We hope the plan will assist the Inuvialuit and others in ensuring conservation and environmental protection of the area.

The updating exercise of 1998-2000 that has produced the present version of the Plan was spearheaded by the Aklavik HTC, a newly re-established Community Working Group, and the staff of the Joint Secretariat. Once again, consultation with Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit organizations and co-management bodies played an important role in the review process. A multi-stakeholder workshop was held in March 1999 to exchange advice and recommendations before the final version of the Community Conservation Plans were drafted.

The Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan has been formally adopted in the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee (AHTC) and Community Corporation bylaws. The plan will be reviewed every two years by the Aklavik Community Conservation Plan Working Group and amended at that time if necessary. An additional annual progress evaluation will be conducted simultaneously by the AHTC and Aklavik Community Corporation. The Species Conservation Summaries will be updated on a consistent basis by the WMAC (NS) and WMAC (NWT), with input from the appropriate agencies. A complete review of the plan, with all stakeholders will occur a minimum of every four years.



Map 1. Inuvialuit Settlement Region and Private Lands



Map 2. Aklavik Conservation Planning Area and Private Lands

1.1 A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AKLAVIK AREA

Aklavik is located on the Peel River on the west side of the Mackenzie River Delta. It is 113 km (70 mi.) south of the Beaufort Sea and 55 km (34 mi.) west of Inuvik. Aklavik was first named "Sinik" but was changed to Aklavik, which was a few miles down river. "Aklaqvik" means "a place where a bear was killed", when the white man started arriving the name slowly got changed to Aklavik because they could not properly pronounce Aklaqvik.

The first people to settle here were Enoch Pokiak and his son and daughter-in-law, Taylor and Marie Pokiak and their family at the mouth of the Pokiak Channel which was named after him. In the later years, Kenneth Stewart from Fort McPherson arrived to build and manage the Hudson's Bay store on the same side of the river. The Gwich'in started moving into Aklavik from the surrounding area and started building log cabins where Aklavik is now situated. The Hudson's Bay Company eventually built a store and houses with lumber and they are still in the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Kost along with his brother John built the first two-storey buildings, which they used as a hotel and a restaurant along with a little store.

In the early 1920's Harry Peffer and his sons, Jake and Stan, came down from Fort Simpson in a small boat and a large raft with supplies to start a trading post, they also brought two horses with them. The logs that they brought were used to build a two-storey hotel with a dance hall and a small log cabin store. One horse died shortly after they arrived but the other one known as Darkey lived for many years. Darkey was used for many jobs, such as hauling cord wood for the missions in the winter and pulling boats out of the water in the fall. Also at that time there was the Northwest Territory Co. store, which was located on the point.

Aklavik became a gathering place for people from as far as Fort Good Hope, because there were a lot of fur buyers and dancing. Celebrations would go on for a couple of weeks and then the people would go to their summer fishing and whaling camps.

Dr. Livingston was our M.D. in the mid 1930's, who decided to start up a dairy and egg farm, he brought up 8 cows and a bunch of chickens. We enjoyed fresh eggs but the milk was something else, maybe the cows were not getting the right feed.

The first Anglican mission school was started at Shingle Point in 1927 and in 1936 moved to Aklavik when a residential and hospital and a church were built. The Catholic mission also built their own residential school, hospital and church at about the same time.

Children that came to school were from this region and from the Kittikmiut region. The Anglican children were brought in by the Hudson's Bay ships when they resupplied their trading posts along the Beaufort Sea. The Catholic missions brought their children with the schooner named the Lady of Lourdes.

The children that came to the Anglican school sometimes did not go home during summer vacations.

At that time none of the children were allowed to speak their own language because of the different dialects for the Inuvialuit and the Gwich'in and because they all stayed in the same dorms.

It was very hard for most of the children because they could not speak any English when they arrived at the school, and by the time they returned back home, they could not speak their own language and therefore they had very little in common with their parents.

In the early 1920's, many white trappers and traders came to Aklavik and spread out all over the Western Arctic and the Kittikmiut regions. In the early years Aklavik became known as the Muskrat Capital of the Western Arctic.

In 1927 a man calling himself Albert Johnson, arrived in Ross River and Fort McPherson. Mr. Johnson was a loner, and Johnson was lifting native people's traps. He was a deadly shot who in 1932, triggered a gruelling man hunt that has become an Arctic Legend. For over six weeks, amid blizzards and numbing cold, he eluded a posse of trappers, soldiers, Indians and R.C.M.P., using for the first time a two way radio and airplane. During this northern saga Johnson was involved in four shootouts, killing one policeman and gravely wounding two other men before being shot to death in February 17, 1932, on the Eagle River in the Yukon Territory. He was then put to rest in Aklavik, N.W.T.

Many years ago when you talked to the elders, they would tell you that you can expect Aklavik to flood out at least every ten years. During the mid 1950's serious flooding, three years in a row, and erosion problems in Aklavik caused the Federal Government to relocate its administration offices 55 km (34 mi.) to the east, where they built a new town, at "East-3" (now called Inuvik). Residents of Aklavik have a slogan "never say die" which relates to the fact that while most major facilities were transferred to Inuvik, many residents elected to remain in Aklavik.

Today Aklavik is a very modernized community with a population of about 1,000 people. The services provided are: Northern Store, Aklavik General Store, Canada Post, Hamlet administration offices, which contracts water, sewage and garbage services. The R.C.M.P. have a station here. Aklavik Indian Band Office, Aklavik Community Corporation with the Hunter's and Trapper's Committee, Housing office, Airport Terminal, Moose Kerr School and a nursing station. In 1984 the Inuvialuit settled their land claim with the government of Canada. The Gwich'in ratified their land claim in 1992.

The trapping of muskrats, fox and other furbearers created employment and great prosperity in the area, however, because of the activities of the anti-fur lobby and animal rights groups, this opportunity has been significantly reduced. Furs are still very important for community use. Prior to the harvest of a bowhead whale in September 1991 the last bowhead harvested by Inuvialuit was in about 1926. Another bowhead whale was successfully harvested in July 1996. Subsistence harvesting of animals and plants remains as vitally important today as it has been in the past.

Source: Billy Day, Kathleen Hansen, Jim Edwards, Albert Oliver, Elijah Harley. Compiled by Barbara Allen and Mervin Joe.

1.2 INUVIALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT AND RENEWABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1.2.1 Inuvialuit Final Agreement

To secure and protect the homeland of the Inuvialuit in the Beaufort Sea region, known as the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR), the Inuvialuit and the governments of Canada, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon, negotiated The Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA). Proclaimed on July 24, 1984, the IFA includes the Northern Mackenzie Delta, Yukon North Slope and the western portion of the Arctic Islands. The IFA established several new management bodies to help ensure that the land and its living resources are conserved for the benefit of the Inuvialuit (see Appendices D and E). In addition to the summaries presented below, additional detailed information is available from the organizations described.

1.2.2 Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (NWT and North Slope) and Fisheries Joint Management Committee

The IFA created three new co-management bodies: the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), (WMAC (NWT)), the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope), (WMAC (North Slope)) and the Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC). The WMAC (NWT) provides advice to appropriate government ministers and Inuvialuit agencies on all matters relating to wildlife policy and the management, regulation and administration of wildlife, habitat and harvesting in the Northwest Territories portion of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The WMAC (NWT) also advises government on wildlife related issues of park planning and management. The WMAC (NS) fills a similar role as the WMAC (NWT) however, its focus is on the Yukon North Slope. In addition to providing advice to government ministers, the WMAC (NS) is also expected to provide advice to the Porcupine Caribou Management Board, the EIRB and other groups. The FJMC assists Canada and the Inuvialuit in a similar fashion, managing the area's marine mammals and marine and freshwater fisheries. The FJMC also coordinates delivery of the HTC registration system for fishing by non-beneficiaries on private land.

1.2.3 Inuvialuit Game Council and Hunters and Trappers Committees

The IFA also created the Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) and provided for the creation of a Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC) in each of the six Inuvialuit communities. The IGC is intended to represent the collective or entire Inuvialuit interest in wildlife and to advise the government, often through the WMAC (NWT) and FJMC. The HTC is, among other things, responsible for local resource allocation and is expected to encourage and promote Inuvialuit involvement in conservation, research, management, enforcement and utilization.

1.2.4 Inuvialuit Land Administration

The Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA) manages and administers access to Inuvialuit 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands (see Maps 1 and 2). Development proposals on private lands are screened by the ILA although they may also be referred to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee by the Inuvialuit.

All applications submitted to the ILA are distributed to the local HTCs and Community Corporations for review and comment. Final approval of applications is made by the ILAC who generally will not grant permits without the support and approval of the HTC and Community Corporation. ILAC has the authority to attach a variety of conditions on development proposals on Inuvialuit 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands to ensure that land and resources are not harmed and that the Inuvialuit benefit. Further information is available in the ILA "Rules and Procedures".

1.2.5 Environmental Impact Screening Committee and Environmental Impact Review Board

Under the terms of the IFA, the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) screens all development proposals on Crown lands within the ISR to determine if there is potential for significant negative environmental impact (see Appendix G). Projects in the offshore are also screened by the EISC, in response to a request from the Inuvialuit Game Council. Projects which may have significant negative impact are referred to the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) or other equivalent environmental

review processes for a public assessment and review. The EIRB has the authority to conduct a detailed public review and make recommendations to the competent governmental authority, with respect to proposed developments.

The community believes that the existing methods for environmental screening and review can be incorporated as part of the general conservation process for the Planning Area. The community supports development where it is compatible with the Conservation Plan's land use and species management priorities. A copy of the EISC and EIRB "Operating Guidelines and Procedures" has been provided to the HTC for public information.

1.3 GWICH'IN TRANSBOUNDARY ISSUES

Private Lands
As identified in Map #1, the Gwich'in hold surface and sub-surface rights on Gwich'in private lands in the ISR, north of Aklavik. These private lands are known as "Parcel A".

Overlap Agreement
On April 2, 1992 an Overlap Agreement was signed among the Inuvialuit Game Council, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and the Gwich'in Tribal Council with respect to transboundary rights of access for subsistence harvesters within an area known as the "Aklavik 1400 Lands". Any Gwich'in or Inuvialuit who are Aklavik residents may harvest wildlife in the Aklavik 1400 Lands. Under the Agreement, the Inuvialuit shall manage wildlife on the Gwich'in private land in the ISR, according to the IFA.

For any of the following transboundary issues in the Gwich'in Settlement Area, please contact the following organizations:

Renewable Resource Management: Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board in Inuvik
Land Use Planning: Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board in Inuvik
Land Use Regulatory Process: Gwich'in Land and Water Board in Inuvik

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2 COMMUNITY VALUES

The following principles express Inuvialuit community beliefs and values with respect to conservation and resource management in the planning area (see Map 2).

(a) Conservation is First Priority
All uses of the land in the Planning Area, including renewable and non-renewable resource development, must recognize conservation of the renewable resource base as the foremost priority. This applies to uses of the land by the community and by other interests.

(b) Integrated Management
All parts of the environment are interconnected, so they must be managed together. Conservation, stable economic development and sound resource management can only be achieved if all parties work toward a common goal. The Inuvialuit community of Aklavik recognizes the relationship between direct economic security and resource conservation and the importance of maintaining a spirit of cooperation between all people living in the region.

(c) Maximize Community Benefit
Renewable and non-renewable resource development in the Aklavik planning area should be of maximum benefit to community residents, with priorities for Inuvialuit as detailed in the IFA. Development projects should be scaled to retain opportunities and ensure the most lasting benefit to the local economy.

(d) Protect Priority Community Activities
Priority activities to be protected by the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan are hunting, fishing, guiding, trapping, tourism and arts and crafts manufacturing.

(e) Cooperative Management of Shared Resources
The Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan recognizes a special need for cooperation in the management of migratory species which are also used by other Inuvialuit and non Inuvialuit.

(f) Maintain Healthy Environment
The Inuvialuit of Aklavik place a high priority on maintaining air and water quality and the health of the resources.

(g) Consistency
The Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan should be consistent with the Principles of Wildlife Harvesting and Management from the IFA, (Appendix A), the goals and principles of the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan (1988), (Appendix B), the goals of the North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan (1993) (Appendix C), the Regional Land Use Plan (1991), the Arctic Environmental Strategy (1991), and other conservation plans or agreements endorsed by the Community's representatives (e.g. Management Agreement for Polar Bears in the Southern Beaufort Sea Population (1991), the Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan (1991)).

3 GOALS

The Inuvialuit Community has identified an overall strategy for conservation and resource management in the Aklavik Planning Area. This strategy is based on five general goals:

1. Identify and Protect Important Habitats and Harvesting Areas
To identify important wildlife habitat, seasonal harvesting areas and cultural sites (for example, cabin sites) and make recommendations for their management.

2. Land Use Decisions
To describe the community process for making land use decisions and managing cumulative impacts which will help protect community values and conserve the resources on which priority lifestyles depend.

3. Education
To identify educational initiatives for the Inuvialuit of Aklavik and others interested in the area which will promote conservation, understanding and appreciation.

4. Define Species Management
To describe a general system for wildlife management and conservation and identify population goals and conservation measures appropriate for each species of concern in the planning area. This will be done using the knowledge of the Community and others with expertise.

5. Enhance Economy
To enhance the local economy by adopting a cooperative and consistent approach to community decision making and resource management. This approach will help ensure economic stability and maintenance of all components of the Arctic ecosystem.

Information and recommendations required to satisfy the above goals for the Planning Area are described in the sections which follow.

4 SPECIAL AREAS AND RECOMMENDED LAND USE PRACTICES FOR THE PLANNING AREA

Some of the areas and recommended land use practices described in this section were originally identified in the Regional Land Use Plan for the Mackenzie Delta-Beaufort Sea Region (1991). These areas have been identified because they contain important wildlife habitat and/or harvesting areas. Recommendations have been revised and in some cases moved to more appropriate sections of this plan.

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Guidelines for land use practices to be followed in these areas are included in the area descriptions which follow, as well as in other sections of this plan. A set of general land use recommendations is provided at the end of Section 4.1.1. A Community-based process for arriving at land use decisions is presented in Section 4.2. Processes to assist with the management of cumulative impacts and recommendations for environmental screening and review of development proposals are presented in Sections 4.3 and Section 4.4, respectively.

In designating management categories, the Inuvialuit community has attempted to recognize priority land uses and activities, as well as areas of special ecological and cultural importance. Management designations may be modified as additional information becomes available and provided the health and biological productivity of the planning area is maintained. Each area of importance has been given a letter designation corresponding to the categories below:

Category A
Lands and waters where there are no known significant and sensitive cultural or renewable resources. Lands and waters shall be managed according to current regulatory practices.

Category B
Lands and waters where there are cultural or renewable resources of some significance and sensitivity but where terms and conditions associated with permits and leases shall assure the conservation of these resources.

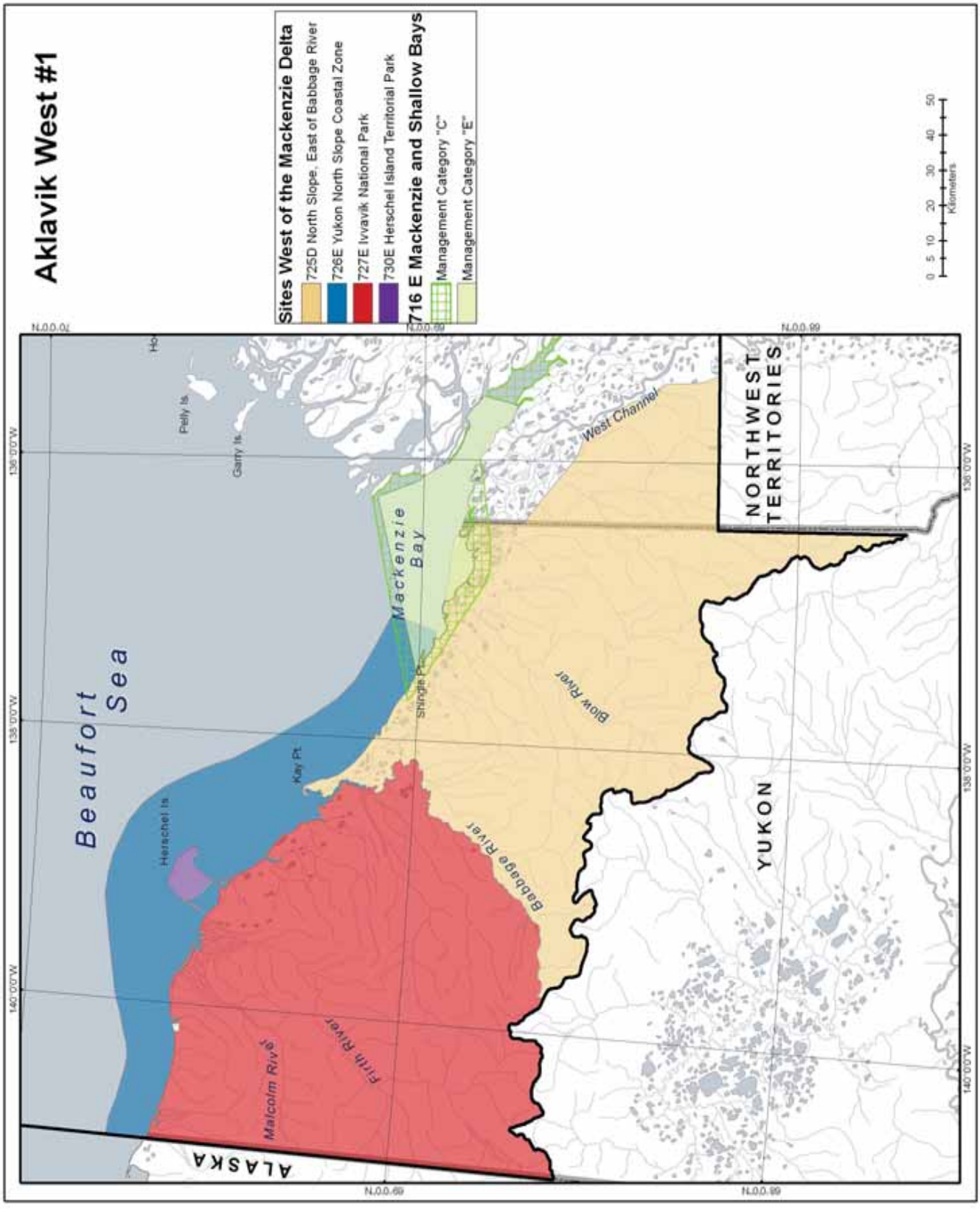
Category C
Lands and waters where cultural or renewable resources are of particular significance and sensitivity during specific times of the year. These lands and waters shall be managed so as to eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, potential damage and disruption.

Category D
Lands and waters where cultural or renewable resources are of particular significance and sensitivity throughout the year. As with Category C, these areas shall be managed so as to eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, potential damage and disruption.

Category E
Lands and waters where cultural or renewable resources are of extreme significance and sensitivity. There shall be no development on these areas. These lands and waters shall be managed to eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, potential damage and disruption. This category recommends the highest degree of protection in this document.

4.1 AKLAVIK SUBREGION - SPECIAL DESIGNATED LANDS

Maps and detailed descriptions of the special designated lands listed below are described in the text which follows.



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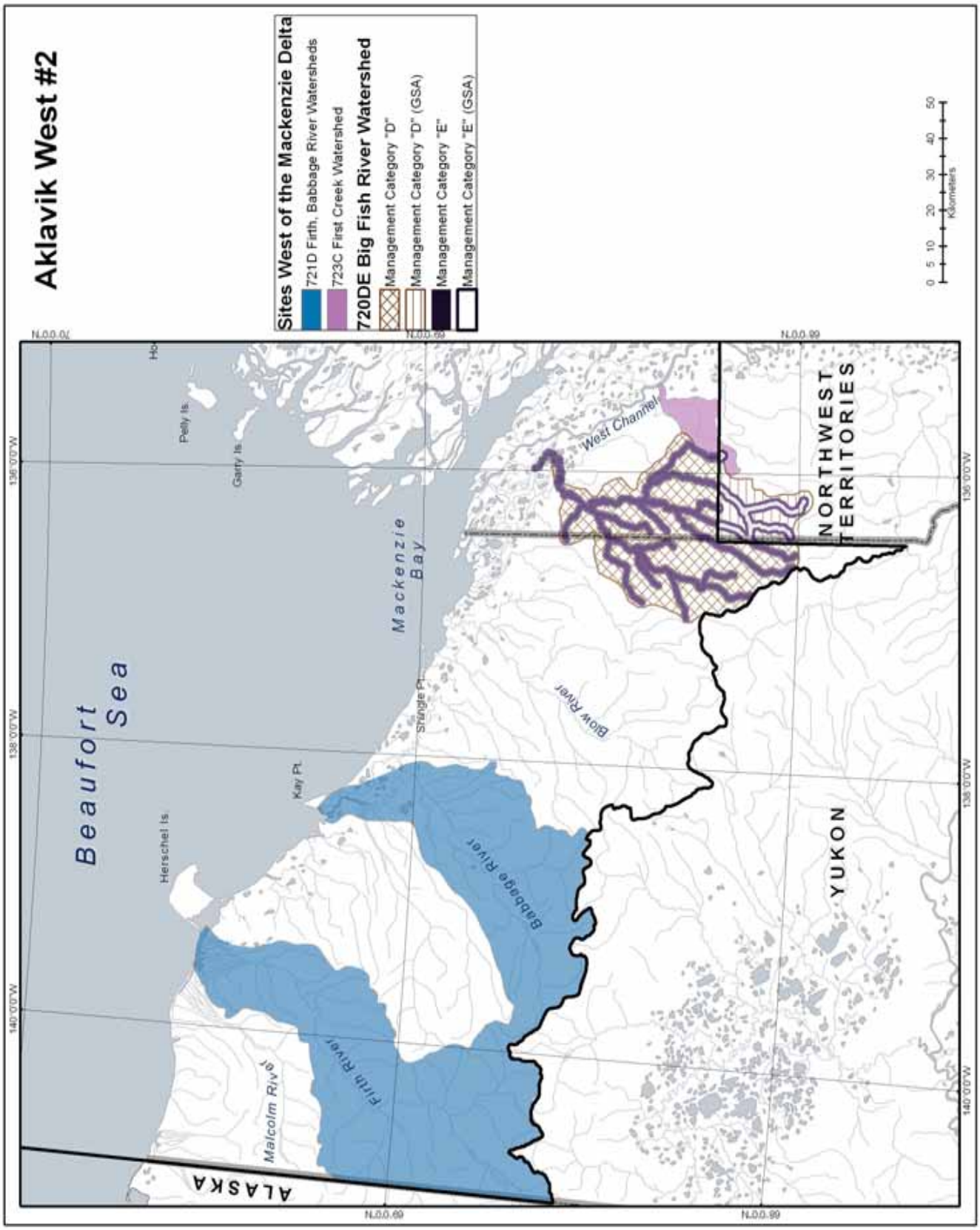

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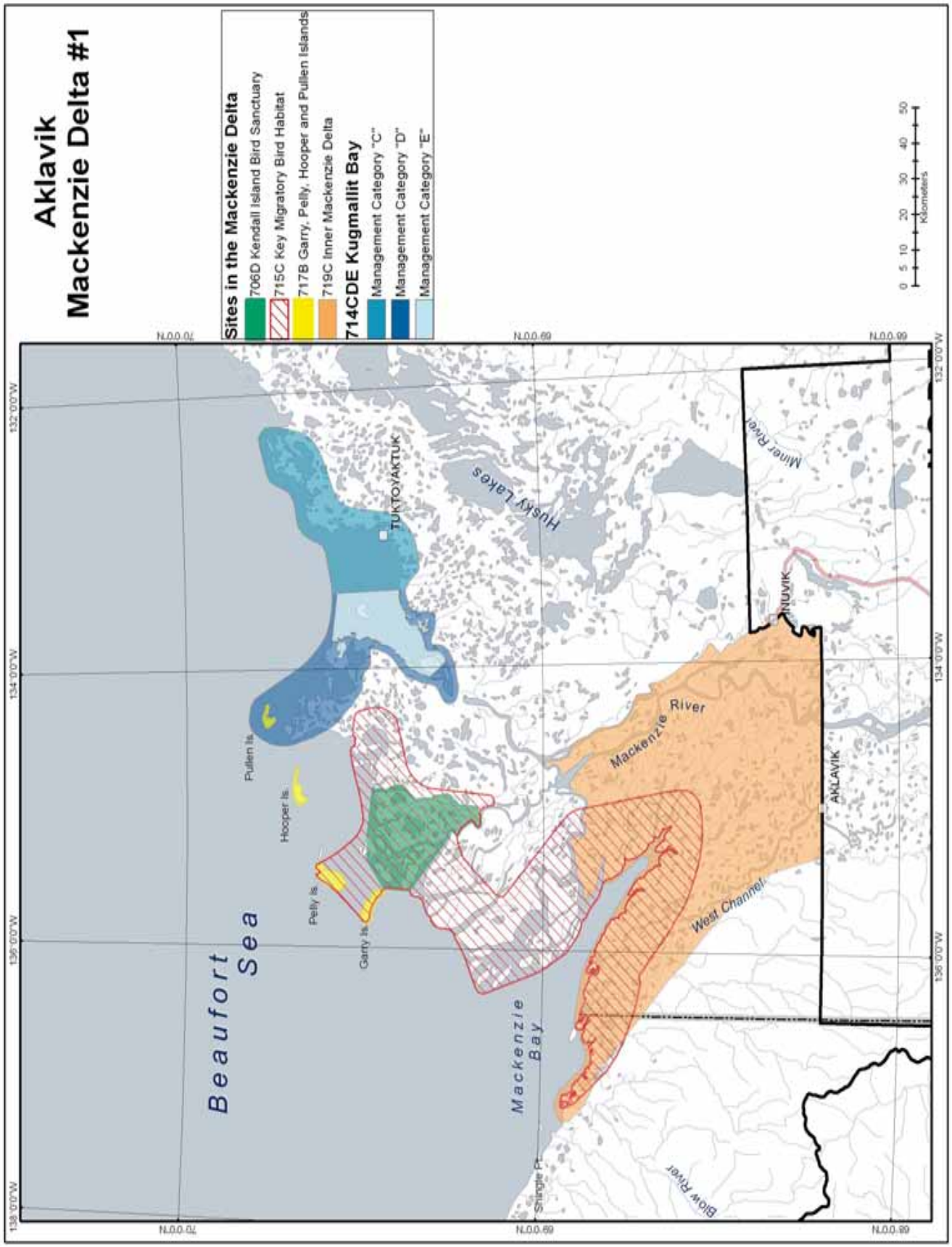

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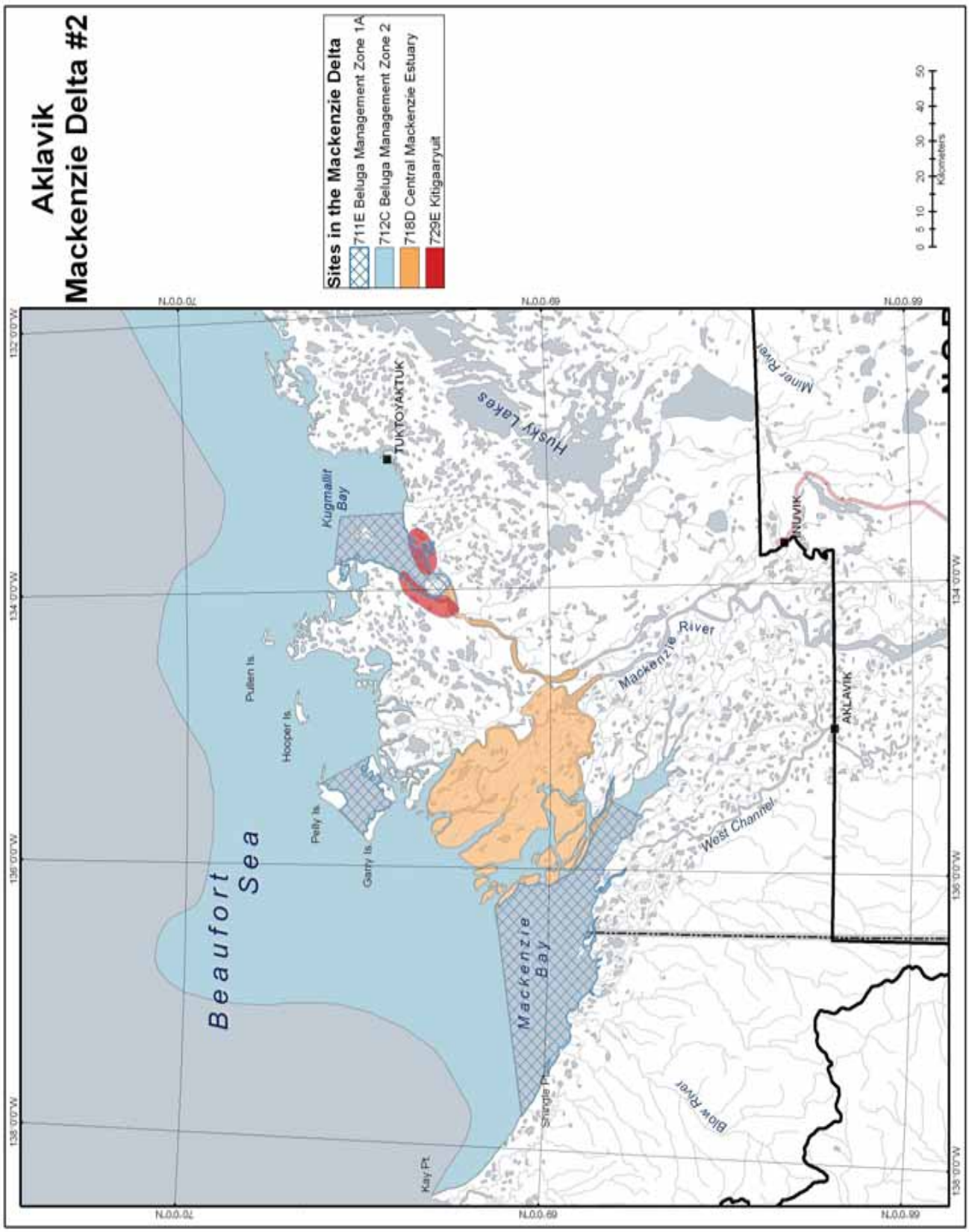

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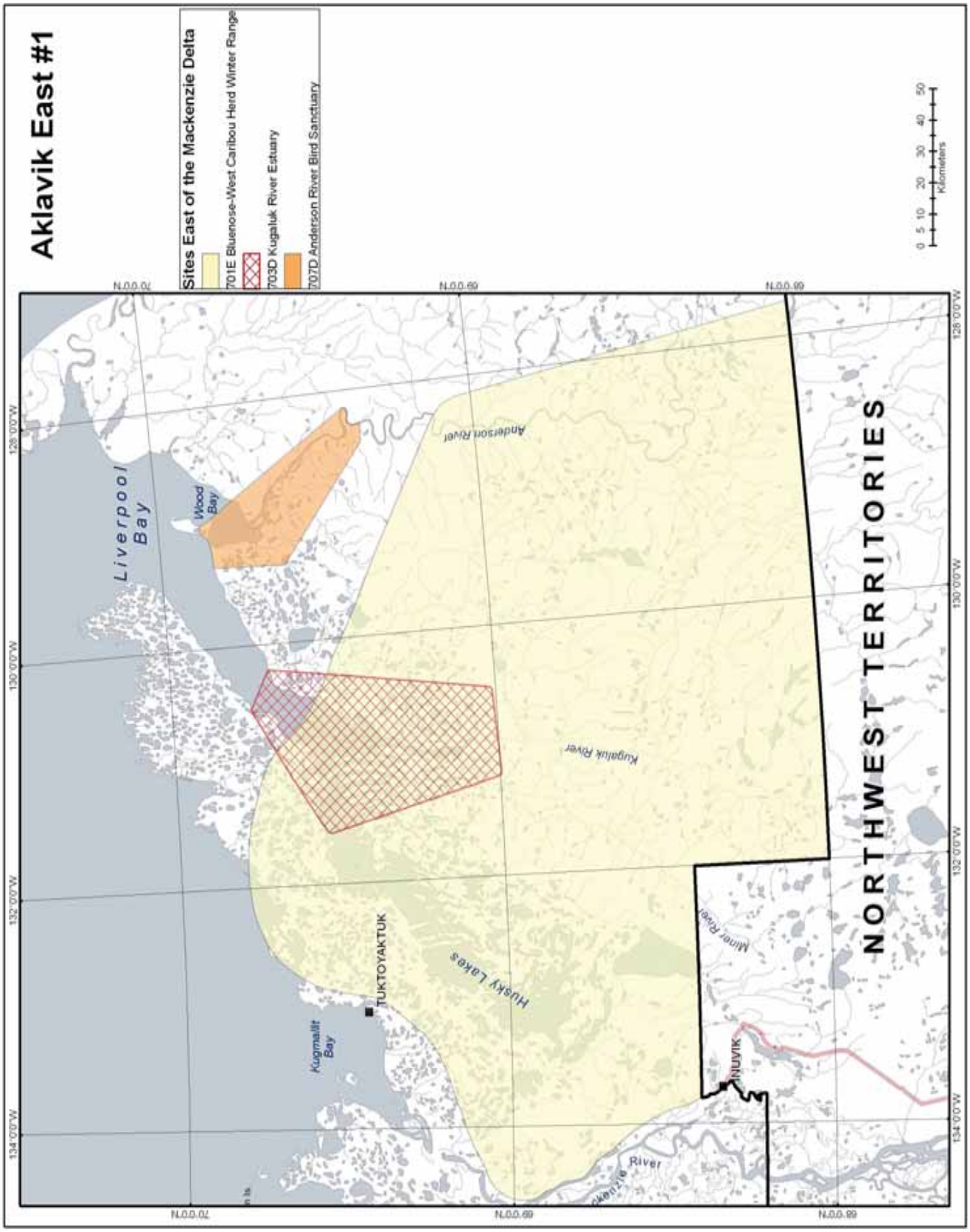

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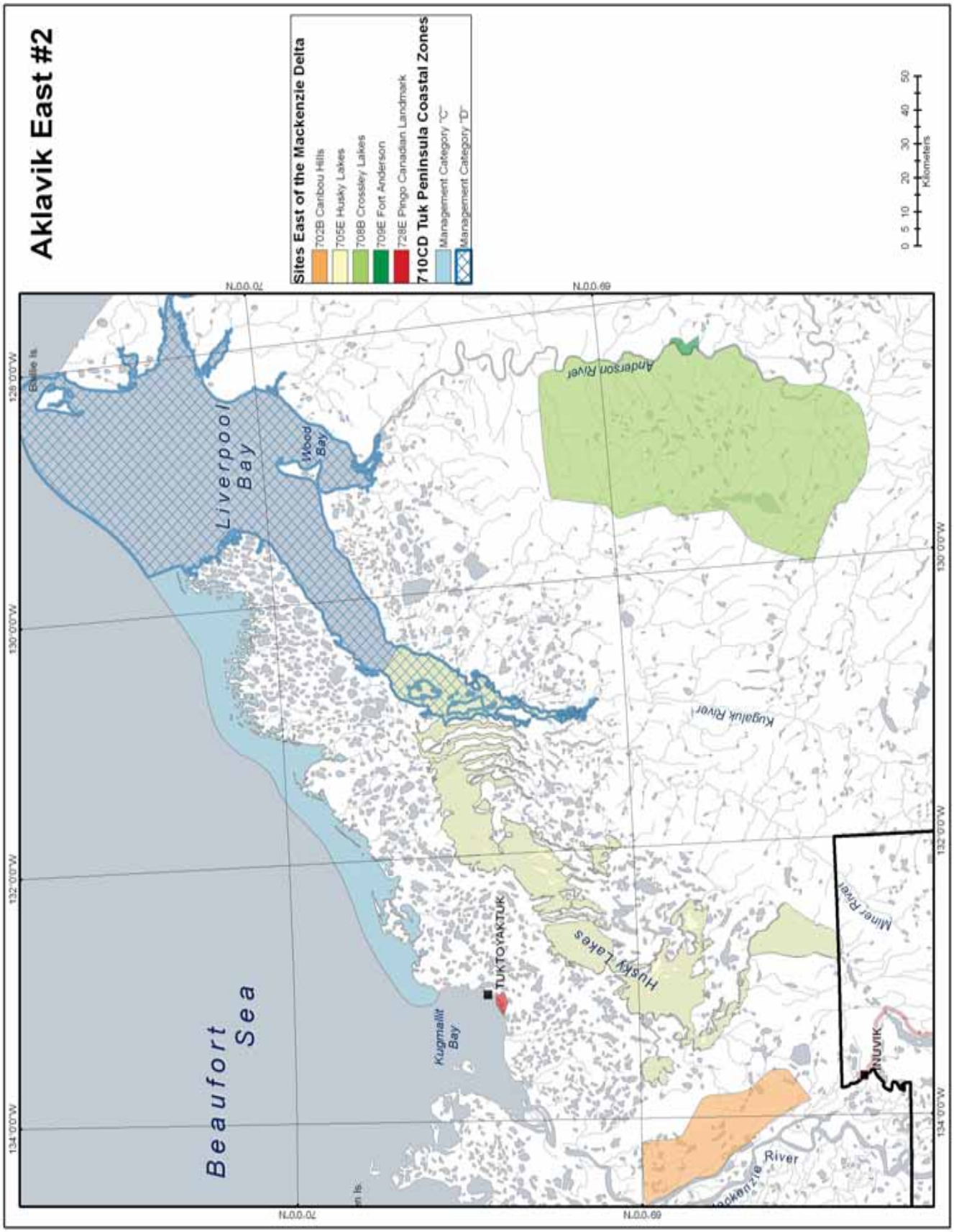
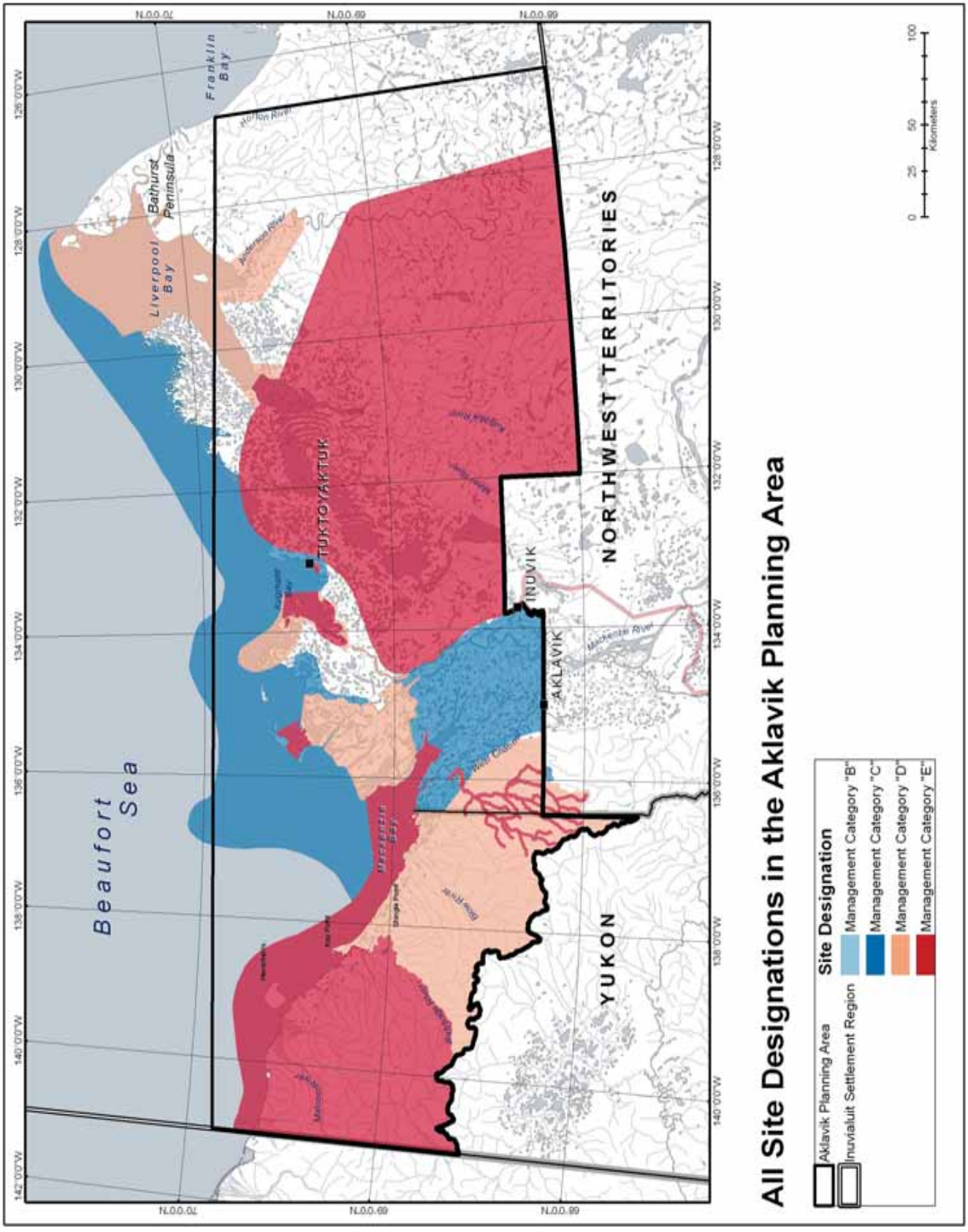


Map 8. Aklavik - East #2



Map 9. Overlay of All Site Designations in the Aklavik Planning Area

AKLAVIK SUBREGION - SPECIAL DESIGNATED LANDS

SITE NO. 100DE TRADITIONAL INUVIALUIT CAMPS AND CULTURAL SITES

Identified By
Aklavik Community Working Group

Management Category
D (cabins)
E (all other sites)

Ownership
Private 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
The Inuvialuit of Aklavik have identified many of the culturally important sites it would like to see protected. These sites include cabins, camps, archaeological sites, burial grounds, old forts, trading posts, etc.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Aklavik wishes to protect and preserve all of its culturally important sites. These sites can be used by the community and others for historical, archaeological, educational and cultural purposes provided the Inuvialuit have been consulted.

Community Working Group Concerns
The Inuvialuit of Aklavik are concerned that if these sites are not identified and protected they may be harmed by development and/or may lose their cultural significance.

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Community Working Group Recommendations
1. The PWNHC should incorporate these sites into their list of protected sites. These sites would then be included in the PWNHC review of land use permit applications.

2. DIAND should incorporate into the Territorial Land Use Regulations, higher fines for violations of the protective measures identified in the land use permitting process: such violations would include the looting of sites for artifacts.

3. DIAND should amend the Territorial Land Use Regulations and expand the buffer zone to protect archaeological sites from development to 100 metres (328 ft.).

4. Prior to undertaking activities in proximity to any camp or cabin area visitors should contact the HTC. (See also general Land Use Guideline 6 in Section 4.1.1).

SITE NO. 701E BLUENOSE-WEST CARIBOU HERD WINTER RANGE

Identified By
Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Community Working Groups, and RWED

Management Category
E

Ownership
Private 7(1)(a), 7(1)(b) lands and Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region ISR (Maps 1 and 2).

Description
Starting at the southern ISR border, up to Tununuk, northeast to include the western portion of the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, southeast to include the Anderson River, and south to the ISR border. The winter range of the herd also extends into the Gwich'in Settlement Area and the Sahtu Settlement Area.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important winter habitat for the Bluenose-West caribou herd, which are valued for subsistence harvest from late October to late March.

Husky Lakes are also important for fishing resources, as described for Site No. 705E.

Due to the fact that the Bluenose-West caribou herd is relied upon for subsistence use by various Inuvialuit communities as well as aboriginal communities outside of the ISR, a Bluenose Caribou Management Plan and a Bluenose Caribou Herds Cooperation Management Agreement have been drafted with the cooperation of all stakeholders, to ensure proper management measures are in place.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Caribou Hills (Site No. 702B).
Kugaluk River Key Migratory Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site No. 703D).
Husky Lakes (Site No. 705E)
Crossley Lakes (Site No. 708B)
Fort Anderson (Site No. 709E)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Sports hunting and wildlife viewing tours by boat or snowmobile, around Husky Lakes and the east channel of the Mackenzie Delta.

Community Working Group Concerns
Potential oil and gas related activities within the ISR and the neighbouring Gwich'in Settlement Area might negatively affect caribou movements which would in turn make subsistence hunting more difficult.

That growth in tourism could disturb the herd or degrade their habitat.

The proposed expansion and re-location of the reindeer herd to the wintering grounds of the Bluenose-West caribou herd could cause disruption to caribou and degradation of habitat.

Proposed year-round road from Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk.

Community Working Group Recommendations
See also Section 6.4, Caribou.

SITE NO. 702B CARIBOU HILLS

Identified By
Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Community Working Groups, and RWED

Management Category
B

Ownership
Private 7(1)(a) lands within Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2).

Description
Upland area west of Parson's Lake and paralleling East Channel of Mackenzie River.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Caribou Hills have unique succession plant life.

The Middle Mackenzie Delta is a unique transition zone between alluvial taiga and low tundra habitats.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Bluenose Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site No. 701E)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

SITE NO. 703D KUGALUK RIVER ESTUARY

Identified By
Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Working Groups, CWS and DFO

Management Category
D

Ownership
Crown Lands (lakebed) and Private 7(1)(a) lands (shoreline) within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2).

Description
From Liverpool Bay, southward including Kugaluk and Miner River estuaries, linking the Husky Lakes and Liverpool Bay.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important spawning area for Pacific herring and lake trout.

Seals and occasionally beluga enter the Fingers area to feed.

Nesting habitat for lesser snow geese, brant, white-fronted geese and tundra swans.

Important area during the moulting period for greater white-fronted geese, Canada geese and Tundra swans.
Moulting scoters, scaup and oldsquaw are present during mid- to late summer.

Birds are present during part of the year - breeding season in May-August, and until September 1.
Wetland habitat is sensitive year-round.

Important area for research of effects of fire on the tree line.

A few thousand fish-eating birds, notably red-breasted and common mergansers and glaucus gulls, feed in the area from June to mid-August.

Denning habitat for barrenground grizzly bear.

There is an archaeological site in the northeastern part of the Smoke River delta, and an outpost camp at the mouth of the Kugaluk River.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Bluenose Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site No. 701E)
Fish Lakes and Rivers (Site No. 704C)
Husky Lakes (Site No. 705E)
Coastal Zones of Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site No. 710CD)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Air traffic.

Community Working Group Concerns
Increased aircraft traffic over the area could result from development activities in the Beaufort Sea and on the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula.
Potential oil and gas development in the area.

SITE NO. 705E HUSKY LAKES

Identified By
Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Community Working Groups and DFO

Management Category
E

Ownership
Private 7(1)(b) lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1& 2).

Description
The site is south and east of Tuktoyaktuk, and includes the bays, islands and shorelines of the Husky

Lakes beginning at Sitidgi Creek and extending northeastward to Liverpool Bay.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Past and present use by Inuvialuit for year-round subsistence fishing, hunting, trapping and berry picking. There are approximately 25 recreational, educational and trapping cabins located throughout the area.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Bluenose Caribou Winter Herd Range (Site No. 701E)
Kugaluk River and Estuary (Site No. 703D)
Coastal Zones of Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site No. 710CD)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Granular deposits have been identified at Husky Lakes.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Sports fishing by Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik residents and tourists.

An automated North Warning System radar site borders this site.

A proposed all-weather road between Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik.

Community Working Group Concerns
That sports fishing, particularly in spring, does not interfere with Inuvialuit enjoyment of their privately-held lands around the lakes, and with subsistence fishing activities.

That potential extraction of granular deposits may threaten the habitat.

That a proposed all-weather road between Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik may threaten the habitat.

Community Working Group Recommendations
1. ILA should continue to enforce IFA section 7(15)d which protects the Inuvialuit right to “peaceable enjoyment of the lands”.

2. EISC and DFO should enforce Section 8(4) of the IFA which states no dredging or development activities such as the building of drilling platforms or fuel storage facilities shall be carried out on the waters of the area.

3. FJMC should produce fish species management plans for Husky Lakes, establishing quotas and restrictions on particular species. FJMC should continue to regulate sports fishing licenses through Tuktoyaktuk HTC.

4. ILA should develop a land use/recreation plan for Husky Lakes to define travel restricted zones, access points, tourism/fishing use areas and facilities.

SITE NO. 706D KENDALL ISLAND BIRD SANCTUARY

Identified By
Canadian Wildlife Service

Management Category
D: legislatively protected under *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994.*

Ownership
Crown lands within Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
The sanctuary is represented by an area of land and sea with Middle Channel and Harry Channels as boundaries, and the northern boundary extending from the southern tip of Garry Island, extending northeastward, bisecting Kendall Island, as far as the mouth of Harry Channel.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Birds are present during only part of the year - breeding season is May-August. Wetland habitat is sensitive year round. In its review of bird sanctuaries in response to the Northern Mineral Policy, the Canadian Wildlife Service proposed changing the Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary to include an area of high use by geese and waterfowl (CWS 1989).

The islands of the outer delta are important staging grounds from late August to late September for several species of shorebirds.

Shallow Bay area is an important staging area for Greater White-fronted Geese. Black Brants also migrate west through the outer Mackenzie Delta.

Large numbers of shorebirds migrate through the delta area.

Small islands south of Kendall Island support a colony of Lesser snow geese. Tundra swans, Greater white-fronted geese, Sandhill cranes, brant, ducks and shorebirds, nest and moult throughout this area..

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site No. 711E)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)
Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site No. 715C)
Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site No. 718D)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

SITE NO. 707D ANDERSON RIVER MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

Identified By
Canadian Wildlife Service

Management Category
D

Ownership
Private 7(1)(b) lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
The site includes the land and water surrounding the lower Anderson River. The delta of low alluvial islands, channels and lakes extends northward into the shallow waters of Wood Bay.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Key nesting habitat for Lesser snow geese, Black brants, Greater white-fronted geese, Canada geese. (Late May - end of August) and Tundra swans (May - early October).

Key nesting and moulting habitat in Wood Bay for oldsquaw, scaup and scoters.

Wetland habitat is sensitive year round.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Coastal Zones of Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site No. 710CD)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Community Working Group Concerns
This is a critical habitat for snow geese in spring; grizzly bears may have an impact on snow geese eggs.

Community Working Group Recommendations
Hire a monitor in spring to verify impact of grizzly bears on snow goose population.

SITE NO. 708B CROSSLEY LAKES

Identified By
Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Working Groups, and RWED

Management Category
B

Ownership
Private 7(1)(b) lands and Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2).

Description
Area of varied terrain east of Anderson River in proximity to Crossley Lakes, Carnwath and Wolverine Rivers.
Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Crossley Lakes is a representative treeline area.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Bluenose Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site No. 701E)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

SITE NO. 709E FORT ANDERSON

Identified By
Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Working Groups, and RWED

Management Category
E

Ownership
Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
Located east of Crossley Lakes, on the shore of the Anderson River.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
At the Fort Anderson site, flora, soil conditions, and the active soil layer have been undisturbed since 1866 when the Fort was abandoned.

Fort Anderson represents a notable archaeological site in the Western Arctic Region.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Bluenose Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site No. 701E)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

SITE NO. 710CD COASTAL ZONES OF THE TUKTOYAKTUK PENINSULA, LIVERPOOL BAY, WOOD BAY, BAILLIE ISLANDS

Identified By
Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Working Groups, and DFO

Management Category
C: Western portion
D: all areas east and south to the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula

Ownership
Crown waters within Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2)

Description
A 10 km (6 mi) coastline buffer, starting at Toker Point and extending east to Baillie Island, including Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay and Harrowby Bay.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Tuk Peninsula: migrating fish. Feeding and rearing areas in bays and lagoons.
McKinley Bay: may be a spawning area for Pacific herring.
Liverpool Bay: possible spawning habitat for Pacific herring.
Wood Bay/Baillie Islands: important feeding, nursery, overwintering areas for both anadromous and marine species.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Bluenose Caribou Herd Winter Range (Site No. 701E)
Kugaluk River Estuary (Site No. 703D)
Husky Lakes (Site No. 705E)
Anderson River Bird Sanctuary (Site No. 707D)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals.

SITE NO. 711E BELUGA MANAGEMENT ZONE 1A

Identified By
Fisheries Joint Management Committee

Land Management Category
E

Ownership
Crown waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
The zone includes about 1800 km^2 (695 mi^2) of shallow waters at the mouth of the Mackenzie River and encompasses the only known traditional summer concentration areas (Shallow Bay, east Mackenzie Bay and Kugmallit Bay) for the Beaufort Sea beluga stock. These areas are shallow (less than 2 m (6.6 ft.)), warm, brackish and highly turbid.

Importance of Site to the Community of Aklavik
Traditional beluga harvesting/concentration areas. Canadian Beaufort Sea beluga stock concentrates in these areas in summer. Could be for calving, calf rearing, moulting and/or socializing. Beluga in these areas are harvested by Inuvialuit from Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and Aklavik.

Guidelines for Zone 1a:

In the review of any development proposal Zone 1 is to be considered a Protected Area according to the guidelines described in the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan.

The oil and gas industry should not be permitted to explore for resources within Zone 1 waters nor to produce hydrocarbons or construct/operate any type of facility.

No mining activities (e.g. gravel removal) should be permitted within or on the shores of any Zone 1a waters.

Development activities such as hydro-electric developments, even if located outside of Zone 1 should be evaluated for their potential deleterious effects on water quality and quantity, or on the stability and integrity of ice in Zone 1a waters.

All shipping activities (including dredging) should be confined to designated routes and areas. Passage through or close to Zone 1 outside of designated routes, even if it's the shortest route, should be avoided from break-up to 15 August.

No port development should be allowed within or on the shores of any Zone 1 waters.

It is recommended that parties proposing industrial development and government agencies evaluating development proposals and other parties interested in development within the zone should seek the advice of the HTCs. To ensure the protection of the beluga resource and harvest, HTCs should be consulted regarding any licenses, permits or operating procedures approved for activities within the zones.

Commercial fishing proposals for Zone 1 should be evaluated and regulated with regard to beluga food species.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Beluga Management Plan Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)
Kugmallit Bay (Site No. 714CDE)
Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site No. 715C)
Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site No. 716CE)
Garry and Pelly Islands (Site No. 717B)
Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site No. 718D)
Inner Mackenzie Delta (Site No. 719C)
Eastern North Slope and East of Babbage River (Site No. 725D)
Kitigaaryuit (Site No. 729E)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Water traffic: barges, local harvesters

Potential growth in eco-tourism in the area.

Community Working Group Concerns and Recommendations

See above Guidelines.

SITE NO. 712C BELUGA MANAGEMENT ZONE 2 - ALL MACKENZIE SHELF WATERS SHALLOWER THAN 20 METRES

Identified By

Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Working Groups and Fisheries Joint Management Committee

Management Category

C

Ownership

Crown waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2)

Description

Includes the Mackenzie Shelf waters shallower than 20 metres (66 ft.) that are not already included in Zone 1. It extends from Baillie Islands (Cape Bathurst) in the east to Kay Point on the Yukon coast to the west.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik

Major beluga travel corridor to move into, out of, and amongst bays of the Mackenzie estuary.

Each spring, beluga migrate from wintering areas in the Bering Sea to summering areas in the Beaufort Sea. Depending on a number of factors including time of year and ice conditions, the migration occurs along the edge of the land fast ice (Zone 2), far offshore through leads in the pack ice (Zone 3), or both.

After the migration, from about late June through to late July or early August, a large proportion of the stock concentrates in the Mackenzie estuary (Zone 1a). However, at the same time, a large portion of the stock is widely distributed throughout both Zones 2 and 3. There is evidence to suggest calving may occur in these waters at this time.

During August, beluga are widely distributed throughout the off-shore in both Zones 2 and 3. They tend to occur in greatest numbers in Zone 2 waters near headlands and in the lee of islands, where fishing is apparently most favourable. Feeding is probably their most important activity in these Zones during August. Beluga usually begin their return migration in mid-August, using both near shore waters (Zone 2) and offshore waters (Zone 3). Few whales remain in the region past early September.

Deep water generally precludes hunting of beluga in Zone 2.

Guidelines for Zone 2:

Industrial activities or other projects may be permitted if they do not adversely affect the conservation of beluga and the protection of beluga habitat and beluga hunting, and they are conducted in a controlled and responsible manner.

Assessment of proposed activities must consider the direct effects on beluga (e.g. contamination, disruption, displacement) as well as indirect effects (e.g. stability and integrity of ice, timing of breakup, food availability).

Commercial fishing proposals should be evaluated and regulated with regard to beluga food species.

Assessments must consider the potential for cumulative impact and long-term effects.
It is recommended that parties proposing industrial development and government agencies evaluating development proposals and other parties interested in development within the zone, seek the advice of the HTC's. To ensure the protection of the beluga resource and harvest, HTC's should be consulted regarding any licenses, permits or operating procedures approved for activities within the zones.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Anderson River Bird Sanctuary (Site No. 707D)
Coastal Zones of Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool Bay, Wood Bay, Baillie Islands (Site No. 710CD)
Beluga Management Plan 1A (Site No. 711E)
Beluga Management Plan 2 (Site No. 712C)
Kugmallit Bay (Site No. 714CDE)
Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site No. 715C)
Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site No. 716CE)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

SITE NO. 714CDE KUGMALLIT BAY

Identified By
Inuvik, Aklavik, Tuktoyaktuk, Community Working Groups, and DFO

Management Category
C (eastern half of the bay)
D (western half of the bay)
E (designated Beluga Management Zone 1A)

Ownership
East shoreline is Private 7(1)(a) and 7(1)(b) lands; west shoreline is Crown lands; islands are Private 7(1)(a) and Crown Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
Management Category C is the eastern portion of Kugmallit Bay, along the coastline and coastal waters, east to Warren Point.

Management Category D extends from Pullen Island in the north, southward through portions of Richards Island, surrounding Beluga Management Zone 1A with a buffer zone in Mackenzie Bay.

Management Category E is Beluga Management Zone 1A situated in Mackenzie Bay.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important past and present beluga whale subsistence harvesting area from June 15 to August 15.

Whales concentrate in these shallow warm, brackish and highly turbid waters during the summer possibly to calve, rear calves, moult and/or socialize.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site No. 711E, see also Section 6.4 Beluga).
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)
Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site No. 718D)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Kugmallit Bay is a marine traffic zone.

Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Possible marine traffic associated with oil and gas exploration and development.

During the summer several tourism outfitters travel the east channel to Tuktoyaktuk with visitors. There is potential for tourism activity at whaling camps within this site.

Shipping activity.

An automated North Warning System radar site borders this site.

Community Working Group Concerns
The Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik Community Working Groups are concerned that shipping and oil and gas activities are interfering with the habitat of wildlife species they rely on for subsistence harvest, in particular beluga whales and fish. The concern is these land use activities take place during sensitive times of the species life cycle (i.e., beluga calving and bird nesting times).

There is also concern that tourism and some animal rights group might interfere with subsistence harvest practices. These people may unknowingly get between hunters and the whales, especially if they are alone or with unlicensed tourism operations.

Community Working Group Recommendations
1. FJMC should designate a shipping channel through Kugmallit Bay to Tuktoyaktuk Harbour and if necessary through Zone 1a as stipulated in the Beluga Management Plan (FJMC 1998).

2. RWED, along with the HTCs, should regulate whale watching tours as stated in the Beluga Management Plan, through application of the Beluga Protection Regulations and the Hunters and Trappers Committee Bylaws.

3. DIAND should ensure no oil and gas seismic or production activities is allowed in the Zone 1a of Kugmallit Bay from break up to August 15, as outlined in the Beluga Management Plan (FJMC 1998).

4. FJMC and DIAND should ensure that industrial activities or other projects permitted in Zone 2 areas do not adversely affect the conservation of beluga and their habitat, as outlined in the Beluga Management Plan (FJMC 1998).

5. WMAC (NWT), CWS, and DIAND should ensure that waterfowl and their habitat are protected from industrial activities and other projects in the area from May 1 to September 30.

6. FJMC and DIAND should ensure seals, their habitat and food sources are protected from July to September during fish runs/migrations.

7. FJMC and DIAND should ensure that no dredging equipment or other facilities be deployed in Kugmallit Bay before the end of the first week of August.

8. Community members should abide by the Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan Tourism Guidelines within the ISR (FJMC, 1994)

SITE NO. 715C MACKENZIE RIVER DELTA KEY MIGRATORY BIRD HABITAT

Identified By
Aklavik and Inuvik Working Groups and Canadian Wildlife Service

Management Category
C

Ownership
Private 7(1)(a) lands and Crown lands and waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2).

Description
Total area is 2,889 km^2 (1115 mi^2) The habitat zone includes Shallow Bay, Olivier and Ellice Islands, Pelly Island, and part of Richards Island.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important nesting and breeding habitat for birds (May to September).

Important denning areas for grizzly bears from October to May.

The surrounding waters are important habitat to beluga whales from June to September.

Important as a polar bear denning area from November to April.

Important past and present subsistence harvesting area, especially for beluga whales (from June 15 to August 15) and waterfowl (June to September).

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary And Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site No. 706D)
Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site No. 711E)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)
Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site No. 716CE)
Garry and Pelly Islands (Site No. 717B)
Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site No. 718D)
Inner Mackenzie Delta Including Peel, Inuvik, Husky and West Channels (Site No. 719C)
Big Fish River Watershed (Site No. 720DE)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Some tourism activity at Kendall Island whaling camps.
Shipping activity.

Possible access roads and air access points associated with oil and gas development.

Community Working Group Concerns
The Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and Aklavik Community Working Groups are concerned that oil and gas and tourism activities, and their associated air flights, may have a negative impact on the birds, beluga whales and traditional lifestyles.

Community Working Group Recommendations
1. CWS, EISC and DIAND should ensure no non-renewable development permits are issued within the Bird Sanctuary for activities from May 1 to September 30.

2. CWS and DOT should ensure no air traffic related to non-renewable resource development is allowed within a 16 km (10 mi.) radius of the centre of the bird sanctuary and below 1,100 m (3,500 ft.) between May 1 and September 30. HTC should be involved in a monitoring program to enforce this regulation and should be involved in the establishment of regulations for tourism and traditional/domestic air traffic requirements in the area.

3. As a means of preserving the traditional lifestyle of the Inuvialuit using Kendall Island, maintaining social harmony and avoiding unnecessary disturbance of whales, visitors to Kendall Island are requested to abide by Sections 4.1.1, 6.3 and the Beluga Conservation Summary (Section 6.4) of this plan.

SITE NO. 716CE MACKENZIE BAY AND SHALLOW BAY

Identified By
Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk, and Aklavik Community Working Groups and DFO

Management Category
C
E (designated Beluga Management Zone 1A)

Ownership
Crown waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region; and within the Yukon Territory.

Description
Management Category C: represents all of the site, with the exception of the Beluga Management Zone 1A in Mackenzie Bay, but includes a shoreline/water buffer around the Beluga Management Zone, extending southward into Shallow Bay.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important habitat for beluga whales and various species of waterfowl. Important past and present subsistence harvesting area for the Inuvialuit.

Overwintering area for anadromous coregonids. Feeding and nursery area for young fish. Concentration area for major part of beluga population - late June to early August.

Important traditional fishing area.

Canadian Nature Federation identifies Beaufort Coast from Herschel Island to Bathurst Peninsula as important for protection because of important caribou habitat, waterfowl staging area and sensitivity of highly patterned ground, underlain by permafrost. Identifies Cape Herschel because it is a notable historic site.

The North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan has designated the area referred to as "Work Boat Passage/Shallow Bay" extending from Herschel Island to the Mackenzie River Delta as deserving of special protection.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site No. 711E)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)
Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site No. 715C)
Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site No. 718D)
Inner Mackenzie Delta (Site No. 719C)
Eastern North Slope and Babbage River (Site No. 725D)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Shipping activity.

An automated North Warning System radar site borders this site.

Several tourism outfitters conduct boat tours through the west part of the Delta to whaling camps at Running River and Shingle Point in the Yukon.

Unguided kayak tourism.

Community Working Group Concerns
The Inuvik, Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk Community Working Groups are concerned that marine transportation, oil and gas development, tourism and animal rights groups may interfere with the calving of belugas, nesting of birds and subsistence harvesting by local people.

Community Working Group Recommendations
1. As stated in the Beluga Management Plan, FJMC should see that a shipping channel is designated through zone 1a when necessary.

2. RWED, along with HTCs, should regulate whale watching tours through the application of the Beluga Protection Regulations and the Hunters and Trappers Committee Bylaws (FJMC, 1991).

3. DIAND should enforce the Beluga Management Plan recommendation that in Zone 1a, no oil/gas seismic or production activities will be allowed from break-up to August 15.

4. EISC and CWS should recommend that any non-renewable resource land use activity proposed for the bird sanctuary between May 1 and September 30 will be referred to the EIRB.

SITE NO. 717B GARRY AND PELLY ISLANDS

Identified By
Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Working Groups and RWED

Management Category
B

Ownership
Crown lands within Inuvialuit Settlement Region. (See Maps 1 and 2)

Description
Garry and Pelly Islands are located on the eastern end of Mackenzie Bay, as it meets the Beaufort Sea.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important geomorphology features, vegetation, and waterfowl nesting.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site No. 711E)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)
Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site No. 715C)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

SITE NO. 718D CENTRAL MACKENZIE ESTUARY

Identified By
Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Management Category
D

Ownership
Private 7(1)(a) lands and Crown lands within Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
Lands and waters defined by the eastern edge of Mackenzie Bay, bordered to the south by Reindeer Channel, with the eastern border as Main Channel, with an extension along the East Channel.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Concentration area for beluga.

Transit area between Shallow and Kugmallit bays.

Used extensively by feeding anadromous coregonids.

Overwintering and nursery areas for a variety of fish.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary And Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Terrestrial Habitat (Site No. 706D)
Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site No. 711E)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site No. 712C)
Kugmallit Bay (Site No. 714CDE)
Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site No. 715C)
Inner Mackenzie Delta (Site No. 719C)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

SITE NO. 719C INNER MACKENZIE DELTA

Identified By
Aklavik and Inuvik Working Groups and DFO

Management Category
C

Ownership
Inuvialuit Private 7(1)(a) Lands, Crown lands and Gwich'in Private lands (Parcel A, surface/subsurface rights) within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
The boundary is marked by the western edge of the Mackenzie Delta, along Shallow Bay, with the northern border being Reindeer Channel, the eastern border being the East Channel, and the southern border being the ISR boundary line.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important habitat for fish, waterfowl, moose and furbearers.

Important area to the people of Aklavik for trapping and hunting muskrats during the spring and setting fish nets at all times of the year.

Many historical, cultural and archaeological sites.

The Peel, East, Husky and West Channels are important migration and spawning areas for numerous fish species that migrate inland from the Beaufort Coast.

People of Aklavik use the fish for subsistence purposes throughout the year, but specifically during summer and fall. These channels are zoned for commercial fishing.

Lakes and channels, including the Rat River are important nursery areas for larval coregonids and smelt.

Migration routes for anadromous arctic charr and coregonids.

Spawning areas - overwintering.

Lakes are feeding areas, or suspected spawning, nursery, overwintering areas for coregonids and fish.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Beluga Management Zone 1A (Site 711E)
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site 712C)
Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site No. 715C)
Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay (Site No. 716CE)
Central Mackenzie Estuary (Site No. 718D)
Big Fish River Watershed (Site No. 720DE)
First Creek Watershed (Site No. 723C)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Since the late 1980s, nonrenewable resource activity in the ISR has been quiet, due mostly to poor global prices for oil and gas and minerals. However, there has recently been a renewed interest in exploration within the northern Mackenzie Delta region.

Gravel deposits on western edge of site.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Inuvik Channel is an important transportation route for shipping and barging. The Peel, Husky and West Channels are used occasionally by small barges.

Unguided canoe and kayak tourism.

Guided boat tours.

Community Working Group Concerns
Aklavik is concerned industrial development will have a major impact on sensitive wildlife habitat that the community has traditionally used for subsistence harvesting.

Aklavik is concerned that industrial development, especially hydrocarbon exploration/production and shipping and barging operations will have a major impact on the fish resources.

Community Working Group Recommendations
1. DIAND should provide more thorough clean-up conditions to each permit holder. These conditions must state that all land and water used will be returned to its natural state.

2. DFO should continue to closely monitor the conduct of commercial fishing in the area to ensure it is only conducted in areas and in a manner consistent with regulations.

3. Commercial fishing should not be undertaken near Jiggling Creeks.

SITE NO. 720DE BIG FISH RIVER WATERSHED

Identified By
Aklavik and Inuvik Working Groups and DFO

Management Category
E (Fish holes, riparian areas)
D (Remainder of Watershed)

Ownership
Inuvialuit Private 7(1)(a) Lands, Crown lands as well as Gwich'in Private Lands (Parcel A, surface/ subsurface rights) within Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
The site is west of Aklavik in a zone along both sides of Cache Creek and includes Fish Hole, the riparian corridor associated with the Big Fish River Watershed and Canoe Lake.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important habitat for caribou and furbearing animals.

Canoe Lake is an important caribou harvesting area from the last week of September to December.

The area has historically been important for harvesting charr.

Anadromous and non-anadromous charr. Cache Creek has overwintering and spawning habitat. Fishery was closed in 1987.

Unglaciated and rich in plant species.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National and International Conservation Interest
Mackenzie River Delta Key Migratory Bird Habitat (Site No. 715C)
Inner Mackenzie Delta (Site No. 719C)
First Creek Watershed (Site No. 723C)
Eastern North Slope and Babbage River (Site No. 725D)

Community Working Group Concerns
Aklavik is concerned that the number of charr may never return to a sustainable harvesting level. The HTC closed the stock off from fishing in 1987. A 1998 charr study suggests continued low abundance. Low subsistence fishing permitted since 1997.

Locals believe water quality has changed (became less salty). Community has also noticed that grayling have become scarce in these waters.

Community Working Group Recommendations
1. The FJMC should prepare a species management plan for charr in Fish Hole/Cache Creek.

2. More effort should be made at understanding why fish stocks have declined, and restoring fish populations and habitat.

3. Potential for habitat enhancement should be examined by FJMC.

SITE NO. 721D FIRTH AND BABBAGE RIVER WATERSHEDS

Identified By
Aklavik Working Group and DFO

Management Category
D (Remainder of Babbage River Watershed east of National Park)

Ownership
Crown lands and waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
The Firth River and portions of the Babbage River watershed in Ivvavik National Park, and a 1 km (0.6 mi) buffer east of Babbage River, outside the park.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Babbage River has stocks of anadromous and non-anadromous Dolly Varden charr.

Overwintering and spawning in Fish Hole Creek.

Firth River supports anadromous and non-anadromous Dolly Varden charr.

The fish hole at the top of the Babbage River - inside the park boundary - is traditionally frequented for subsistence use.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Big Fish River Watershed (Site No. 720DE)
Eastern North Slope and Babbage River (Site No. 725D)
Yukon North Slope Coastal Zone (Site No. 726E)

SITE NO. 723C FIRST CREEK WATERSHED

Identified By
Aklavik Community Working Group

Management Category
C

Ownership
Inuvialuit Private 7(1)(a) Lands, Crown lands and Gwich'in Private Lands (Parcel A, surface/subsurface rights) within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
The site includes both sides of a small stretch of First Creek, in the foothills west of Aklavik. Southwest section of the site is adjacent to Canoe Lake.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important travel corridor to subsidence harvest of caribou and rabbits. Important use period occurs between early Fall and through mid-May.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Inner Mackenzie Delta (Site No. 719C)
Big Fish River Watershed (Site No. 720DE)
Eastern North Slope and Babbage River (Site No. 725D)

Community Working Group Concerns
Aklavik is concerned that development in the area will damage sensitive habitat for grayling.

Community Working Group Recommendations
Individuals or industry proposing any activities in the area should notify the HTC and RRC during the planning process.

SITE NO. 725D EASTERN NORTH SLOPE, EAST OF BABBAGE RIVER

Identified By
Aklavik and Inuvik Community Working Groups

Management Category
D

Ownership
Inuvialuit Private 7(1)(a) Lands, Crown lands and Gwich'in Private Lands (Parcel A, surface/subsurface rights) within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
Land base lying between the eastern border of Ivvavik National Park (with the exception of the fish hole at the top of the Babbage River, inside the Park) and the west side of the Mackenzie Delta, the southern boundary of the ISR and the Beaufort Sea.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Yukon portion of the area has been withdrawn from any commercial development requiring the acquisition of rights to occupy land or extract resources from the area.

The site is important habitat for Porcupine caribou. In the past and at present, the people of Aklavik and other nearby communities hunt caribou year-round in this area. The Community Working Group of Aklavik also considered this site as critical furbearer and waterfowl habitat.

The area is important habitat for thinhorn sheep (winter range, lambing areas, and migration corridors), for wolves (spring and summer denning areas), polar bears (winter denning), moose and muskoxen (year-round).

A number of raptors use the area for summer nesting sites including golden eagle, bald eagle, rough-legged hawk, peregrine falcon, gyrfalcon, and alpine raptors.

Geese use the area for fall-staging, and swans use the area for summer moulting and nesting.

Important fish hole at the top of the Babbage River, for charr and grayling (April).

The southeast portion of the area is important for:
Year-round range of the Dall's Sheep, including their lambing and rutting areas. Important nesting habitat for peregrine and gyrfalcons. Important charr spawning, overwintering, and spring habitat at Fish Creek.

Yukon Heritage Branch - archaeological sites throughout the region of cultural and historic importance.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Big Fish River Watershed (Site No. 720DE)
Babbage and Firth River Watersheds (Site No. 721D)
First Creek Watershed (Site No. 723C)

Overlapping Nonrenewable Resource Interests and Activities
Presently there is a moratorium on mineral exploration on the eastern section of the North Slope outside of the park boundary.

Stokes Point is a base for the petroleum industry. An air strip and gravel pads remain.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Stokes Point and Komakuk Beach are Department of National Defence North Warning System sites with unmanned short range radar station.

Bar-2 Dew Line site near Shingle Point is an automated long-range radar site with airstrip and road access to the coast.

Several other development proposals have been made for the North Slope including a harbour at King Point, and a road to the coast.

Kayak tourism.

Community Working Group Concerns
Oil and gas development could have a negative impact on caribou, moose, fur-bearer and waterfowl habitat, and therefore on community subsistence harvest.

The past proposals for oil and gas development infrastructure at Stokes Point and King Point on the Beaufort coast may, if implemented, negatively affect habitat, especially that related to caribou and waterfowl.

Community Working Group Recommendations
1. Regulatory bodies should ensure there be no hydrocarbon activity within the area including pipelines and harbours.

2. The Community should continue to support and promote the recommendations of the International and Canada Porcupine Caribou Management Plans and the Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan.

3. The WMAC (NS) and the GRRB should establish a species management plan for Dall's sheep in the area.

SITE NO. 726E YUKON NORTH SLOPE COASTAL ZONE

Identified By
Aklavik and Inuvik Community Working Groups, and DFO

Management Category
E

Ownership
Crown lands and waters within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
A 16 km (10 mi) area of coastal waters from the Yukon/Alaska border to the eastern boundary of Escape Reef in Mackenzie Bay.

Importance of the Site
Major feeding area for Arctic charr from North Slope and Mackenzie rivers.

Major migration route for cisco from Mackenzie River to Alaska.

Important habitat for bowhead whales from June to September.

Traditional harvesting area of bowhead whales.

Important habitat for breeding of migratory birds.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Beluga Management Zone 2 (Site 712C)
Babbage and Firth River Watersheds (Site No. 721D)
Herschel Island Territorial Park (Site No. 730E)

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Occasional cruise ship traffic and daily air traffic to Herschel Island Territorial Park.

Rafting on the Firth River. Kayaking along the coast.

SITE NO. 727E IVVAVIK NATIONAL PARK

Identified By
Parks Canada

Management Category
E

Legislatively protected under *National Parks Act* and the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claim Settlement Act*.

Ownership
Crown lands within Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
Yukon North Slope west of Babbage River to Alaskan border.

Importance of the Site
Unglaciated areas resulting in exceptional geomorphology.
Exceptional permafrost phenomena.

Diverse vegetation.

Highly productive wildlife habitat. Migrating route of Porcupine caribou herd.

Important fish habitat.

Highly significant archaeological and historic sites. Tourism values.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Babbage and Firth River Watersheds (Site No. 721D)

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
Rafting on Firth River. Kayaking and canoeing. Hiking.

Community Recommendation
The community supports the Ivvavik National Park Management Plan.

SITE NO. 728E PINGO CANADIAN LANDMARK

Identified By
Parks Canada and Tuktoyaktuk Working Group

Management Category
Legislatively protected under *National Parks Act* and *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act*.

The IFA (s. 7.(73)) states that:
"The Pingo Canadian Landmark shall be managed under the National Parks Act, in consultation with the Inuvialuit Land Administration and the people of Tuktoyaktuk, as a joint management regime".

Ownership
Private 7(1)(a) lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Maps 1 and 2). The IFA (s. 71, 72) provides for an exchange of land so surface would be Crown owned.

Description
The Landmark is located approximately 4 km (2.4 mi) southwest of Tuktoyaktuk, covering a total of 16.4 km^2 (6.3 mi^2).

Importance of the Site
Rare geological landforms of ice-cored hills. The greatest concentration (approx. 1,450) and some of the largest pingos in the world occur in the vicinity of Tuktoyaktuk. Ibyuk Pingo is 50m (164 ft) and approximately 1,000 years old.

Overlapping Military, Transportation, and Tourism Interests and Activities
An automated North Warning System is operating in Tuktoyaktuk.

SITE NO. 729E KITIGAARYUIT

Identified By
Parks Canada

Management Category
E

Ownership
Private Lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Description
The village and adjacent graveyards sit near the south end of an island which lies at the mouth of the Mackenzie River, on the west side of Kugmallit Bay. The peninsula is 1.5 km (0.9 mi) in length. The village is located south of the isthmus.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Established as a National Historic Site in 1978. Kitigaaryuit, as a semi-permanent settlement, has played a vital role for the Inuvialuit for centuries, and continues to be occupied today on a seasonal basis; it represents a significant archaeological site in the Western Arctic Region.

SITE NO. 730E HERSCHEL ISLAND TERRITORIAL PARK

Identified By
Yukon Territorial Government

Management Category
E

Legislatively protected under the *Yukon Territorial Parks Act*; *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claim Settlement Act*.

Managed as a wilderness park, similar to Ivvavik National Park.

Ownership
Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region; and within the Yukon.

Description
Herschel Island is located approximately 5 km (3 mi) off the north coast of the Yukon, in the Beaufort Sea.

Importance of the Site to the Community of Aklavik
Important archaeological and historical sites.

Exceptionally rich vegetation. Diverse fauna.

One of few known nesting sites in the western Arctic for black guillemot.

Overlapping Lands of Territorial, National, and International Conservation Interest
Yukon North Slope Coastal Zone (Site No. 726E)

Community Recommendation
The community supports the development of the Herschel Island Territorial Park Management Plan.

4.1.1 General Land Use Guidelines

These recommended guidelines relate to all lands in the Inuvialuit Community Planning Area for Aklavik:

1. The Inuvialuit Community, the WMAC (NWT and NS), FJMC, IGC, EISC, EIRB and ILA will rely on their procedures, the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan and the provisions of the IFA to ensure the protection of the Aklavik community harvesting areas that are within the ISR.

2. All Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit bodies with an interest in the planning area acknowledge and actively support the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan, associated land use designations and recommendations.

3. The Community supports the maintenance of the bird sanctuaries.

4. The protective status of all other candidate areas (areas identified by non-Inuvialuit) for protection be resolved by having the government (e.g. Minister of the Environment, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and GNWT and YTG, Minister of Renewable Resources) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Community, WMAC (NWT and NS), FJMC and IGC that such areas are necessary.

5. All regulatory agencies support the priority land uses as outlined in the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan.

6. Individuals wishing to build a camp will abide by any camp-building bylaw specified by the HTC.

7. The permission granting authority for camps on private land is the ILA. ILA has adopted a practice to canvass for comments from existing cabin owners within a 8 km (5 mi) radius and will base a decision for a permit on the merits of each case and not on an HTC bylaw. Reasonable concerns or comments will be considered.

8. The Community, HTC, WMAC (NWT and NS) and FJMC will encourage the people of Aklavik and others using and visiting the area to keep the land clean and to bring back any garbage for disposal at the local dump or other appropriate location (as determined by the Community).

9. The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre and DIAND should implement protection of heritage resources through a strengthened *Heritage Resources Act*.

4.2 INUVIALUIT COMMUNITY PROCESS FOR LAND USE DECISIONS

The community land use decision making process involves a number of steps which are described below and also presented graphically in Appendix H.

1. The Community Corporation and Hunters and Trappers Committee receive notification of development proposals from the ILA, DIAND and/or the EISC. If the proposal is on Gwich'in Private Lands, notification should be sent to the Gwich'in Land Administration.

2. The Community Corporation and HTC hold separate meetings to discuss the proposal.

3. The Community Corporation and HTC review relevant sections of the Community Conservation Plan with careful consideration of management categories (Section 4) and independently pass on their concerns to the ILA and/or the EISC.

4. The HTC and Community Corporation formally work together to develop a consensus or community-based land use decision in special cases.

5. The HTC and Community Corporation will hold a secret ballot when considered necessary.

6. The Community Corporation and HTC review relevant sections of the Community Conservation Plan with careful consideration of management categories (Section 4).

7. The ILA or EISC (see Section 4.4) review the responses and decide whether to grant approval (where the ILA is involved) or to refer the project to the Environmental Impact Review Board (for further public review) or to the appropriate government department(s) (where the EISC is involved).

4.3 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS MANAGEMENT

Cumulative impacts occur when changes to the environment, both good and bad, add to one another over time. Several small impacts may appear unimportant when they occur but, if continued, may result in a large impact over time. Successful management of cumulative impacts involves the following three steps:

- Clearly identify the type of environment and lifestyle you want in the future;
- Monitoring environmental change;
- Appropriate decision making.

FJMC / DFO

In order to better account for incremental or gradual losses of wildlife habitat resulting from changes in land use over time, the Community, as represented by the HTC and Aklavik Community Corporation, will re-designate areas of remaining habitat in a given land use category (Category A, B, C, D) to a more protective category (Category B, C, D, E) in proportion to the amount of effective habitat lost or affected by the authorized land use.

For example, if a proposed land use has negative effects on five percent of Category A wildlife habitat, then five percent (or any other amount) of what Category A habitat remains would be re-designated Category B or higher until such time as the impact of the land use has stopped and the land restored to its original ecological productivity.

This process acknowledges the principle that as wildlife habitat is lost, that which remains becomes more valuable and should require greater public support to alter. Re-designation will be carried out coincident with the two-year conservation plan review by the Community Working Group, and the complete review by all stakeholders every four years.

4.4 ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING AND REVIEW

Review of development proposals within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region is carried out in a cooperative manner and primarily involves the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC), the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) and Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA) (as described in Section 1.2 and Appendices F and G). These committees routinely seek the advice and comments of the community in reaching their decisions.

At the present time, the ILA is able to specify enforceable conditions for attachment to ILA Land Use Permits on Inuvialuit 7.1(a), 7.1(b) Lands. On Crown lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region non-Inuvialuit bodies, such as DIAND, are responsible for attaching conditions to land use permits. RWED issues wildlife research permits and tourism licences. The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre issues permits for archaeological research. Within a national park, Parks Canada issues permits.

4.4.1 Recommendations

1. DIAND and ILA work together wherever possible to develop a consistent set of general land use procedures.

2. The Community recommends that the ILA require developers to indicate the extent to which relevant elements of their development are at variance or consistent with Section 19 (Conduct of Operations in the ILA Rules and Procedures) (Appendix I of this plan).

3. Environmental Screening Procedures - The HTC, IGC, WMAC (NWT), WMAC (NS) and the FJMC will periodically review the Environmental Impact Screening Committee, Environmental Impact Review Board and Inuvialuit Land Administration operating rules/guidelines and procedures, and offer advice with regard to any changes that may be required to help improve environmental screening and review.

4. Regulatory bodies with jurisdiction over lands within the ISR should work with the Community to ensure that developers are bound to adequately address the Community's environmental concerns. These regulatory bodies should also work with the Community to identify practical state-of-the-art mitigation and reclamation techniques and to involve local people as environmental inspectors (see Section 5.0).

5. Reclamation Plans - As part of land use permits, reclamation plans should be agreed to and a costing mechanism (e.g. bond, promissory note) established to ensure compliance.

6. Consultation - The Community should be consulted on all land use activities in the Aklavik Planning Area.

7. Revoke Permits - Where there is a violation of land use permit conditions deemed serious by the AHTC or Aklavik Community Corporation, the permitting agency (e.g. ILA, DIAND) shall investigate immediately and take appropriate action which, with HTC support, may include revoking permits.

8. Education - The Environmental Impact Screening Committee, Environmental Impact Review Board, and Inuvialuit Land Administration should increase community awareness of their mandates and activities (see also Section 5.0).

9. The Inuvialuit Community in Aklavik will:
   (a) Carefully review all land use proposals and only give their support to land use activities where they are consistent with the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan.

   (b) Through the HTC, IGC or the IRC, refer any projects on Inuvialuit Land that may be in conflict with the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan to the environmental screening and review process;

   (c) Through its HTC, consult with developers on projects proposed within the Aklavik Planning Area;

   (d) With the assistance of the IGC, familiarize itself with the terms and conditions of any relevant Wildlife Compensation Agreements prior to signing off by the IGC, HTC and developer.

   (e) Through its HTC, advise the EISC or ILA of community concerns about development projects in the Aklavik Planning area;

   (f) Develop a monitoring system with industry, transportation companies and local tourist operators to determine the numbers, impacts and rate of increase of activity to provide the data for increased regulations as required.

   (g) Through its HTC, will ensure that community harvest data are kept current in order to facilitate development of practical and fair Wildlife Compensation Agreements.

5 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The successful implementation of the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan will require ongoing efforts to educate, train and exchange information. The community recommends that the WMAC (NWT and NS) and FJMC work with other Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit agencies to obtain funding and expertise to fulfill the following initiatives:

(a) Prepare an educational audio and video tape or tapes on the local ecosystem, the people, conservation practices and the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

(b) Organize training for local Inuvialuit in environmental inspection and monitoring as well as proper harvesting techniques.

(c) Prepare summaries (written summaries and as translated audio tapes) of the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan suitable for school use and for elders.

(d) Prepare home education package (for delivery by parents) to convey cultural values, language and conservation.

(e) Develop and implement a Community Information Program to present and explain the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan.

(f) Promote the use of environmentally friendly products and proper handling of hazardous wastes.

(g) Encourage researchers visiting the area to make presentations to the Community, and to convey the results of their studies.

(h) Continue to promote the use of the local language among the young and others with an interest.

(i) Continue to record and convey traditional knowledge of the land, culture, wildlife, and conservation.

(j) The Community should actively assist with the undertaking of the above initiatives.

6 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH

The Community supports the general wildlife management process as described in the Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Conservation and Management Plan (1988), the IFA and the goals of the Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan. Interested readers are advised to consult both of these documents as well as the Yukon North Slope Long-term Research and Monitoring Plan which outlines issues facing the Yukon North Slope and research and monitoring priorities for addressing these issues. All three documents provide for the full consultation and participation of the Community and its representatives in the management process.

Improvements to the system can be made in terms of more use of local knowledge, more community involvement in wildlife research and better communication between the Community, government agencies, researchers and the joint management groups. To that end, the Community has developed preliminary guidelines for wildlife management and conservation, including subsistence and commercial harvesting, tourism and local enjoyment. The Community has incorporated local knowledge and outside expertise in developing a conservation summary for each species of concern in the area (Section 6.4).

FJMC / DFO

6.1 GENERAL GUIDELINES

To implement the strategy for wildlife management and research the following steps will be taken:

1. The Aklavik HTC will:

(a) Provide input to the IGC and the joint management groups on wildlife management and research programs in the Planning Area.

(b) Through the IGC and the joint management groups, inform government agencies of its priorities for wildlife research in the Planning Area.

(c) Support conservation initiatives for shared migratory species developed by others, where the Inuvialuit bodies with a mandate for wildlife management endorse those initiatives (see also Section 1.3 regarding Aklavik 1400 Lands).

(d) Participate in wildlife research projects in the Aklavik Planning Area, when they have been consulted and support such projects.

(e) Discourage the use of aircraft for low level (<610 m) (<2,000 ft.) wildlife spotting at any time unless being done in conjunction with authorized research in order to avoid unnecessary disturbance or harassment of wildlife (see also Section 6.3(c)).

(f) Monitor the state of the wildlife and habitats in the Planning Area in cooperation with the biologists employed by the Government of the NWT, Yukon Territorial Government, FJMC, DFO, Parks Canada and DOE and report any concerns to the WMACs and FJMC through the HTC and the IGC.

(g) Regulate Inuvialuit harvesting using bylaws and traditional conservation methods as described

in this plan (see Section 6.4), or when this is recommended through community monitoring, by the joint management committees or the IGC.

(h) Pass a bylaw which provides a strong and positive incentive for trappers to carefully manage their harvest. This bylaw will define individual trapping areas and allow trappers to rotate their harvest within their trapping area from one year to the next. The system to be covered by the bylaw will be biologically and culturally based.

(i) Keep the joint management bodies informed, through the Hunters and Trappers Committee, of education programs (see Section 5.0) which are needed to increase community awareness of conservation, wildlife management and research.

(j) Where appropriate, participate in the development and delivery of education programs (see Section 5.0).

(k) Encourage active participation in implementing the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan. Membership and privileges associated with membership in the HTC will only be granted where individuals support the plan to the satisfaction of the HTC membership.

(l) Manage all harvests on a sustained yield basis.

(m) Contribute to the implementation of the Yukon North Slope Long-term Research and Monitoring Plan.

(n) Participate in the regulation of the subsistence harvest and the collection of subsistence harvest information.

2. The WMACs (NWT and NS), FJMC and IGC will:

(a) Assist the Community in obtaining regular monitoring information on water quality and ecosystem integrity. (This is a very high priority within the community). The community would also like to know more about change in water levels in the Delta and its impacts.

(b) Recommend to the Minister of Environment, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the NWT and YTG Ministers of Renewable Resources that species management plans continue to be developed for important wildlife populations identified by the Community in the Aklavik Planning Area, in consultation with the community and joint management groups. These plans should build upon the species conservation summaries presented in Section 6.4.

(c) Make more use of the media to publicize their activities in the Aklavik Planning Area.

(d) Recommend to the Aurora Research Institute of the Northwest Territories, the CWS, the DFO, GNWT and YTG that they continue to work with the WMACs to develop a consistent process for community consultation on wildlife research and the distribution of research results to the community (see also Section 5.0). They (FJMC, WMAC (NWT), WMAC (NS), IGC) will further recommend that as part of their research permit, all researchers in the Planning Area mail or fax a one page summary of the work undertaken to the HTC, within two weeks of leaving the area.

(e) Respond to Community initiatives for conservation measures and education programs.

(f) Develop a consistent set of criteria for establishment of harvest quotas in cooperation with the HTC.

(g) Contribute to the implementation of the Yukon North Slope Long-term Research and

Monitoring Plan.

3. Community, the WMAC (NS), WMAC (NWT), FJMC and IGC will:

(a) Support the development of species management plans, when such plans are prepared in consultation with all groups. In the interim, these bodies and the people represented will endorse and follow conservation guidelines provided in the species summaries (Section 6.4).

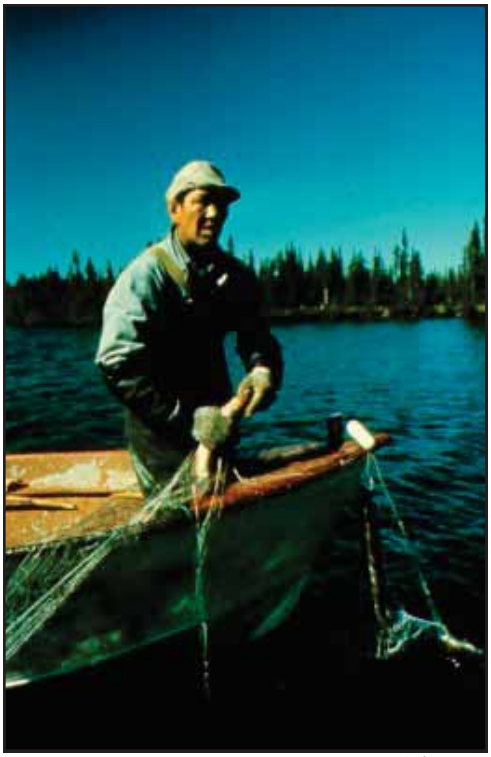
(b) Ensure that Inuvialuit are aware that animal numbers typically increase and decrease with the seasons and over the years as part of natural cycles. Ensure that harvesting and management programs consider natural cycles of animal abundance.

(c) Support proposals for renewable resource development in the Planning Area, when they are consistent with the Principles of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, the Regional Conservation Plan, and with the Community Conservation Plan.

(d) Revise the species conservation summaries listed in Section 6.4 every two years.

6.2 SUBSISTENCE AND COMMERCIAL HARVESTING - GENERAL GUIDELINES

Under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (Section 14(36)(a)) the Wildlife Management Advisory Councils are required to determine the total allowable harvest for game to ensure long term resource conservation. The effectiveness of this activity is very dependent on the cooperation of local subsistence harvesters in Aklavik and those involved in promotion of commercial wildlife harvesting.



DFO / FJMC

In addition to recommendations and guidelines described elsewhere in this document, the guidelines below will be followed:

(a) Subsistence harvest and traditional patterns of land use associated with subsistence harvesting will take precedence over commercial harvesting.

(b) Subsistence and commercial harvesting will be done in a manner consistent with the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan, specific population goals and conservation measures stated in the species conservation summaries.

(c) Commercial harvesting of wildlife will be undertaken in a manner developed cooperatively with and endorsed by the FJMC (for crustaceans, fish, seals, whales), WMAC (NWT and NS) (for all other animals) and the GNWT.

(d) Where a commercial quota is identified and considered consistent with conservation for a given species (for example, caribou) a percentage of tags will be retained for small scale operations (for example, sport hunting, individual supply to commercial market).

(e) Harvests will be monitored monthly by the Inuvialuit Harvest Study in order to provide information necessary for compensation and resource conservation.

(f) Well managed commercial fishing will be allowed in the rivers, but is not recommended for the lakes.

(g) The Community will consider and support the use of alternate harvesting methods (e.g. humane traps, steel shot) where there is a demonstrated need.

6.3 TOURISM GUIDELINES (NWT)

The Community of Aklavik believes tourism is a valuable economic activity within the area which is compatible with conservation and cultural needs, provided it is properly managed. The Community recognizes the need to maintain the environment and cultural lifestyles in order to promote tourism. To do this the Community recommends the following:

(a) The total number of tourist operators and/or tourists should be restricted in certain areas at certain times of the year (e.g. nesting and moulting areas for migratory birds, calving areas, denning areas.)

(b) The ILA, and RWED will request that all tourist operators (Inuvialuit and non-Inuvialuit) endorse the Aklavik Inuvialuit Community Conservation Plan and follow its recommendations as one of the conditions of operators license or permit. Licences may be revoked when operators contravene the recommendations and guidelines of this Plan and the conditions of their permit.

(c) Aircraft should fly no lower than 1,100 m (3,500 ft.) over a migratory bird sanctuary during times when nesting birds are present.

(d) Aircraft will not be used to land at sites where concentrations of nesting birds may occur.

(e) Aircraft will not be used for low level (<610 m) (<2,000 ft.) wildlife spotting at any time unless being done in conjunction with authorized research.

(f) Wolf dens should be approached no closer than 500 m (1,640 ft) if wolves are present.

(g) Tourists and tourist operators should not handle or harass wildlife.

(h) DIAND and ILA, in conjunction with the HTC, should establish a Travel Restricted Area to protect heritage resources when necessary.

(i) RWED should inform tourist operators of concerns regarding protection of heritage resources when issuing outfitting licences.

(j) Tourists and tourist operators shall respect any bylaws passed by the HTC with respect to tourism.

6.4 SPECIES CONSERVATION SUMMARIES

The following Species Conservation Summaries have been prepared in consultation with the Community, WMAC (NWT), IGC, DFO, CWS and RWED. Both local indigenous knowledge and that of others with expertise has been used. General conservation measures are provided in addition to those to be followed in the event of declining wildlife populations. Additional information on important wildlife habitat is contained in the Land Use Section (4.1).

Regularly updated, detailed Species Status Reports pertaining to the Yukon North Slope can be found in the Yukon North Slope Wildlife Conservation and Management Plan. Research review tables outlining the current state of knowledge for a number of wildlife species on the Yukon North Slope can be found in the Yukon North Slope Long-term Research and Monitoring Plan.

The WMAC (NWT) commissions RWED and CWS to provide updated Species Status Reports on an annual basis for species in the NWT portion of the ISR.

Species Conservation summaries will be updated every two years by WMAC (NWT), with input from the appropriate agencies. In most cases, precise population or threshold levels remain to be specified. The WMAC (NWT), FJMC, IGC, CWS, GNWT and DFO are encouraged to continue moving forward with species management plans, with priority to species of importance to the Community and which may be impacted by developments.

BEAVER (*Castor canadensis*) / **KIGIAQ**


Parks Canada

Biology
Mating occurs in the water during late winter (February and March). After spring break-up, 3 to 4 kits are born in the lodge or burrows. One litter produced per year. Kits mature at 2 years of age or older. Were abundant in Delta in 1960-61 but have declined since. Locals believe that beaver have been important in maintaining the health of the Delta and influence the distribution of fish and other animals.

Important Habitat
Streams and lakes of Mackenzie Delta, need plenty of food and building material readily available. Shore and bottom areas should be muddy and easy for burrowing, channelling and damming.

Management Plans/Agreements
Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000)

Recent Research
Young, D.A., Kerr, D.S. and M.A. Weber. 1984. Beaver and muskrat investigations: fall 1983. Environmental Management Associates.

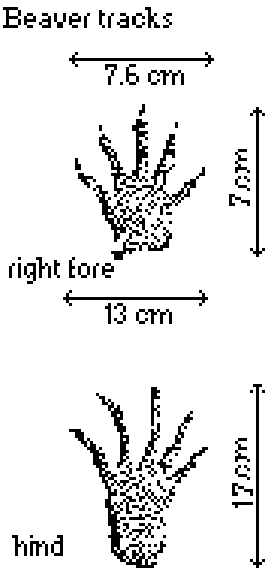
Study done by CWS (Vern Hawley) in late 50's, early 60's.

Research Priority
Moderate: Community interested in movement and census information considered moderate priority.

Population Status
Population in the Delta has been increasing steadily.

Population Goal
Community would like to see more beaver, particularly a resident self-sustaining population.

Conservation Measures
- Do not hunt until population increases.
- Harvest on a sustainable basis.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Support HTC bylaw (proposed) on designated trapping areas.



BLACK BEAR (*Ursus americanus*) / IGGARLIK


Robert McCaw

Biology
Black bears den from October to May. Black bear numbers or densities are unknown in the ISR. Occur in forested areas. Breeding peaks in June and July. 2-3 cubs are born toward end of January, early February. Cubs tend to leave mother in second year of life. Females mature at 3-5 years of age and have an average of 2 cubs per litter every 3 years. Most northern black bear population in Canada occurs in ISR. May live to 20 years of age though average maximum age about 10. Average weights for females 40-70 kg (88-154 pounds), males 60-140 kg (132-308 pounds). Feed on wide variety of plants and animals, primarily herbivorous.

Important Habitat
Mackenzie River valley, treed areas, creeks and river valleys with trees and Bell River drainage.

Management Plans/Agreements
No management plans specifically for black bears; managed under general hunting and trapping regulations.

Recent Research
Barichello, N. 1998. Status report on the American black bear, *Ursus americanus*, in Canada. COSEWIC.

Clarkson, P. 1987. Collect baseline information on brown bear movements and numbers to assist in future management decisions. RWED.

Research Priority
Low.

Population Status
Fairly common.

Population Goal
Maintain natural densities, adequate supply at present.

Conservation Measures
- Keep camps clean, properly dispose of garbage.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Reduce bear-people conflict situations and the number of bears destroyed in problem bear situations.

CARIBOU (*Rangifer tarandus*) / TUKTU

Pagniq (bull), Kulavak (cow), Naggaq (calf)

Joel Williams

Biology

Barren-ground caribou (*Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus*) that occupy the northern portion of the Northwest Territories and western Nunavut, Canada, were considered to be part of the Bluenose herd. Work completed by ENR (formerly RWED) in 1999 indicated that there are three herds within that area; the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East caribou herds. Since the reindeer were moved off the Tuktoyaktuk peninsula in 2001 there appears to be another group of caribou calving at the upper end. The degree of hybridization occurring is unknown.

Calving occurs late May or early June; typically a single calf. Cows calve every year if in good condition. Sexual maturity at 2 to 4 years of age. Porcupine herd winters in high mountains (Richardson, Ogilvie and Barn Mountains), migrate to calving grounds April and May, spend spring and summer on Alaskan and Yukon North Slope, return to wintering grounds September and October, breed October. Bluenose-West and Cape Bathurst herds generally winter within the treeline east, northeast and southeast of Inuvik, and calve and summer in Brock, Hornaday and Horton River area.

Traditional Use

Highly valued food resource, historically also for clothing and tools.

On the mainland, the Cape Bathurst herd is typically harvested by 5 Inuvialuit and Gwich'in communities. The Bluenose-West herd is harvested by Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, and Sahtu Dene and Metis in 12 communities. In addition, Inuvialuit from Sachs Harbour on Banks Island have historically relied on caribou from the Bluenose-West and Cape Bathurst herds.

Important Habitat

Porcupine Caribou Herd: Coastal plain N.E. Alaska and N.W. Yukon North Slope for calving and insect relief, also Northern Richardson Mountains. Winter habitat in Richardson, Ogilvie and Hart Basins and Eagle Plains/Whitestone River area.

Bluenose-West Caribou Herd: Hornaday, Brock and Horton Rivers area for calving (Tuktut Nogait National Park)

Cape Bathurst Herd: Bathurst peninsula for calving and insect relief; winter habitat northeast of Inuvik.

Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula Herd: north end of Tuktoyaktuk peninsula for calving and insect relief

Management Plans/Agreements

Porcupine:

Canadian (1985) and International (1987) Porcupine Management Agreements in place for the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

Draft Scoping Report for the Preparation of a Harvest Management Strategy in the Canadian Range of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, 2004

Protocol Agreement Respecting the Development of a Harvest Management Strategy in the Canadian Range of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, 2007

Draft North Yukon Land Use Plan.

Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula

Bluenose Caribou Herds Management Cooperation Agreement (2000). Signed by the WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB and Tuktut Nogait National Park Management Board.

DRAFT Co-management Plan for the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East Caribou Herds: Northwest Territories and Nunavut, 1999/2000 to 2003/2004 recommended by WMAC (NWT)

GNWT Environment and Natural Resources. 2006. Caribou Forever – Our Heritage, Our Responsibility: A Barren-ground Caribou Management Strategy for the Northwest Territories 2006-2010.

The drafting and implementation of the Bluenose and Porcupine Caribou management plans has involved the cooperation of the various land claim groups and co-management boards in each jurisdiction, thereby reflecting the trans-boundary nature of the herds.

Recent Research

Porcupine Caribou

Numerous ongoing studies being conducted in Canada and U.S. (contact Porcupine Caribou Management Board).

Russell, D.E. and P. McNeil. 2005. Summer Ecology of the Porcupine Caribou Herd. Porucpine Cariobu Management Board 2nd ed. 16 pp.

Russell, D., A. Martell and W. Nixon. 1993. Range ecology of the Porcupine caribou herd in Canada. Rangifer, Special Issue No. 8, 168 pp.

Urquhart, D. 1983. The status and life history of the Porcupine caribou herd. Yukon Department of Renewable Resources, Whitehorse.

Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula Caribou

Numerous ongoing studies being conducted (contact Wildlife Management Advisory Committee (NWT) or Environment and Natural Resources).

Nagy J.A. 2009. Population Estimates for the Cape Bathurst and Bluenose West Barren-ground Caribou Herds using Post-calving photography. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, Inuvik, NT, Canada Man. Rept. 193

Nagy J.A., and D. Johnson. 2006. Estimates of the Number of Barren-ground Caribou in the Cape Bathurst and Bluenose-West Herds and Reindeer/Caribou on the Upper Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula Derived Using Post Calving Photography, July 2006. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, Inuvik, NT, Canada Man. Rept. 171

Nagy, J.A., W.H. Wright, T.M. Slack, and A.M. Veitch. 2005. Seasonal Ranges of the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East barren-ground caribou herds. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, Inuvik, NT, Canada Man. Rept. 167

Paterson, B.R., B.T. Olsen and D.O. Joly. 2004. Populations estimate for he Bluenose-East caribou herd using post-calving photography. Arctic 57:47-58.

Research Priority
See:
Porcupine Caribou Herd Management Plan
DRAFT Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Plan

See:
New Management Plan being developed.
DRAFT Co-management Plan for the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East Caribou Herds: Northwest Territories and Nunavut, 1999/2000 to 2003/2004 recommended by WMAC (NWT)

Population Status

Porcupine:
approximately 178,000 (1989)
approximately 160,000 (1992)
approximately 152,000 (1994)
approximately 129,000 (1998)
approximately 123,000 (2001)
approximately 100,000 (2007; model estimate)

Census attempted every ear since 2003 with no success due to various reasons. The next census is planned for summer 2010. Radio collars (conventional and satellite) continue to be monitored to provide calf birth rate, calf survival rate, and adult female survival rates.

	Estimate	Range	Year
Tuktoyaktuk Pen.	**3,070**		**(2006)**
	2,750	**2,480—3,010**	**(2009)**
Cape Bathurst	**12,520**	**9,010 – 16,020**	**(1987)**
	19,280	**13,880— 24,680**	**(1992)**
	11090	**9,330 — 12,850**	**(2000)**
	2,430	**2,190 — 2,690**	**(2005)**
	1,820	**1,670 — 1,971**	**(2006)**
	1,890	**1,580 — 2,200**	**(2009)**
Bluenose-West	**88,370**	**81,470 — 95,270**	**(1986)**
	106,890	**102,230 — 111,540**	**(1987)**
	112,360	**86,790 — 137,930**	**(1992)**
	76,376	**62,030 — 90,720**	**(2000)**
	20,800	**18,760 — 22,840**	**(2005)**
	18,050	**17,520 —18,580**	**(2006)**
	17,900	**16,590— 19,210**	**(2009)**
Bluenose-East	**84,000 — 126,000**		**(2000; Patterson et al. 2004)**
	62,000 — 70,000		**(2006; NWT)**
	No estimate		**(2009; NWT)**

- Another attempt on the Bluenose-East is planned for 2010. Next population survey for all the herds is scheduled for July 2012.

Population Goal

Porcupine:

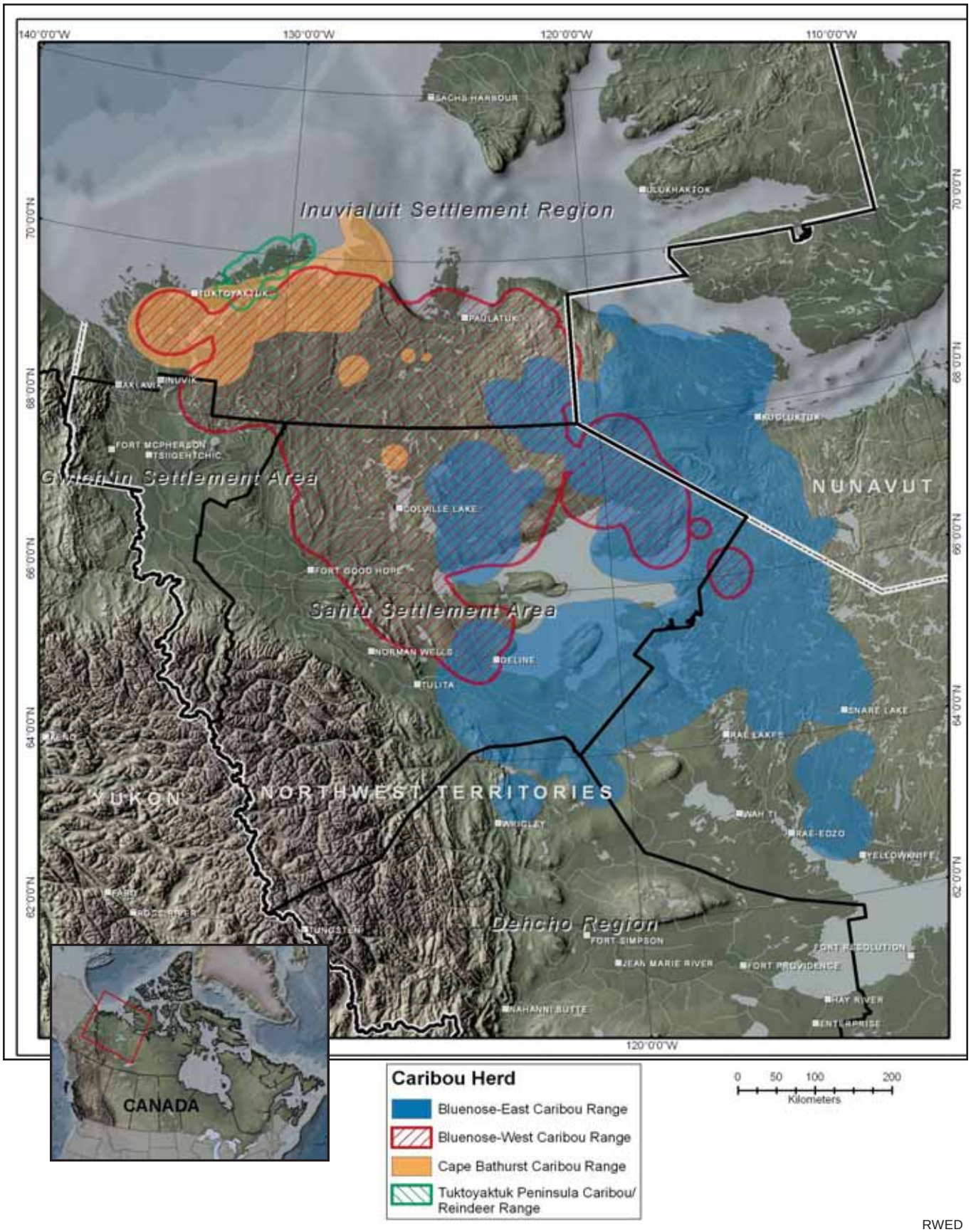
To keep the herd above 125,000 caribou, allowing for enough caribou to meet local demands — see Draft Harvest Management Strategy

Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula

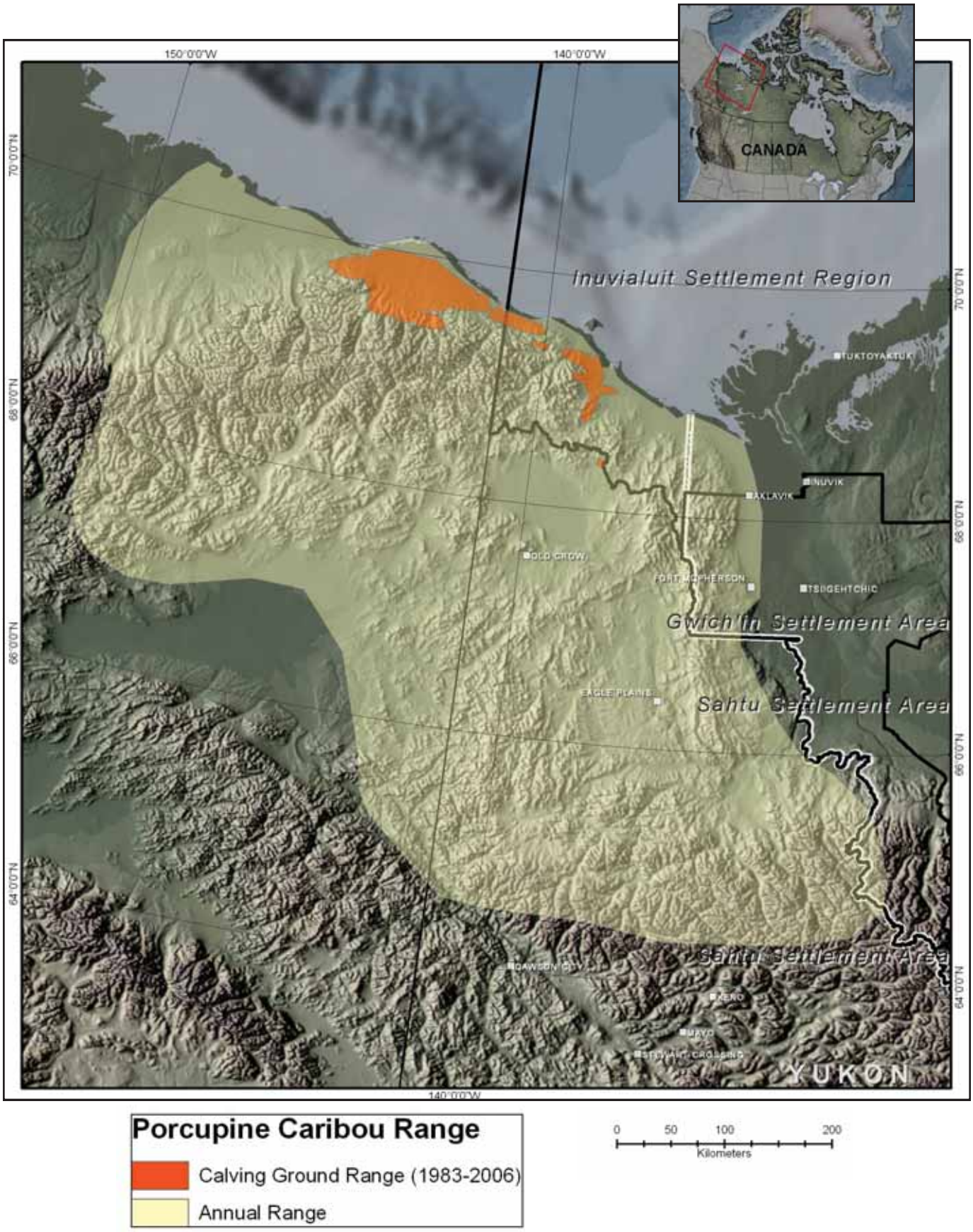
Unspecified. Maintain enough to satisfy local demand (including potential commercial harvest of Bluenose herds) and provide maximum sustained yield.

Conservation Measures

- Support Porcupine Caribou Management Board and Management Plan.
- Support development of Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Avoid shooting mature bulls during the rut.
- Do not harvest more than is needed.
- Convey and promote traditional means of using all of each animal harvested, discourage waste of meat.
- Develop cooperative management relationship between the co-management boards of each relevant land claim group.
- Harvest on sustainable basis, and in manner consistent with recommendations of the management plans and HTC bylaws.
- Support the Barren-ground Caribou Management Strategy



Map 10. Current Ranges of the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds



Map 11. Entire Range and Calving Grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd

DALL'S SHEEP (*Ovis dalli*) / IMNAIQ


Parks Canada

Biology
Lambs are born between May 15 and June 15. Breeding season extends from mid-November and mid-December in the Mackenzie Mountains followed by gestation period of about 175 days. Most sheep live for 8-9 years. Although they have been known to reach 14-16 years. In spring the sheep move downslope into the green vegetation and then slowly follow the receding snow upwards again. High plateaus may also lose snow early and be important areas.

Traditional Use
Subsistence food (particularly when caribou and moose are scarce), clothing, arts and crafts.

Important Habitat
Sheep range in the Richardson Mountains. Also in British Mountains, Ivvavik National Park. Mineral lick sites in Richardson Mountains.

Management Plans/Agreements
Draft Management Plan for Dall's Sheep in the Northern Richardson Mountains.

Recent Research
Lambert-Koizumi, C. 2006 to 2009. Dall sheep, grizzly bear, and wolf interactions in the Richardson Mountains.

Movements and habitat use by Dall's sheep using collared animals. 2004-2008; 1985-86

Shaw, J., B. Benn, and C. Lambert. 2005. Dall's sheep local knowledge study. Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board Report 05-02.

Population estimate survey reports — (2006, 2003, 2001, 1997, 1991 available from ENR)

Research Priority
Moderate: Community interested in biology and population monitoring. Draft plan recommends population surveys to monitor population size, frequency varies depending on last estimate. Harvest and community monitoring of lamb production should be collected annually.

Population Status

Richardson Mountains' population:	approximately 700 (2006) declined from a high of approximately 1,730 (1997) Next survey planned for June 2010.
British Mountains' population:	approximately 200 animals (Unknown)

Population Goal
Unspecified. Keep the population above 500 animals.

Conservation Measures
- Do not shoot when sheep are pregnant (November - May).
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Harvest on sustainable basis.
- Implement management plan with all parties of shared population.

FOXES

RED FOX (*Vulpes vulpes*) / AUKPILAQTAQ
ARCTIC FOX (*Alopex lagopus*) / TIGIGANNIAQ

W. Lynch / Parks Canada

Biology

Arctic Fox

Breed in March, denning April, pups active in May; may stay near den until October. May have from 8 to 20 young. Appears to be four year population cycle (likely coincident with cycle in lemmings). May move great distances (e.g. Alaska to Banks Island).

Red Fox

Breed February to April, 1-13 young, average 5. Family stays together until fall. Sexually mature at approximately 10 months. May live up to 12 years of age. Fur may be various colours (coloured, silver (Marraq), cross (Kaihirutilik)).

Traditional Use

Furbearer.

Important Habitat

Arctic fox are widespread above and below the treeline, often near coastal areas.

Management Plans/Agreements

Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

Recent Research

None in ISR

Research Priority

Low: though there is interest/concern over rabies.

Population Status

Can be highly variable year to year.

Population Goal

Unspecified.

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Only trap in season.
- Do not disturb denning foxes.

GRIZZLY BEAR (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) / AKLAQ


Parks Canada

Biology
Grizzly bears in the ISR den from October to May. Breed in June-July. On average, females might not begin producing cubs until 5-8 years of age, have 1-3 cubs per litter, and produce a litter every 3-5 years. Grizzly bears are primarily vegetarians, although they will take advantage of any high energy food source available. Some foods and areas may be more important than others from season to season, and from year to year. In the NWT, home-range sizes of females average approximately 2000km^2, whereas males average approximately 7000km^2, much larger than those reported in other North American populations. Average weight for adult females is 125 kg (276 lb), for adult males, 250 kg (551 lb). May live to 25 years.

Traditional Use
Furbearer.

Important Habitat
Mackenzie and Richardson Mountains, Richards Island, Delta, Major river drainages, eskers and southerly slopes for denning. More sightings on Arctic Islands in recent years.

Management Plans/Agreements
Co-Management Plan for Grizzly Bears in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories, with Work Plans for the Years 1997/98 to 2001/2002. (WMAC (NWT), 1998)

In 1994 community hunting areas were established for Inuvik and Aklavik and the boundaries of all hunting areas were extended to conform to the ISR boundary in the Yukon and NWT.

Grizzly bear bylaws were written for each hunting area in consultation with the affected HTCs and were approved by the WMACs and IGC.

Quotas established for entire ISR in 1993-94. Interim quota adjustments were made by WMAC (NWT) and WMAC (NS) based on local knowledge. Work is underway to get new scientific estimates.

Recent Research
Yukon North Slope:
Population Estimate derived from DNA mark-recapture study
Habitat use studies involving collared grizzly bears
Population growth estimates using data collected from collared animals and captures
Aklavik Local and Traditional Knowledge about Grizzly Bears of the Yukon North Slope Dec 2008 WMAC (NS) and AHTC

NWT
Local and Traditional Knowledge Project with Aklavik, Inuvik, Paulatuk and Tuktoyaktuk HTC members (1999-2000). ENR and HTC.
Various projects are on-going in the NWT in collaboration with University of Alberta students including habitat use to develop Habitat suitability maps for mitigation during development, den habitat modelling and diet analysis
Work is underway to develop a new population estimate for grizzly bears east of the Delta using DNA mark

-recapture techniques.
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Research Priority

Research on grizzly bear population in Delta is viewed as high priority. Information will be used to set sustainable harvest quota. Currently, research along the Yukon North Slope (completion in 2010), the Oil and gas activity area in Delta (completion 2008), and the ISR east of Delta (completion 2011) is aimed at obtaining more accurate information on population densities and habitat use by grizzly bears. Hair and scat collection fat cabins for DNA provides additional information on bears visiting cabins.

Population Status

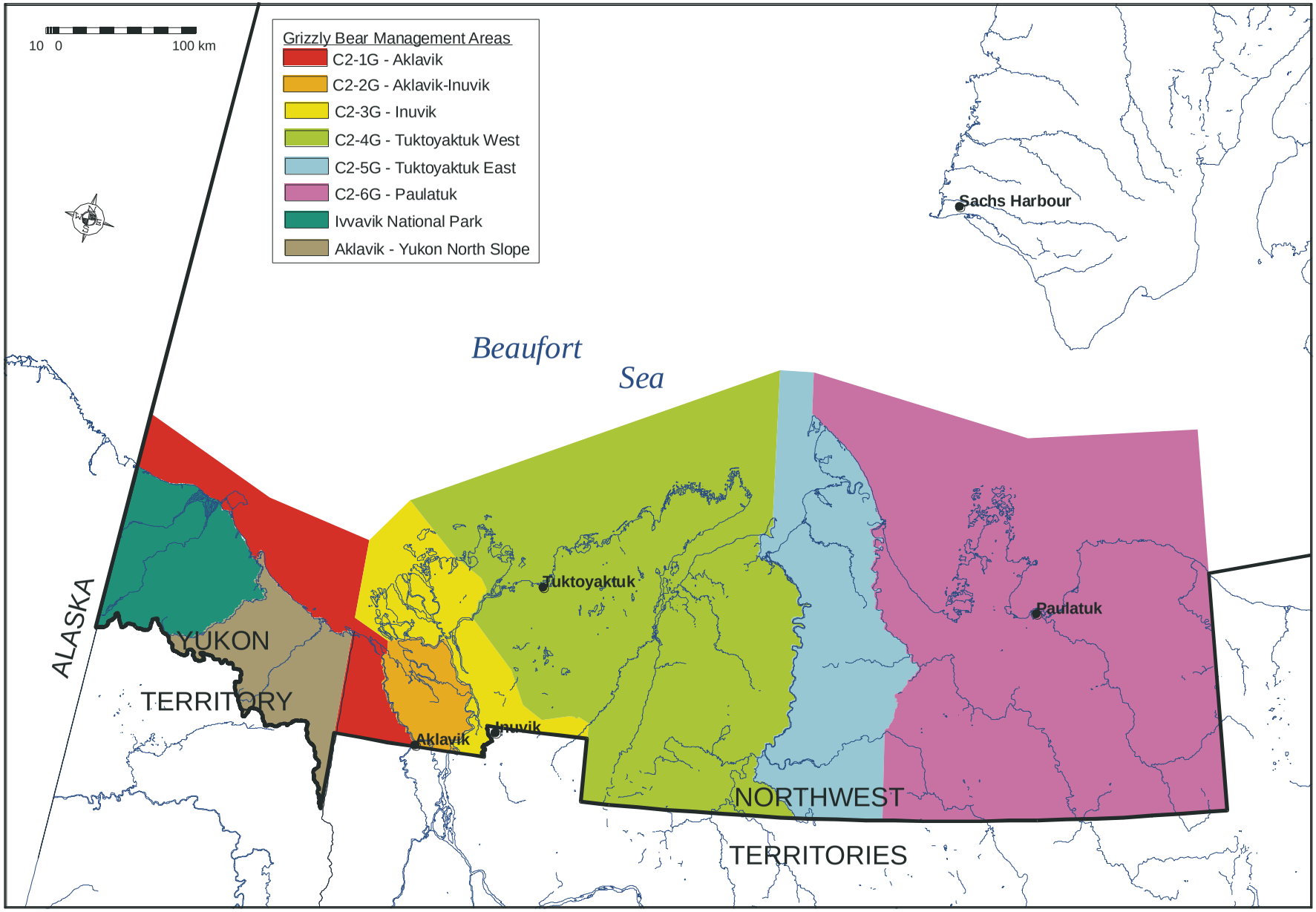
In most areas hunters are reporting more grizzly bears. Population estimates when the quotas were established were:
Estimated number of bears (greater than 2 years) in the Ivvavik National Park Management Area: 150
Estimated number of bears (greater than 2 years) in the Yukon North Slope Management Area: 155
Estimated number of bears (greater than 2 years) in the Aklavik Management Area: 35
Estimated number of bears (greater than 2 years) in the Aklavik-Inuvik Management Area: 11
Estimated number of bears (greater than 2 years) in the Inuvik Management Area: 29
Estimated number of bears (greater than 2 years) in the Tuktoyaktuk-West Management Area: 214
Estimated number of bears (greater than 2 years) in the Tuktoyaktuk-East Management Area: 140
Estimated number of bears (greater than 2 years) in the Paulatuk Grizzly Bear Management Area: 244

Population Goal

Stable population that can sustain an annual harvest of approximately 3% of bears older than 2. Research will be used to better determine appropriate harvest rate. (remove better??)

Conservation Measures

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Reduce bear-people conflict situations and the number of bears destroyed in problem situations.
- Do not hunt females and cubs.
- Do not hunt bears in or constructing dens.
- Selectively harvest males.
- Hunt only in March, April and May. (not sure why this is there?
- Harvest on a sustainable basis and in a manner consistent with Management Plan and HTC bylaws.
- Camp assessment and Electric fence program initiated to reduce interactions



Map 12. Grizzly Bear Management Areas

LYNX (*Lynx canadensis*) / **NIUTUYIQ**

RWED

Biology
Breed in March to May. Young observed June through August. Usually 2 to 6 young are born. Numbers of lynx in area tends to cycle with number of snowshoe hare/rabbits. Local observation that lynx are fat when there are lots of rabbits and thin when rabbits are few. Lynx travel when rabbits are scarce.

Traditional Use
Lynx are highly valued for their fur and as food.

Important Habitat
River valleys and Mackenzie Delta.

Management Plans/Agreements
Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

Recent Research
Ongoing pelt measurements.
Ongoing snowshoe hare abundance surveys across NWT.

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Research Priority
The community would like to know more about what data has already been collected as well as information on:
1. Population status;
2. Movements;
3. Habitat productivity.

Population Status (as indexed by NWT wide pelt sales:)
Population cycles through highs and lows. Peaks at beginning of decade lows at centre.

Population Goal
Unspecified.

Conservation Measures
- Harvest on sustainable basis.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

MARTEN (*Martes americana*) / **QAVVIATCHIAQ**

Biology


Robert McCaw

Occur throughout forested regions of Canada and to a limited extent in Rocky Mountains of Northwestern U.S. Males may weigh up to or greater than 1.8 kg (4 pounds), females to 1.2 kg (2.6 pounds). Mature at about 15 months of age but may not breed until 2 years old. May live to 13 years in wild. Breed in mid-summer, young born mid-March to late April. Females produce one litter or 3-5 young per year. Den in tree hollows high off ground or under rocks, squirrel middens, logs, tree roots or in snow dens. Generally active within a range of a 1-20 km^2 (0.4 - 7.8 mi^2). Males use larger area than females. Feed on small mammals (e.g. lemmings, hares), birds, insects and fruits.

Traditional Use

Furbearer.

Important Habitat

Usually older evergreen forests with abundant small mammals (squirrels, mice, voles). Some regenerated forests following fire are also important.

Management Plans/Agreements

Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

Recent Research

Nagy, J. and K. Hickling (In progress). Carcass collection study in delta (GNWT, 1991-1992). Ongoing carcass collection out of Tsiigehtchic.

Research Priority

Unspecified.

Population Status

Unknown but variable seasonally and annually.

Population Goal

Unspecified.

Conservation Measures

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Only trap in season when pelt is prime.
- Support HTC bylaw (proposed) on designated trapping areas.

MINK (*Mustela vison*) / ITIGIAQPAK


Parks Canada

Biology
May occur at densities of 1 to 8 animals per km^2 (per 0.4 mi^2) Usually solitary. Mate February to April, birth late April to early May, 2-10 young. Young leave den in 7-8 weeks. Females mature in approximately 12 months, males in approximately 18 months. Can dive to depths of at least 5-6 m (16 - 20 ft.) and swim underwater for up to 30 m (98 ft.). Usually active at night, early morning and evening, some day time activity. Feed on small mammals, fish, small birds, insects. May travel to at least 25 km (15.5 mi) in a night if food is scarce.

Traditional Use
Furbearer.

Important Habitat
Delta and small creeks, prefer densely vegetated areas.

Den in vacant beaver or muskrat houses, burrows, under tree roots or stones near water. Burrows may be up to 3 m (9.8 ft.) long and 1 m (3.3 ft.) beneath the surface with more than one entrance.

Management Plans/Agreements
Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

Recent Research
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Research Priority
Moderate to high: The community is interested in knowing more of the local biology, population status and important habitat areas. Interest has also been expressed in determining what the best time for a trapping season would be.

Population Status
Unknown.

Population Goal
Unspecified.

Conservation Measures
- Trap only when pelt is in prime condition (suggest pulling traps by approximately January 20)
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Support HTC bylaw (proposed) on designated trapping areas.

MOOSE (*Alces alces*) / TUTTUVAK


Parks Canada

Biology
Calving in May or early June, typically single calf, mature females may have two calves. Males mature by about 2 1/2 years, cows by 2 to 4 years of age. Breeding approximately third week of September (September 20).

Traditional Use
Important alternate food source for community when caribou are unavailable. Preferred by most over Dall's sheep. Historically also used for clothing and tools.

Important Habitat
Wintering areas; typically valleys and creeks with abundant growth of willows. Richardson Mountains, Bell River, Babbage River and Yukon North Slope, use of Northern Delta seems to be increasing again.

Management Plans/Agreements
None at present.

Recent Research
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Research Priority
Implement periodic population and productivity surveys. Survey planned in GSA spring 2010.

Population Status
Moose were abundant in the northern Delta area around 1948 but are believed to have declined since. Appear to continue to be in decline in adjacent areas in the GSA.

Arctic Red River	**5.5/100 km^2**	**(1999)**
	none surveyed	**(2006)**
Northern Richardson Mtns	**4.8/100 km^2**	**(2000)**
	3.5/100 km^2	**(2006)**
Fort McPherson – Peel River	**3-13/100 km^2**	**(1980)**
	0.84/100 km^2	**(2006)**
Inuvik-Tsiigehtchic	**0.09/100 km^2**	**(1996)**
	6/100 km^2	**(1998)**
	1.62/100 km^2	**(2006)**

Population Goal
Unspecified. Maintain population at level which will provide maximum sustained yield.

Conservation Measures
- Do not hunt more than is needed.
- Harvest on sustainable basis.
- Avoid shooting mature bulls during the rut.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

MUSKOX (*Ovibos moschatus*) / **UMINGMAK**

FJMC / DFO

Biology

The muskox on the Yukon North Slope today are an introduced subspecies from Greenland originally introduced to Alaska in 1969 and 1970. Calving generally occurs from about mid April to mid May with the majority born by May 1. Normally produce single calf. Approximately 3 weeks before calf can keep up with herd. Breeding throughout August and early September. Females generally sexually mature at 3 years of age, males at 5. May calve annually and can live to at least 24 years of age. Wolves are the main predator. Winter along valleys, drainages, hilltops. In summer range includes river valleys and lake shores where there is growth of grasses, sedges, crowberry, blueberry and willow.

Important Habitat

North Slope, some use of Hendrickson and Herschel Islands. Riparian corridors of the Malcolm, Firth and Babbage rivers.

Management Plans/Agreements

Draft Canadian North Slope Muskoxen Co-Management Plan, 2002-2007.

Recent Research

Muskox movements and ecology on the Yukon North Slope YTG and Parks (1999 to 2005)
DNA samples submitted to look at the genetic differences between muskox east and west of the Delta and in the Arctic Islands.
Ongoing disease and parasite monitoring of captures and hunter harvested samples.

Research Priority

There is interest in knowing more about muskox diets, and relationship with caribou.
Information on population numbers and movements of high to moderate priority.

Population Status

Muskox population estimates: approximately 190 (YNS); 110 (NWT west of Mackenzie River) (2004)
(West of Delta) approximately 116 (1998)
approximately 121 (1996)
approximately 146 (1995)
approximately 157 (1993)

Population appears to be expanding eastward, recent sightings in Richards Island area. In the NWT muskox are not protected and can be harvested. There have been sightings as far west s Parson's lake of muskox from the east.

Population Goal

Unspecified.

Conservation Measures

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Allow population to increase but not to point where this might have impact on caribou (if there is an impact).

MUSKRAT (*Ondatra zibethicus*) / **KIVGALUK**


Guy Fontaine

Biology
Young are born from June through mid-August, 6-8 young typically. The average weight at maturity is 1.4 - 2.3 kg (3-5 lb). Muskrats move around a lot in spring. Feed on aquatic weeds from the lake bottoms. There seems to be a cycle in the number of muskrats as with many other animals, some times they are scarce other times abundant. Local trappers feel that muskrats were healthier in Delta when there was more trapping. There seem to be more muskrats with poor hair condition/colour.

Traditional Use
Furbearer, also a food resource, to a lesser degree.

Important Habitat
Mackenzie Delta. Parts of Northern Yukon.

Management Plans/Agreements
Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

Recent Research
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Study done by CWS (Vern Hawley) in late 50's and early 60's.

Research Priority
There is local interest in knowing about the health of muskrats.

Population Status
Abundant.

Population Goal
Adequate numbers at present.

POLAR BEAR (*Ursus maritimus*) / **NANUQ**


RWED

Biology
Females den from November to late March, early April; breeding late April early May. Average litter size is between 1 and 2 cubs. Females may have young every 3 to 4 years. Females may successfully breed at 4 years of age but most do not breed until 5 years of age. Though bears can live close to 30 years in the wild, most do not survive beyond 20-25 years of age. Ringed seals are eaten more frequently than bearded seals.

Traditional Use
Furbearer, occasionally used for clothing.

Important Habitat
Denning areas along North Slope of Yukon, Herschel Island, Kay Point, shear zone offshore from coast.

Management Plans/Agreements
Inuvialuit-Inupiat Polar Bear Management Agreement in the Southern Beaufort Sea (1988 and 2000)
Polar Bear Management Agreement between the Inuvialuit and the Inuit of the western Kitikmeot region (2006)
Management Agreement for Polar Bears in Southern Beaufort Population, Aklavik HTC, Inuvik HTC, Paulatuk HTC, Tuktoyaktuk HTC (1991)
Hunters and Trappers Bylaw written into Regulations under the NWT Wildlife Act.
Draft GNWT– GN Agreement for the management of the shared NB and WM polar bear populations .
All these need to be undated once the boundary between the NB and SB populations is determined.

Recent Research
Mark-recapture studies to provide updated population estimates for the SB and NB sea polar bear populations and information on survival rates and number of cub being born.

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Management
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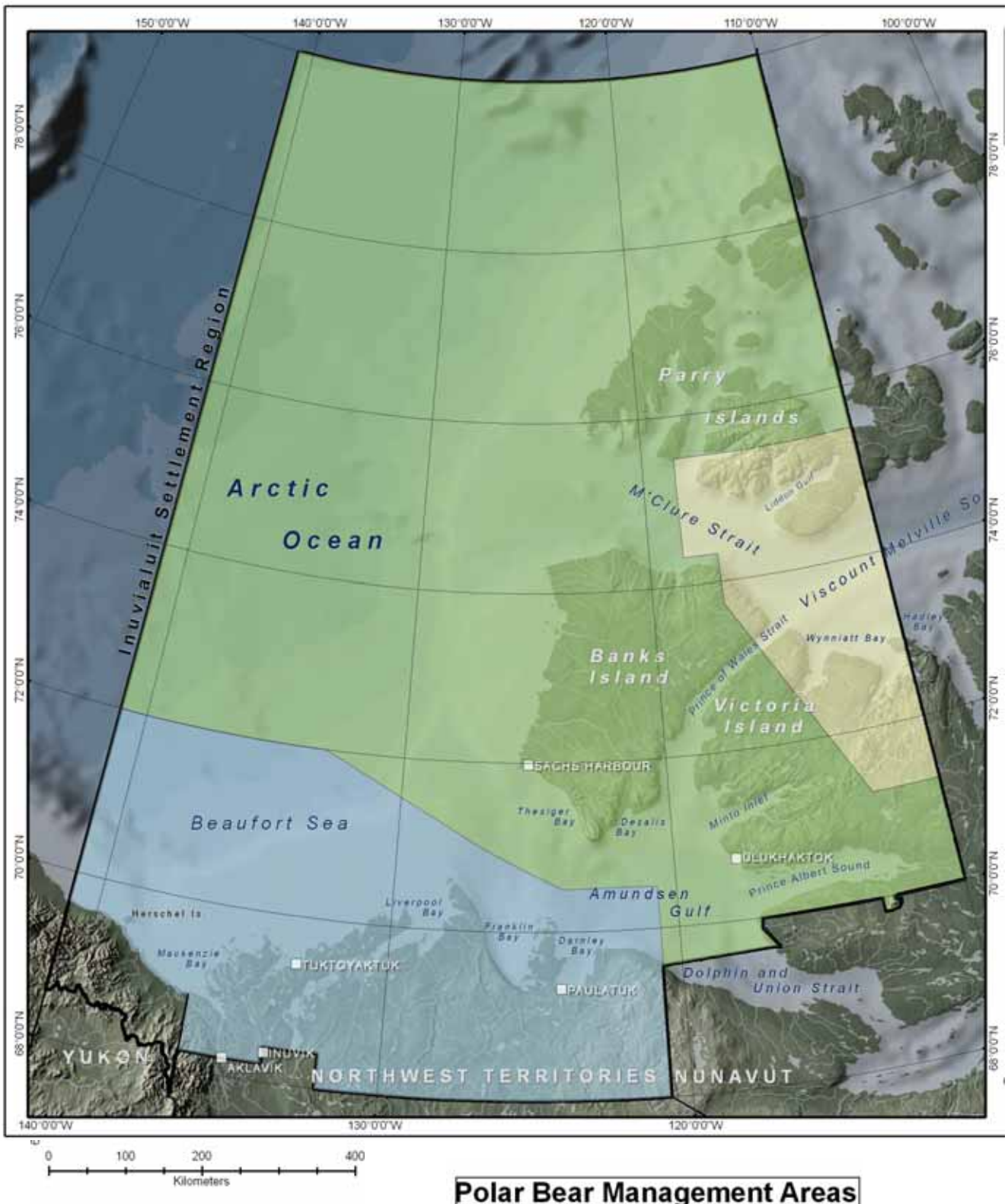
Research Priority
Moderate: Community interest in movements. Population estimates provide information to try to ensure sustainable harvest. International interest very high.

Population Status

Southern Beaufort:	1526 (1211 – 1841)	(2006)
(Likely declining)	1800	(1998)
Northern Beaufort:	1200	(2008)
(Stable)	980 (825 – 1135)	(2006)
	867 (726 – 1008)	(1987)
	745 (499 – 991)	(1975)
Viscount Melville Sound	230	(1996)
(Likely increasing after decline)		

Population Goal
Unspecified. Maintain at level which can produce the maximum sustained yield.

Conservation Measures
- Follow regulations agreed to in the Management Agreement for Polar Bears in Southern Beaufort Sea Population (1991).
- Do not kill females with cubs and restrict female harvest to no more than 33% of total harvest.
- Do not disturb bears in dens or constructing dens.
- Only hunt from December 1 to May 31. (varies depending on community)
- Collect and report all information requested in Management Agreement after making a kill.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.



Map 13. Polar Bear Management Zones

SNOWSHOE HARE or RABBIT (*Lepus americanus*) / UKALLIQ

Biology
Breed in May. Young born in June and July. Up to 8 in a litter. Very important in food chain for other animals (e.g. lynx, fox, owls, eagles).

Traditional Use
Highly valued as food item and hides for trim, duffles for mukluks, blankets, arts and crafts.

Important Habitat
Mackenzie Delta, First Creek, Fish Creek, Foothills to coast, east slope of Richardson Mountains.

Management Plans/Agreements
None.

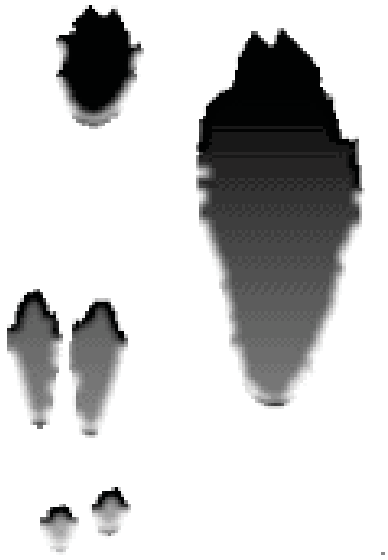
Recent Research
Long term snowshoe hare monitoring program (annual pellet count) being undertaken by GNWT.

Research Priority
High interest in population biology and role in ecosystem.

Population Status
Unknown.

Population Goal
Adequate numbers to provide for subsistence harvest by local people.

Conservation Measures
- Harvest on sustainable basis.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.



WOLF (*Canis lupus*) / **AMARUQ**


RWED

Biology
Wolves at dens from May to late July, from 2 to 9 pups have been observed at dens. Average litter size on mainland in ISR is 4.5. Wolves may be sexually mature at about 2 years of age though younger and older ages of maturity are possible. Maximum age of wolves observed in ISR has been 12 years old, however the average age of adult wolves is about 3. Local people report that there were many wolves in the 1930s and 1940s. Wolves appeared to decline due to control programs in 1950s, then began to recover in mid 1970s. Density of wolves in Western Richardson areas approximately 3+ wolves/1,000 km^2 (386 mi^2).

Traditional Use
Furbearer, help maintain balance of nature.

Important Habitat
North Slope, Cache Creek, Big Fish River, Sheep Creek, Fish Hole.

Management Plans/Agreements
None.

Recent Research
Western Arctic Wolf Research Program, 1987-1993 research on wolves associated with Bluenose Herd.

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Research Priority
Seasonal movements and ecology.

Population Status
Relative low density but population may be increasing.

In the northern Richardson Mountains and Yukon North Slope, numbers ranged from 35-60 wolves between 1987 and 1993.

Population Goal
Maintain a healthy population that can sustain an annual harvest by hunters and trappers.

Conservation Measures

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Do not harvest in summer when fur is poor.
- Hunt by traditional means; do not use aircraft or poison to control wolves.
- Do not disturb wolves or remove pups from den. Keep at least 500 m (547 yd) from active dens.
- If guiding tourists, do not hunt wolves.

WOLVERINE (*Gulo gulo*) / QAVVIK


Parks Canada

Biology
Breed in March to May, 1-2 young (may have up to 5), young appear in June to July. Young are nursed 8-10 weeks, leave mother in fall. Sexually mature at 2-3 years of age. In North may be active for 3-4 hour intervals between rests. May travel up to 45 km (28 mi) per day. Caves, rock crevices, fallen logs, holes in snow and burrows used for shelter. Home-range sizes in the central Arctic vary between 126 km^2 (females) and 404 km^2 (males). Dispersal distances by females average 133 km (range 69 - 225 km), and males 231 km (range 73 - 326 km). Feed on dead animals, eggs, small and large mammals (lemmings, caribou , sheep). Most large mammals obtained from kills of wolves or bears.

Traditional Use
Fur very important for local use, also important for maintaining balance in nature.

Important Habitat
North Slope, Cache Creek, Sheep Creek, Big Fish River, Foothills west of Aklavik.

Management Plans/Agreements
Draft Co-management Plan for the Fur Industry (2000).

Recent Research
Carcass collection study of sex, age , diet, and reproductive stats of harvested animals.

DNA mark– recapture work is being done in other areas; may be applicable to ISR.

Research Priority
Low: Some interest in population status, biology, important habitat areas and information from carcass collections.

Population Status
Relatively few in Delta.

Population Goal
Unspecified.

Conservation Measures
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Do not disturb dens.
- Do not hunt in summer.
- Do not poison.
- Support HTC bylaw (proposed) on designated trapping areas.

BELUGA WHALE (*Delphinapterus leucas*) / QILALUGAQ

Biology

The beluga is an odontocete, or toothed whale, having up to 40 teeth that are similar in shape and size. They are dark grey and about 1.5 m (5 ft.) in length when they are born. Calving occurs in spring. With each passing year, the skin lightens in colour, by the time a beluga is about 9 years of age, it is white in colour. Adult males are larger than adult females. Belugas feed mainly on squid and fish. They themselves are preyed upon by polar bears, killer whales and humans, and to a limited extent walruses.

They are a very vocal species, having earned the name of "the sea canary". They make sounds which are used for echolocation, that is to help them find their way and their food, as well as sounds to communicate, which are those which can be heard by other whales. They have a habit unique among whales, and that is that they concentrate in estuaries during the summer. This has made them well accessible to hunters and well known to the general public.

Traditional Use

Highly valued food resource.

Important Habitat

Mouth of Horton River.

Calving in Mackenzie Bay and Shallow Bay.

Management Plans/Agreements

Inuvialuit Inupiat Beaufort Sea Beluga Whale Agreement (2000)
Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan (1998).
HTC Beluga Bylaws

Recent Research

Beluga Monitoring Program:

- standardized in 1977 in Mackenzie Delta,
- Paulatuk added in 1989,
- FJMC took over program in 1987,
- Continues to present day,
- Samples and enumerates the catch,
- Conducted by the HTC representatives and coordinated by the FJMC,
- Constitutes the largest and longest database of beluga harvest monitoring in the Arctic.

Aerial Surveys:

- 1970s and 1980s by oil and gas industry contractors

DNA:

- Beaufort Sea beluga constitute one of the largest stocks of beluga in Canada, and one of four that overwinters in the Bering Sea.
- Together these four stocks make up the Bering Sea population.
- Genetic studies have shown the stocks are discreet, with the exception of some wanderings by the large males.

Satellite Telemetry:

- A total of 27 beluga whales were tagged with satellite transmitters in the Mackenzie Delta in 1993 (n=4), 1995 (n=16), 1997 (n=7)
- In two of the study years, when the whales were tagged earlier in the season, the largest males travelled to Viscount Melville Sound where they spent 2-3 weeks diving/feeding, before undertaking their migration back to the Bering Sea
- Females and calves tended to swim counter-clockwise circuits in Amundsen Gulf.

Research Priority

High - Community interest in the following:

1. Improve collection and analysis of information obtained from harvest, process and summarize all existing data, compare data with other data sets, record traditional knowledge.
2. Regular census including survey of summering range.
3. Inshore and Offshore Movement Study.

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Population Status

- Index of 1992 stock size 19,629 (95% Confidence Interval: 15,134 - 24,125) (Harwood et al. 1996)
- growth rate 2.5%
- stock is stable or increasing
- present harvests are less than 1% of conservative estimate of stock size.

Population Goal
Unspecified, adequate numbers at present.

Conservation Measures
- Support the Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan.
- Follow HTC Beluga Bylaw.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

AKLAVIK HUNTERS & TRAPPERS COMMITTEE
BELUGA HUNTING BYLAWS

1. Each boat will have the following equipment:
   a) A rifle of not less than .243 calibre;
   b) Two harpoons equipped with line and float, or one such harpoon and a “seal hook”;
   c) One grapple hook attached to sufficient length of line to reach the ocean bottom in the sea area being hunted;
   d) One float marker with enough line to reach the ocean bottom in the area being hunted, and equipped with an anchor or sinker;
   e) A towing line.

2. No person shall, at any time, take more whales on a hunt than can adequately be taken care of considering limitations of the boat, weather, the towing distance, and the number of people in the camp available for processing.

3. No hunter shall hunt a cow known to be accompanied by a calf.

4. Each hunter must attempt to retrieve sunken or wounded whales before hunting for another whale.

5. Beluga hunters must provide Beluga Harvest Monitors with the requested information and reasonable access to harvested whales for measurements and samples.

6. There shall be no interference during the hunt by tourists or tour operators, or anyone else not involved in the hunt.

Beluga Hunting Guidelines

1. No hunting boat shall carry passengers of a number that may interfere with proper hunting technique.

2. No person shall hunt alone.

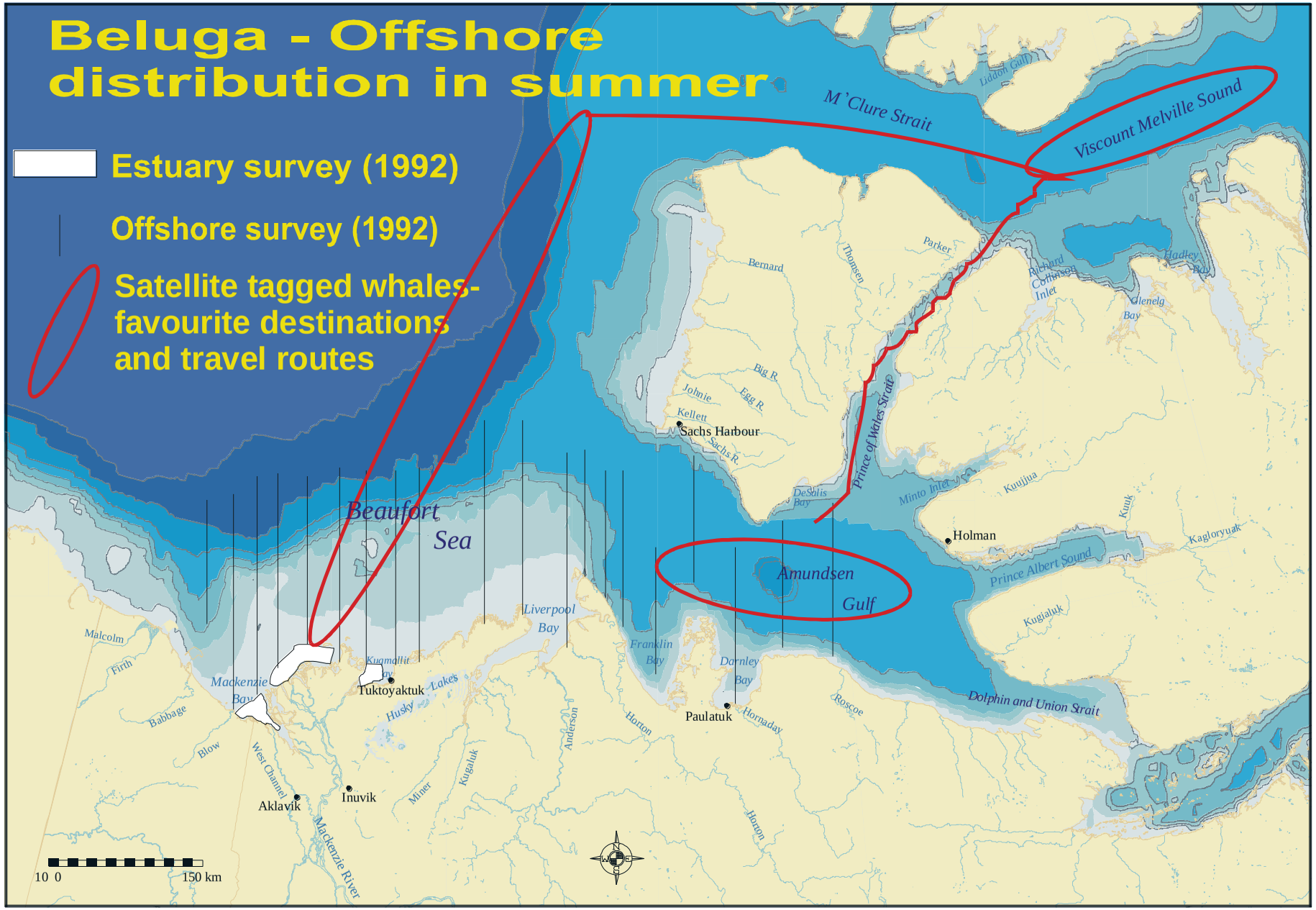
3. Each boat must carry at least one (1) experienced hunter. The designation of experienced hunters shall be made at each camp.

4. A hunting leader shall be appointed at each camp to advise and make any necessary decisions on matters concerning the safety and efficiency of beluga hunting based from that camp, according to guidelines for hunting leaders provided by the Aklavik HTC.

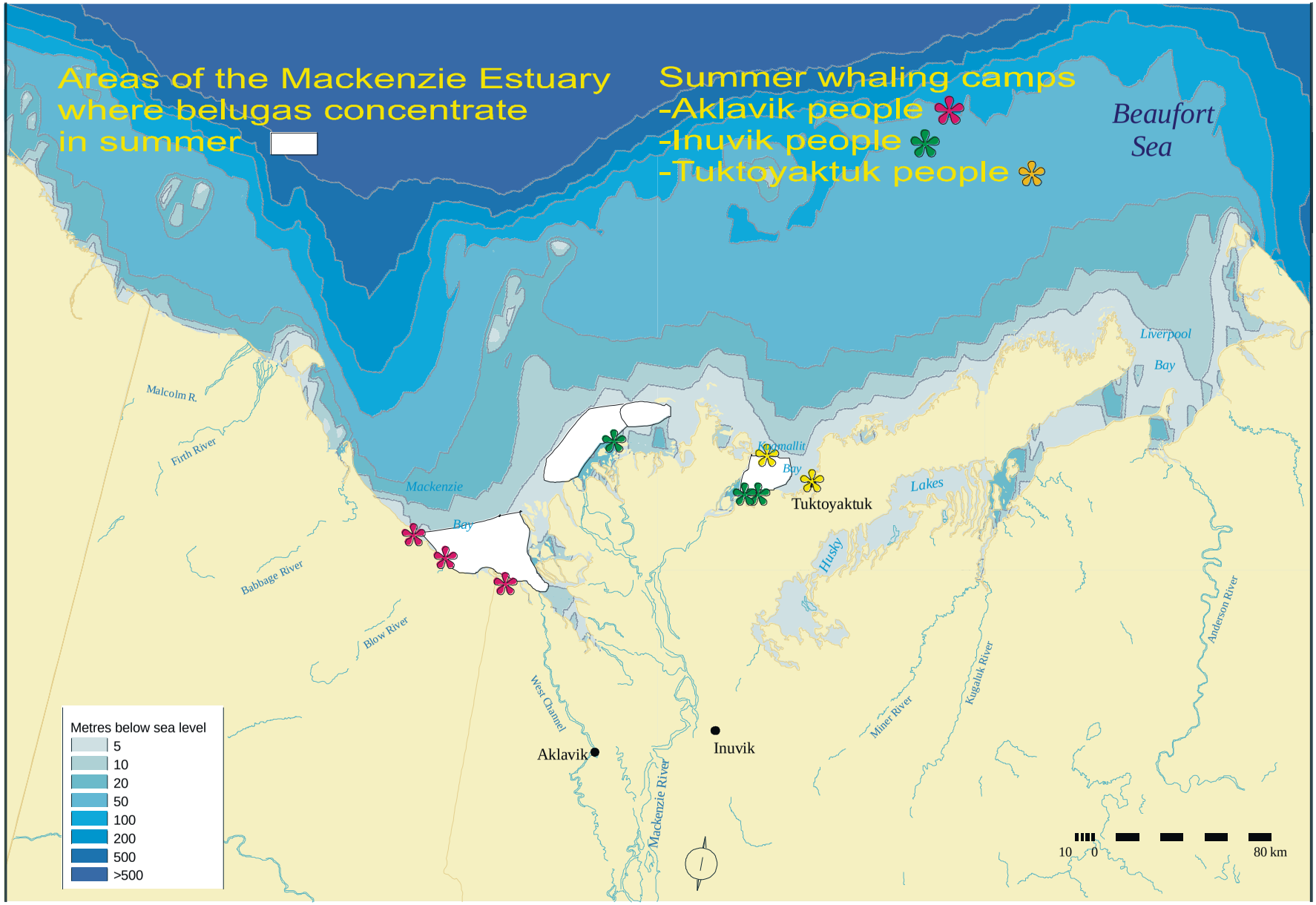
5. No hunter should remove the harpoon and float when towing the whale to shore.

6. All carcasses must be towed out to deep water or burned after processing, unless being used for other purposes (e.g. bait).

7. These rules may from time to time be changed by the Aklavik HTC.



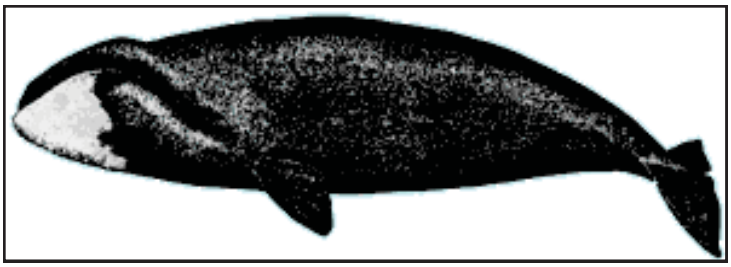
Map 14. Beluga - Offshore Distribution in Summer



Map 15. Summer Beluga Habitat and Traditional Whaling Camps

BOWHEAD WHALE (*Balaena mysticetus*) / **AQVIQ** (or) **ARVIA**

Biology



The bowhead whale is a baleen whale, black in colour except for white markings on chin and tail that usually come with age. Bowheads may reach a length of up to 20 m (65 ft.), with 12-15 m (40-50 ft) being the usual size. A small adult weighs 13,608 kg (30,000 lb). Blubber can be up to 51 cm (20 in.) thick. They reach adulthood at about 20 years, and have one calf every 3 to 5 years. They feed lower in the food chain than the beluga, choosing areas where zooplankton is concentrated. They usually travel singly or in small groups. They make vocalizations which are a lower frequency than beluga.

The Western Arctic population of bowhead whales is one of three remaining in Canada, and constitutes more than 90% of the world's remaining bowhead whales.

The Alaskan Inupiat harvest about 60 whales per year. Aklavik took one bowhead in 1991, and another in 1996.

Important Habitat

King Point, Shingle Point, Mackenzie Bay, Herschel Island, West Whitefish Station.

Management Plans/Agreements

None.

Recent Research

In the 1980s, extensive, multi-year programs were undertaken to monitor distribution of bowheads in both the Canadian and Alaskan Beaufort Sea areas, to study the effects of industry on bowheads, and photogrammetry to identify individuals.

Currently, if a bowhead whale is harvested, the community harvest monitor takes the measurements and samples, with a biologist from DFO.

FJMC Mitochondrial DNA - Stock identity study, 1992 - ongoing.
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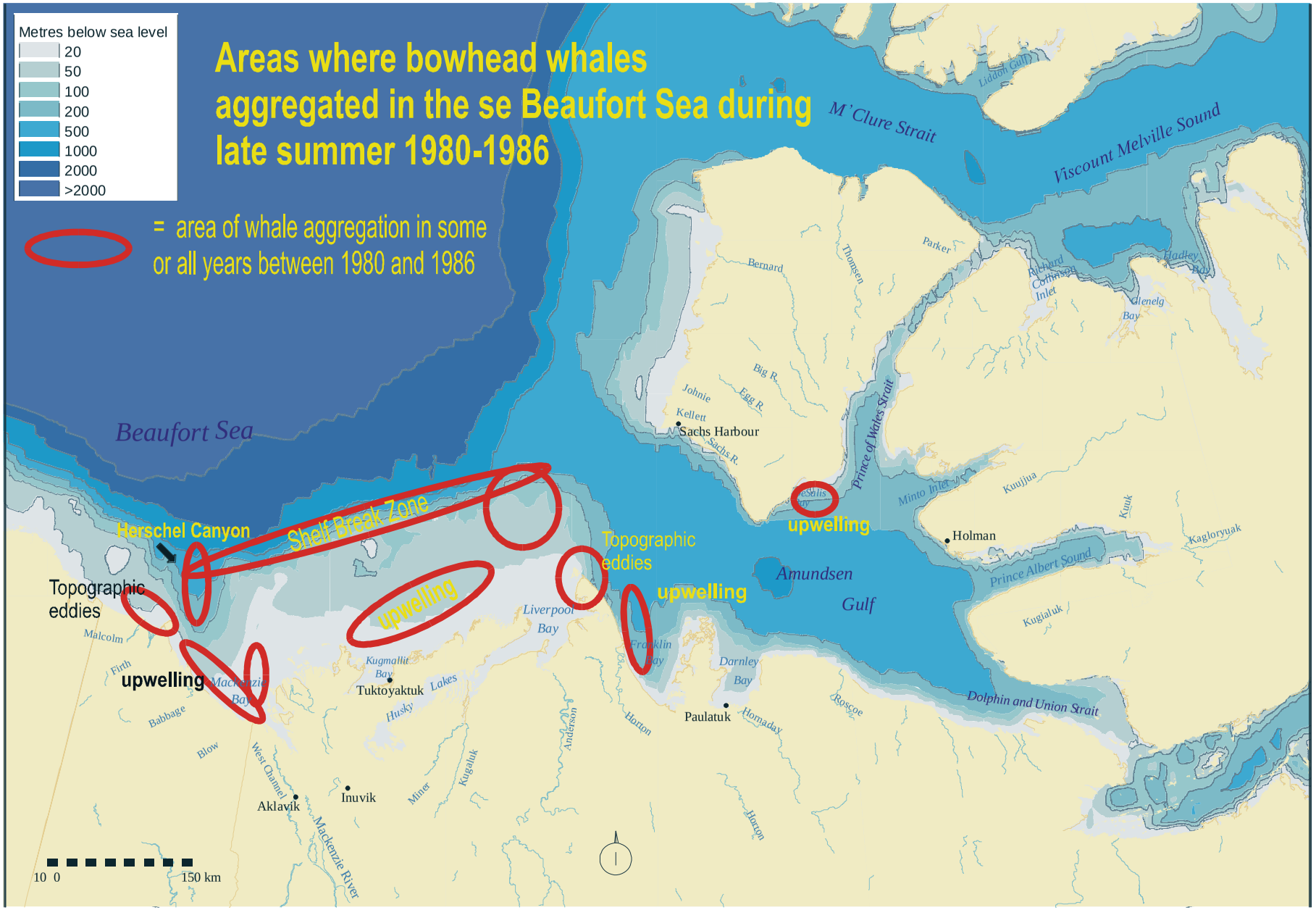
Zeh, J.E. 1995. Population size and rate of increase, 1978-1993, of bowhead whales, *Balaena mysticetus*. International Whaling Commission.

Research Priority
High: Community interested in knowing more about species biology.

Population Status
Approximately 8,200 and increasing at a rate of 3% annually.

Population Goal
Maintain thriving population for subsistence harvest. Unspecified. Currently being managed for population recovery.

Conservation Measures
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive uses.



Map 16. Summer Bowhead Whale Habitat

SEALS

RINGED SEAL (*Phoca hispida*) / NATCHIQ and BEARDED SEAL (*Erignathus barbatus*) / UGRUK

FJMC / DFO

Biology

Ringed seals and bearded seals are important components of the marine ecosystem and serve as the primary prey source for polar bears.

Ringed Seals

Ringed seals are the smallest of all pinnipeds (seals, sea lions, and walruses) with adults in the Beaufort Sea rarely exceeding 1.5 m (5 ft.) in length and 68 kg (150 lb) in weight. Ringed Seals weigh the most in the winter and early spring when they have a thick layer of blubber under their skin. The blubber serves as insulation and as an energy source during the breeding and pupping season. The weight of ringed seals declines with the decrease in feeding during the reproductive and moulting season.

The colouration of ringed seals is quite variable, but the basic pattern is a grey back with black spots and a light belly. The seal gets its name from the black spots ringed with light marks.

Ringed seals eat a variety of invertebrates and fish. The particular species eaten depends on availability, depth of water, and distance from shore. In the Beaufort Sea, the important food species are arctic cod, saffron cod, shrimps and other crustaceans.

The ringed seal is an important element of the arctic marine ecosystem, both as the main prey of polar bears and a major consumer of marine fish and invertebrates. It continues to be an important species in the subsistence harvests and economy of Holman, as well as in Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk and Paulatuk. Seals are harvested for food, for dog food, and for pelts for handicrafts and clothing. Seal harvests in the ISR between 1988-1996 averaged 1,050 per year, with more than 70% of this coming from Holman. Present day harvests are 20-30% of what they were years ago.

Bearded Seals

The bearded seal is the largest true seal normally found in the Beaufort Sea. Bearded seals are heaviest during winter and early spring when they may attain a weight of more than 340 kg (750 lb). From June through September adults usually weigh from 216-239 kg (475-525 lb). This seasonal loss of weight results from decreased feeding during spring and summer and is most obvious in changes of the thick layer of blubber under the skin. Measured from nose to tip of tail (not including hind flippers), adults average about 2.4 m (93 in.). Colour varies from a tawny-brown or silver-grey to dark brown.

Bearded seals have neither spots nor bands. They have comparatively long whiskers, rounded foreflippers of which the middle one of the five digits is longest, relatively small eyes, and four mammary teats rather than two as in the ringed seal.

Females bear a single pup, usually during late April or early May. The average weight of pups at birth is around 34 kg (75 lb), and average length is about 1.3 m (52 in.). By the end of a brief nursing period lasting from 12 to 18 days, pups increase their weight almost three times, to around 86 kg (190 lb).

Bearded seals eat a wide variety of invertebrates and some fishes found in and on the rich bottom of the shallow Bering and Chukchi seas. The main food items are crabs, shrimp, clams and snails.

Traditional Use

Clothing (boots, mittens), some used for food.

Important Habitat
Shingle Point, Herschel Island, King Point, North Slope Coast.

Management Plans/Agreements
None

Recent Research
Ringed Seal:
Sachs Harbour: seal monitoring programs (reproduction and condition) were conducted from 1987-1989 and in 1992.

Paulatuk: seal monitoring program was conducted from 1993-1994. May be a site of future satellite tagging project with ringed seals (e.g. 2001).

Holman: have been monitoring reproduction and condition of seals each year from 1992-1999, and in Minto Inlet for five years in that time period. Satellite tagging program for ringed seals started in Holman in 1999, with plans to continue in 2000.

Bearded Seal:
None at the present time. Vocalizations were studied in the 1970s near Ramsay Island, near Holman.

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Research Priority
Moderate priority: interest in biology and in monitoring health and presence of contaminants.

Population Status
Ringed seals generally more abundant than bearded seals.

Population Goal
Adequate supply at present.

Conservation Measures
- Share hunt among elders.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Only harvest what is needed.

MAMMALS SPECIES LIST

A total of 36 species of mammals occur in the western arctic. Successful conservation depends on the recognition that all of these species have special habitat requirements and often have significant relationships with all other components of the land and water.

Alaska Vole (*Microtus abbreviatus*)
Arctic Fox (*Alopex lagopus*)/Tigiganniq
Arctic Hare (*Lepus arcticus*)
Bearded Seal (*Erignathus barbatus*)/Ugruk
Beaver (*Castor canadensis*)/Kigiaq
Beluga Whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*)/Qilalugraq
Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*)/Iggarlik
Bowhead Whale (*Balaena mysticetus*)/Aqvic or Arvia
Brown Lemming (*Lemmus sibiricus*)
Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus)*/Tuttu
Coyote (*Canis latrans*)
Dall's Sheep (*Ovis dalli*)
Greenland Collared Lemming (*Dicrostonyx torquatus*)
Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*)/Aklaq
Hoary Marmot (*Marmota caligata*)
Least Weasel (*Mustela nivalis*)
Long-tailed Weasel (*Mustela frenata*)
Lynx (*Lynx lynx*)/Niutuyiq
Marten (*Martes americana*)/Qavviatchiaq
Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicos*)
Mink (*Mustela vison*)/Itigiaqpak
Moose (*Alces alces*)/Tuttuvak
Muskox (*Ovibos moschatus*)
Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*)/Kivgaluk
Northern Flying Squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*)
Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*)/Nanuq
Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*)
Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)/Aukpilaqtaq
Ringed Seal (*Phoca hispida*)/Natchiq
River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*)
Snowshoe Hare (*Lepus americanus*)/Ukalliq
Tundra Redback Vole (*Clethrionomys rutilus*)
Tundra Vole (*Microtus oeconomus*)
Wolf (*Canis lupus*)/Amaruq

DUCKS / QAUGAIT

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*) / **Quingalivik**
Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) / **Quingalik**
Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) / **Kurugakpak**
Scoters (Black Duck) (*Melanitta spp.*) / **Taakruaq**
Wigeon (Baldpate Duck) (*Anas americana)* / **Ugiuhiuq**
Oldsquaw (*Clangula hyemalis*) / **Ahaliq**
Pintail (*Anas acuta*) / **Kurugak**


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Biology
Arrival and departure of ducks are closely tied to breakup and freeze up. Occasional mass die offs of eiders may occur when breakup is delayed.

Mallards
Leave wintering grounds in early February through March to early April. Arrive on breeding grounds early to mid-May. May nest up to 500 m (547 yd) or more from water but usually within 100 m (1,094 yd). Clutch size may range from 1-18 eggs though average is about 9. Incubate an average of 28 days. Prefer aquatic and shoreline plants as food, though will eat some invertebrates. Along with pintails, one of the last ducks to leave in fall.

Pintail
Largest number of breeding pintails in the Canadian Arctic occurs in the Mackenzie Delta, large numbers also occur at Anderson River Delta. Winter in Texas, Mississippi Delta, Mexico, California. Leave wintering grounds in late January, early February through March, arrive in delta mid-May. Prefer open areas with low vegetation to nest. May nest up to 1.6 km (1 mi.) from water but average about 40 m (131 ft.). Clutch size ranges from 3-14 eggs, average about 8. Incubate eggs 22 to 23 days. All eggs tend to hatch within about 8 hours. Eat shoreline vegetation, some aquatic plants, cereal grains (in south) and to some extent aquatic invertebrates. Fall migration begins late August.

Wigeon
The highest density of breeding wigeon in North America occurs in the Mackenzie Delta and Old Crow Flats. Winter through central U.S. to Mexico. Leave wintering grounds in early February through March and early April, arrive on breeding grounds in early to mid-May. May nest up to 400 m (1,312 ft.) from water, average about 36 m (118 ft.). Prefer clumps of brush for nesting. Average clutch size 7 to 9 eggs. Incubate eggs for about 24 days. Prefer stems and leafy parts of aquatic plants and terrestrial grasses. Will eat some cereal grains. Begin fall migration in mid-August.

Old Squaw
Nest in greater numbers in Arctic than any other duck. Winter along west coast as far as California. Leave wintering areas in mid-March to mid-April, arrive on breeding grounds late May, early June. Prefer to nest on small islands or on upland areas near tundra ponds. May nest up to 200 m (656 ft.) or more from water but most are quite close, average is less than 10 m (33 ft.). Clutch size may range from 2 to 11 eggs, average about 7. Incubate eggs for about 26 days. Begin fall migration late August or early September.

Scoters (Surf and White-winged)
Winter along west coast from Alaska to Mexico. Leave wintering areas in March, arrive on breeding grounds late May to early June. Prefer to nest in dense cover, often forested or very bushy areas. Nests are very hard to locate. May nest over 200 m (656 ft.) from water, average perhaps about 30 m to 100 m (98 - 328 ft.). Clutch size ranges from 5-17 eggs, average about 9 eggs. Incubate for about 28 days. Begin fall migration early September.

Eider (King and Common)
Winter in northern waters generally not far from breeding areas. Rarely as far south as B.C. and Washington. Leave wintering areas in late April, arrive on breeding grounds early June. Most nests close to sea, often on small islands also near tundra ponds distant from coast. Common eider and king eider will occasionally nest together. Common eider clutch size ranges from 1 to 14 eggs, average about 4 to 6. King eider clutch size ranges from 2 to 6 eggs, average about 5. Common eiders incubate eggs about 26-28 days, king eider about 23-24 days. Common eider have been observed diving to about 6 m (20 ft.) depth to feed while there is a record of a king eider diving about 55 m (181 ft.). Both prefer aquatic organisms for food, e.g. mussels, crabs, aquatic insect larvae and some aquatic plants. Begin fall migration as early as July (e.g. male king eider) and runs through to late fall (immature birds).

Important Habitat
King Eider: s.w. Banks Island, Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Cape Bathurst
Common Eider: s. Banks Island, n.w. Victoria Island
Oldsquaw: Banks Island, Victoria Island (distribution in the ISR is not well-documented)
Surf Scoter: shallow bays along Arctic coast, Mackenzie Delta; large numbers in open sea in October
White-fronted Scoter: Distribution in the ISR is not well understood
Lesser and Greater Scaup: Mackenzie Delta, coastal areas
Wigeon: Mackenzie Delta and Old Crow Flats
Northern Pintail: tundra areas

Management Plans/Agreements
North American Waterfowl Management Plan (1986) (NAWMP).
Migratory Birds Conventions Act, 1994.

Recent Research
Standardized annual breeding pair survey conducted jointly by CWS and US Fish and Wildlife.

Migration and harvest of King Eiders at Holman (CWS, 1996-1998)
King and Common Eiders of the Western Canadian Arctic (CWS, 1997)
Use of Satellite Telemetry to locate the moulting and wintering areas of King Eiders that nest on Victoria Island (CWS, 1998)
Distribution and abundance of King Eiders in the western Canadian Arctic (CWS, 1997)

Research Priority
High: Local interest in biology, also concern here and elsewhere on impact of changing water levels and water quality.

<u>King Eider</u>
- Monitor King Eider numbers as part of multi-species surveys to determine population trends in the ISR.
- Determine the breeding range limits of the western arctic King Eider population using stable isotope analysis.
- Document importance of staging areas in the southeastern Beaufort Sea of King Eiders during moult migration (aerial surveys).
- Document the migration routes and the distribution of King Eiders in moulting and wintering areas in the Chukchi and Bering Sea (satellite telemetry).

<u>Common Eider</u>
- Document the migration routes and the distribution of Common Eiders in moulting and wintering areas in the Chukchi and Bering Seas.
- Determine the reproductive success and annual survival of Common Eiders, including factors affecting productivity and survival.
- Locate critical habitat for brood-rearing Common Eiders.

All Species of Waterfowl
- Analyze, summarize and map harvest study data to determine the total harvest, spring staging areas, and the biological and management significance of these data.

Population Status

King Eider	371,000 (1996) 802,000 (1976)
Pacific Common Eider	73,000 (1996) 153,000 (1976)
Oldsquaw	406,751 (1993-1998 average) (Western Canadian Arctic and Alaska)
Scoters	873,500 (1993-98 average) (North America)
Lesser Scaup	4.2 million (1993-97 average) (North America)
Continental Goal:	6.2 million
Wigeon	2.8 million (North America)
Continental Goal:	3.0 million
Northern Pintail	2.9 million (North America)
Continental Goal:	5.6 million

Population Trends
Scoters: decreasing
Scaups: decreasing
Pintails: decreasing
Mallards: decreasing
Wigeon : fluctuating but stable
Oldsquaw: decreasing
King Eider: decreasing
Common Eider: decreasing

Population Goal
Maintain thriving population for subsistence harvest.

NAWMP (1986) has a combined goal of 60 million ducks for 29 species of duck in North America. See above continental goals, based on NAWMP (1986).

Conservation Measures
- Do not disturb nesting birds.
- Harvest only what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats, including wintering areas, from disruptive land uses.

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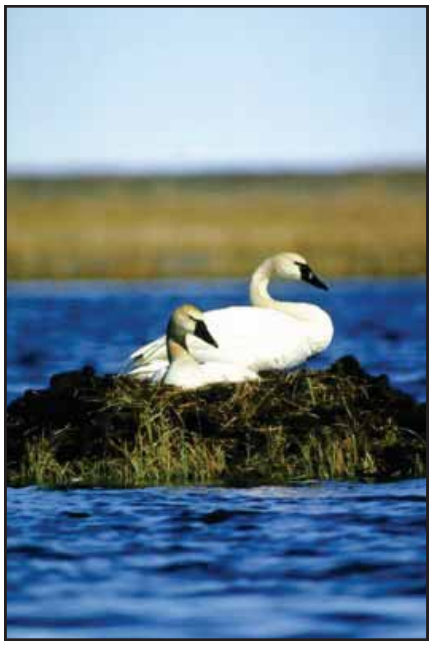
GEESE AND TUNDRA SWAN

Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) **/ Uluagullik**
Snow Goose (*Chen caerulescens)* / **Kanguq**
White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons frontalis*) / **Nirliq**
Brant (*Branta bernicla*) / **Niglignaq**
Tundra swan (*Cygnus columbianus*) / **Qugruk**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Biology

Timing of goose, brant and swan arrival and departure is closely associated with availability of open water and freeze up.

Canada Geese - Local birds part of "Shortgrass Prairie" population, winter central U.S. to Colorado and Texas. Arrive in May. Wide varieties of nest sites. Average clutch size about 4-5 eggs. Incubate eggs about 26 days. Feed on grasses, sedges, berries, seeds, cereal grains. Leave early September.

Snow Geese - Winter California and Mexico. Arrive mid-May. Lay 2-10 eggs (average 6) first week of June. Incubate approximately 22-33 days, off nest first week of July. Feed on terrestrial and aquatic vegetation. Leave early September. The Western Arctic Population of Lesser Snow Geese (*Anser caerulescens caerulescens*) consists of four major colonies, with 98% of the Snow Geese breeding at the Egg River colony on Banks Island.

White-fronted Geese - Also known locally as "Yellow legs". Winter in Coastal Texas, Mexico. Leave winter grounds early February through March, arriving Mackenzie Delta mid May through early June. Nest in coastal and upland areas. Typically less down used in nest than other geese. Lay 2-10 eggs, average about 5. Incubate eggs 23-25 days. Feed on seeds and grass.

Brant - Winter along Pacific Coast of Baja California to B.C. Arrive late May, early June. Nest close to water on grassy hummocks, small islets, or the shores of tidal ponds. Clutch size varies from 1-10 eggs, lay an average of 3-4 eggs, approximately second week of June. Incubate eggs about 24 days, off nest late July. Some local observation that brant will nest near snowy owls to avoid fox predation.

Swans - Winter east coast U.S. Arrive mid-May. Lay 2-6 eggs (average 5) in June. Remain on nest until mid-August and remain in vicinity until fall migration. Prefer marshy areas, aquatic plants. Fall migration in September.

Traditional Use

Very important food source in spring, down from waterfowl also traditionally used in pillows and blankets.

Important Habitat

Tundra Swan:	Mackenzie Delta, Yukon North Slope, mainland coast, southern Banks Island
White-fronted Goose:	Outer Mackenzie Delta, Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Liverpool and Wood bays, Cape Bathurst, Parry Peninsula, estuary of Kugaluk and Miner rivers, Anderson River Delta, old Horton Channel
Canada Goose:	Old Horton Channel / Harrowby Bay, deltas of the Mason, Smoke/Moose and Anderson Rivers.
Lesser Snow Goose:	Egg River, Kendall Island, Anderson River Delta, Thomsen River

Brant: Anderson River delta, Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, Smoke/Moose Delta, Campbell area

Management Plans/Agreements

Migratory Birds Conventions Act, 1994.
North American Waterfowl Management Plan (1986) (NAWMP).
Co-Management Plan for Caribou, Muskox, Arctic Wolves, Snow Geese, and Small Herbivores on Banks Island, with Work Plans for Years 1998/1999 to 2002/2003. (Draft - 2000)
Draft Pacific Coast Brant Management Plan (1991).
Arctic Goose Joint Venture (part of NAWMP).
Eastern Tundra Swan Management Plan
White Front Goose Management Plan

Recent Research

- Distribution, Abundance and Survival of Canada Geese and Swans (CWS, 1990-1991)
- Distribution, Abundance and Survival of White-fronted Geese, Canada Geese, Pacific Brant and Tundra Swans (CWS, 1992-1993)
- Distribution, Abundance and Survival of Pacific Brant (CWS, 1992-1998)
- Demography and Management of the Banks Island Metapopulation of Lesser Snow Geese (SFU, 1995 -1996)
- Productivity of Lesser Snow Geese, Banks Island (CWS, 1996-1998)
- Distribution and Abundance of Fall Staging Snow Geese on the Arctic Coastal Plain (USFWS, 1998)
- Snow Goose Population and Habitat Studies in the ISR (CWS, 1999)
- Impact of Hunting on Population Growth of Mid-Continent Lesser Snow Geese (CWS, 2000)

Research Priority

High - The community is interested in knowing more about the biology and ecology of these species. Improving census methods, and identifying important habitat.

<u>White-fronted Goose</u>

- Repeat a subset of aerial transects to determine the population trend in the ISR. (Multi-species surveys)

<u>Snow Goose</u>

- Habitat studies to determine impact of snow geese on the lowland habitat of Banks Island, and to develop a long-term goal for the population.
- Evaluate impacts of increased spring harvest on the different colonies
- Delineate areas where Banks Island geese can be selectively harvested by the mainland communities without impacting the small colonies
- Monitor continuing eastward shift of migrating and wintering geese.
- Carry out air photo surveys at 5-year intervals to document population trends at the three Western Arctic colonies.

<u>Brant</u>

- Complete analysis and write-up of recent studies of the distribution, abundance, survival rates and productivity of brant in the ISR.
- Evaluate the impact of grizzly bear predation and other factors on the colonies of brant and snow geese at Anderson River.

Population Status

<u>Tundra Swan - E. Pop'n</u>	84,000 (1993-98) (North America)
Continental Goal	80,000

Tundra Swan - W. Pop'n	81,000 (1993-98) (North America)
Continental Goal	60,000
White-fronted Goose	70,000 (1989-93) (ISR)
	797,000 (1992-98 average) (North America)
Continental Goal	320,000
Lesser Snow Goose	486,000 (1995) (ISR)
	169,600 (1976) (ISR)
Western Arctic Goal	200,000 breeding population
Canada Goose	500,000 (North America)
Continental Goal	150,000
Brant	137,400 (1993 winter average) (North America)
Continental Goal	185,000

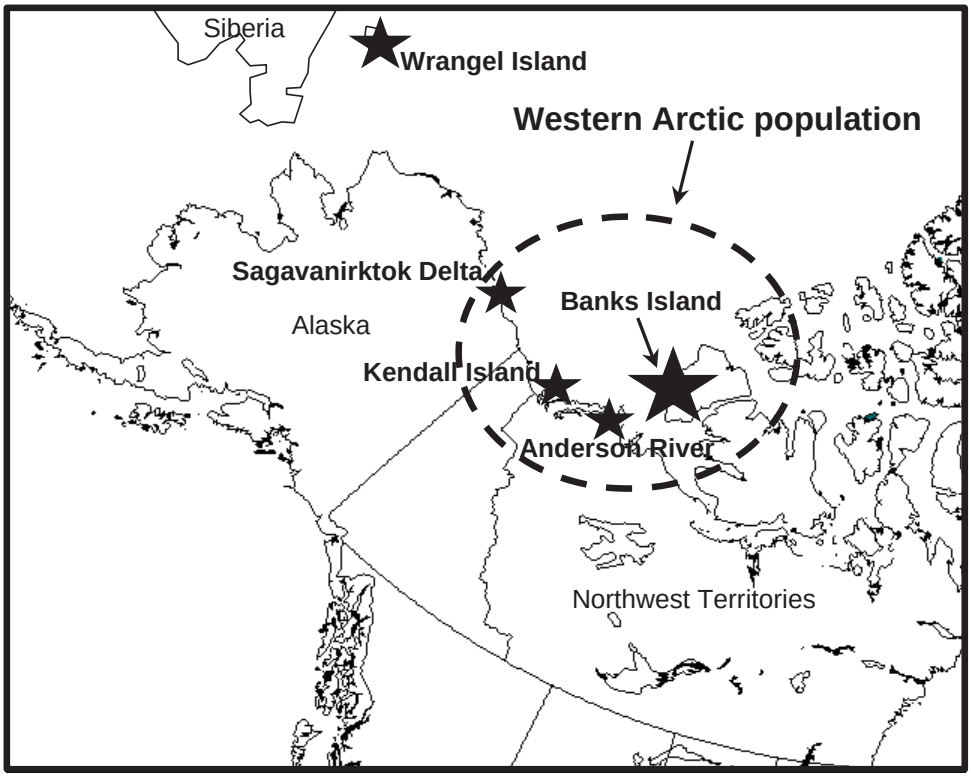
Population Trends	
Canada Geese	Increasing
Lesser Snow Geese	Increasing
White-Fronted Geese	Stable
Brant	Stable
Swans	Increasing

Population Goal

See continental goals above, based on the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, 1986 (NAWMP).

Conservation Measures

- Identify and protect important habitats, including wintering areas and key resting sites, from disruptive land uses.
- Do not harvest more than is needed.
- Support North American Waterfowl Management Plan (1986) and Arctic Goose Joint Venture.
- Support the "Principles for the Conservation of Migratory Birds in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region" WMAC (NWT).



Map 17. Locations of Lesser Snow Goose colonies in the Western Arctic and Wrangel Island

LOONS

Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) / **TUTLIK**
Yellow-billed or King Loon (*Gavia adamsii*) / **Qaqauq**
Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) / **Maliri**
Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*) / **Suglia**


RWED

Biology
Arrive in May, 1 - 2 eggs laid in June, migrate south in September. Feed on small fish. Arctic and red-throated arrive mid-June, leave late August early September. Different loons will use same habitats.

Important Habitat
Delta, North Slope coast.

Management Plans/Agreements
Migratory Bird Convention Act, 1994.

Recent Research
Barr, J.F. 1997. Status report on the yellow-billed loon, *Gavia adamsii*, in Canada. COSEWIC.

Dickson, D.L. 1988. Monitor reproduction and life history of Red-throated Loons in event of pollution. CWS.

Dickson, D.L., 1992. The Red-throated loon as an indicator of environmental quality. CWS. Occasional Paper No. 73.

Dickson, D.L, 1993. Breeding biology of red-throated loons in the Canadian Beaufort Sea Region. Vol. 46, No. 1.

Vogel, H. 1997. COSEWIC status report on the common loon (*Gavia immer*) in Canada. COSEWIC.

Research Priority
Moderate: Community interested in more information on biology.

Population Status
Local indigenous observation suggests that Yellow-billed loons used to be abundant but now are less so.

Population Goal
Thriving population.

Conservation Measures
- Do not disturb nesting birds.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

PTARMIGAN (*Lagopus spp.)* / QAIQ

Rock Ptarmigan (*Lagopus mutus)*
Willow Ptarmigan (*Lagopus lagopus*)


RWED

Biology
Breed in early May, lay eggs in June. Willow ptarmigan lay 5-10 eggs, rock ptarmigan lay 6-15 eggs.

Traditional Use
Ptarmigan are a well-liked food source within the community.

Important Habitat
Willow ptarmigan use willow sorb, muskeg areas, sheltered valleys. Common on Delta and Richardson Mountain foothills, Running River. Rock ptarmigan found along coastal hills, rocky tundra, North Slope and above timber line in mountains.

Management Plans/Agreements
None.

Recent Research
Study of contaminant levels in willow ptarmigan from Anderson River Delta and Kittigaaryuit Bay area conducted in 1989. GNWT Department of Renewable Resources, Yellowknife. Report in progress. Numerous YTG surveys in northern Yukon for past twenty years.

Research Priority
Low.

Population Status
Varies from year to year.

Population Goal
Unspecified though community would be interested in having more around.

Conservation Measures
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

SANDHILL CRANE (*Grus canadensis*) / TATIGAQ


Parks Canada

Biology
Winters in southern U.S. to Mexico. Arrive end of April or early May before snow geese. Nest is grass mound in marsh or wet meadow. Lay 2 eggs around middle of May, hatching in mid-June. Feed on insects, lemmings, aquatic plants, grains, amphibians. Fall migration late August early September.

Important Habitat
Foothills, upland areas, Shallow Bay, Coastal Areas

Management Plans/Agreements
Migratory Birds Conventions Act, 1994.

Recent Research
Austin, J. 1997. Delineation of Sandhill Crane subspecies and their distribution. 1996-1997. Canadian Wildlife Service.

Reed, J.R. 1988. Arctic Adaptations in the Breeding Biology of Sandhill Cranes, *Grus canadensis*, on Banks Island, Northwest Territories. *In* Canadian Field-Naturalist, 102(4): 643-648.

Research Priority
Unspecified.

Population Status
Appear to be increasing.

Population Goal
Unspecified.

Conservation Measures
- Do not disturb nesting birds.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

EAGLES

BALD EAGLE (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) / TINGMIAQPAK

Parks Canada

Biology

Bald Eagle

More common in the Delta than outlying areas. Usually nest in trees, begin nesting in April-May, incubate eggs approximately 34-35 days, young leave nest (fledge) by 70-80 days. Primarily feed on fish, often dead or dying fish. Fall migration in September.

Golden Eagle

Much more common in Richardson Mountains than Bald Eagles. Use both cliff and tree nests, 1-2 young per year. Begin nesting in April-May, incubate approximately 35-45 days, young leave nest (fledge) after 65-75 days. Primarily feed on rabbits, hares, ground squirrels, will occasionally prey on young of larger mammals. Late fall migration.

Important Habitat

Willow River, Fish Creek, First Creek, Mackenzie Delta, Herschel Island, North Slope Coast (birds of prey generally).

Management Plans/Agreements

None.

Recent Research

Richardson Mountains Raptor Surveys, 1987-1989. GNWT Department of Renewable Resources and WMAC (NWT).

Monitoring Raptors and the Canadian Peregrine Falcon Survey (CWS / Parks Canada, 2000)

Kirk, D.A. 1996. Status report on the golden eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos. COSEWIC.*

Lang, A. 1984. Status report on the bald eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, in Canada. COSEWIC.

Research Priority

Moderate - Community interested in ecological relationship, role in food chain.

Population Status

Bald Eagles have been more common in delta in early 1990's. Golden Eagles have also been more common in Delta in early 1990's but less common than bald eagles.

Population Goal

Unspecified.

Conservation Measures

- Do not harass or disturb nesting birds.
- Do not export birds.
- Identify and protect important habitats (including southern wintering habitat) from disruptive land uses.

PEREGRINE FALCON (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) / **KIRGAVIK**
GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*)
ROUGH LEGGED HAWK (*Buteo lagopus*) / **QILGIQ**


Parks Canada

Biology
Peregrine Falcon: May nest in cliffs. Lay 2-4 eggs. Feed on small to medium sized birds.

Gyrfalcon: Nest in cliffs and occasionally trees, lay 3-4 eggs. Feed on ground squirrels, ptarmigan, and occasionally hare. Populations cycle with prey availability.

Rough-legged Hawk: Nest on cliffs. Lay 2-5 eggs. Feed on lemmings, ground squirrels.

Important Habitat
Richardson Mountains, Coastal areas with suitable cliff nesting habitat. Herschel Island important for rough-legged hawk.

Management Plans/Agreements
GNWT and Yukon Birds of Prey Regulations.
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES); Peregrine Falcon - Appendix 1.

Recent Research
Richardson Mountains Raptor Surveys, 1987-1989. GNWT Department of Renewable Resources and WMAC (NWT). Report in progress.

Monitoring Raptors and the Canadian Peregrine Falcon Survey (CWS / Parks Canada, 2000)

Numerous YTG surveys and work on reintroduction of peregrines over past 30 years.

Poole, K. and R. Bromley, 1985. Aspects of the ecology of the gyrfalcon in the Central Arctic, Northwest Territories. GNWT, Department of Renewable Resources File Report No. 52.

Research Priority
Moderate - Interest in ecological relationships, role in food chain.

Population Status
Local indigenous observation suggests there appears to be fewer gyrfalcon in vicinity of Herschel Island than in past. Gyrfalcon were abundant apparently in the early 1940's. Appear reasonably stable in the Richardson Mountains. Evidence of long term occupation.

Population Goal
Unspecified, adequate numbers at present.

Conservation Measures
- Do not export.
- Do not harass or disturb nesting birds.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

SNOWY OWL (*Nyctea scandiaca*) / **UKPIK**


T.W. Hall / Parks Canada

Biology
Most migrate to region in spring, however, a few may overwinter. Arrive in April, nesting mid to late May. Prefer to nest on elevated ground. Off nest in late August. Lay 5-7 eggs, some reports of 12, incubation 32 to 33 days. May feed on lemmings, birds, fishes. Variable numbers year to year. Appear to have ecological association with brant. Usually low numbers.

Traditional Use
Have been used as food in past.

Important Habitat
Coastal Areas.

Management Plans/Agreements
None

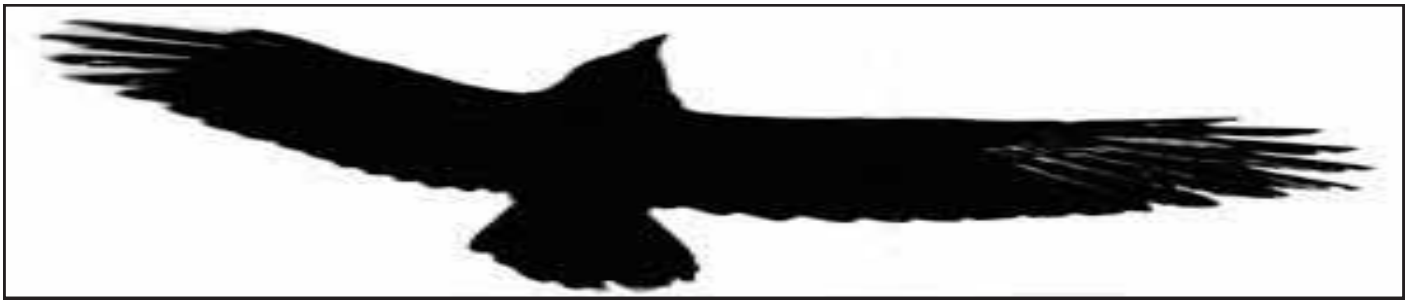
Recent Research
Kirk, D.A. 1995. Status report on the snowy owl, *Nyctea scandiaca*, in Canada. COSEWIC.

Research Priority
Low.

Population Status
Appear to be decreasing, though some sense they were abundant in 1991. Population appear to be high in some years and low in others.

Population Goal
Unspecified. Adequate numbers for community needs.

Conservation Measures
- Hunt only when needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.



BIRD SPECIES LIST

At least 125 species of birds may visit and nest in the mainland western arctic portions of the ISR. Some may only rarely occur and do not routinely breed in the area. A list of birds which may occur in the area is presented below. These species are important components of the ecosystem, contribute to the quality of life in the area and are an attraction for tourists. Many of these species migrate to wintering areas outside of the ISR, their conservation depends on cooperative work with people outside the region.

Species	Wintering Areas
Alder Flycatcher	- South America.
American Wigeon / **Ugiuhiuq**	- West and south U.S. to South America and Caribbean.
American Robin	- U.S. to Mexico.
American Tree Sparrow	- Southern Canada to central U.S.
Arctic Tern / Mitqutailaq	- Sub-Antarctic seas.
Baird's Sandpiper	- South America.
Bald Eagle	- Southwest Canada, west and central U.S.
Bank Swallow	- South America.
Black Guillemot	- Pacific Ocean (at sea).
Black-bellied Plover	- Coastal U.S. to Southern Hemisphere.
Blackpoll Warbler	- South America.
Bohemian Waxwing	- Southern Canada, U.S.
Bonapartes Gull	- West coast U.S. to Mexico.
Boreal Chickadee	- Boreal Forests North America.
Brant / **Nigilgnaq**	- Local concentrations on Pacific coast.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	- South America, especially Argentina.
Canada Goose / **Uluagulik**	- North Mexico north to limits of open water.
Canvasback	- West and east coast U.S. to Mexico.
Cliff Swallow	- Southern Brazil, central Argentina.
Common Loon / **Tutlik**	- West coast North America.
Common Goldeneye	- West Coast Canada and U.S. central U.S.
Common Eider / **Quingalik**	- West coast of Alaska and Aleutians.
Common Snipe	- Southwest coast Canada, U.S., Brazil.
Cowbird (Brown-Headed)	- California, S. Arizona
Dark-eyed Junio	- Southern Canada, U.S.
Dunlin	- West coast Canada and U.S.
Fox Sparrow	- Southern U.S. and west coast U.S.
Glaucus Gull (Ross's Gull)	- West coast of Alaska, Canada, U.S. to southern California.
Golden Eagle / **Tingmiaqpak**	- B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, U.S.
Gray Jay	- Boreal forests North America.
Gray-cheeked Thrush	- Caribbean to Brazil.
Green-winged Teal	- Mid-U.S. south to Argentina.
Gyrfalcon	- West coast of Alaska and northern B.C.
Harlequin Duck	- West coast Canada and U.S.
Harris's Sparrow	- Southwestern Canada, U.S.
Herring Gull	- West coast Canada and U.S.
Horned Grebe	- West coast North America.
Horned Lark	- Vancouver Island, Mexico, South America.
Iceland Gull	- Great Lakes and east coast to Maryland.
Killdeer	- South and central U.S. to central Mexico, Peru.
King Eider / **Quingalivik**	- Aleutians and northern west coast of North America.

Bird Species List (cont'd)

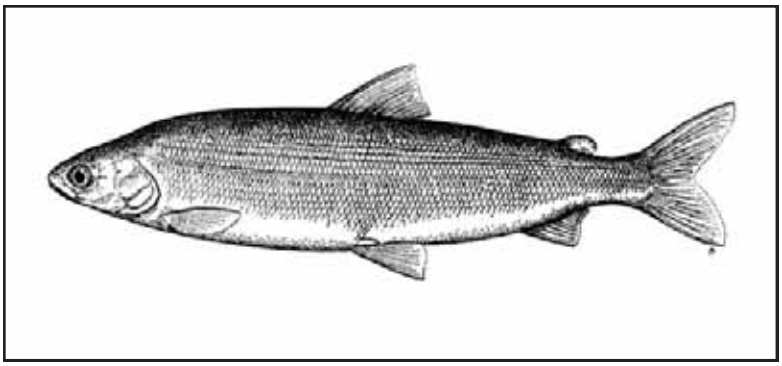
Lapland Longspur	-	Southern Canada to southern U.S.
Least Sandpiper	-	Southern U.S. to Brazil.
Lesser Golden Plover	-	Mainly east of Rockies, southern South America.
Lesser Yellowlegs	-	Southern U.S. to Argentina.
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	West coast U.S. to Guatemala.
Long-tailed Jaeger	-	Migrant at sea, well off-shore, Southern Hemisphere.
Mallard / **Kurugakpak**	-	Southern Canada to Mexico.
Marsh Hawk	-	SW Canada, central U.S. to South America.
Merlin	-	Southern Canada
Mew Gull	-	West coast Canada and U.S.
Northern Flicker	-	West coast Canada, U.S.
Northern Fulmar	-	Off coast of western North America to northern Mexico.
Northern Goshawk	-	Year round resident, though may move.
Northern Hawk Owl / **Naiquqtauruk**	-	South to western Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska.
Northern Pintail / **Irugaq**	-	Along Pacific coast, southern U.S. to northern S. America.
Northern Shoveler	-	West and south U.S. to South America.
Northern Shrike	-	Southern Canada to U.S.
Northern Waterthrush	-	Central and South America.
Oldsquaw / **Ahaliq**	-	Aleutians and west coast of North America.
Orange-crowned Warbler	-	Southern U.S. to Guatemala.
Pacific Loon / **Maliri**	-	Along coast S.E. Alaska to N.W. Mexico.
Parasitic Jaeger	-	At sea from southern U.S. to Tierra del Fuego.
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	South America.
Peregrine Falcon / **Kirgavik**	-	Sparingly along west coast of Canada and throughout U.S
Pine Grosbeak	-	Western N.W.T., Yukon, Alaska, B.C., Rocky Mountains.
Pomarine Jaeger	-	At sea from southern U.S. to southern hemisphere.
Raven	-	Year round in North America - widespread.
Red Knot	-	Coast of southern U.S., Mexico, also S. Hemisphere.
Red Phalarope	-	Coast of California south, range at sea poorly known.
Red-breasted Merganser	-	West coast Canada and U.S.
Red-necked Grebe	-	West coast North America.
Red-necked Phalarope	-	Pacific Ocean (at sea).
Red-tailed Hawk	-	U.S.
Red-throated Loon / **Suglia**	-	Along coast to northern Mexico and Florida.
Red-winged Blackbird	-	Northern U.S. south.
Redpoll	-	N.W.T., Yukon, Alaska, central Canada
Rock Ptarmigan / **Qariq**	-	Some withdrawal from higher to lower elevations.
Ross's Goose	-	Mainly in SW U.S.
Rosy Finch	-	Southwestern Canada, west central U.S.
Rough-legged Hawk / **Qilgiq**	-	Southern Canada to southern U.S. but rarely to Mexican
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	Southern U.S. to Guatemala.
Ruddy Turnstone	-	Coastal U.S., Hawaii.
Rusty Blackbird	-	Southeastern U.S.
Sabine's Gull	-	In Pacific to Chile, local in Atlantic.
Sanderling	-	West coast of North America.
Sandhill Crane / **Tatigaq**	-	Mexico, locally in southern U.S.
Savannah Sparrow	-	Southern U.S. to Honduras and Caribbean.
Say's Phoebe	-	Southern U.S. to Mexico.
Scaup (Greater)	-	West coast of Canada and locally throughout U.S.
Scaup (Lesser)	-	West coast of U.S., southern U.S. to northern S. America.
Scoter (Common or Black) / **Taakruaq**	-	Aleutians and along Pacific coast.
Semi-palmated Plover	-	West coast of southern North America to South America.
Semi-palmated Sandpiper	-	Mainly east of Rockies to South America.
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	Northern U.S. to South America.
Short-eared Owl / **Nipaixuktaq**	-	Southern U.S. to central Mexico.
Smith's Longspur	-	South central U.S.
Snow Bunting	-	West coast and central North America, in open country.
Snow Goose / **Kangua**	-	North Mexico, Gulf Coast, migrant through interior.
Snowy Owl / **Ukpik**	-	Cyclic winters to central U.S., Canada except Arctic.
Solitary Sandpiper	-	Gulf of Mexico to Argentina.
Spotted Sandpiper	-	Southern U.S. to Argentina.
Stilt Sandpiper	-	Southern U.S. to Argentina.
Tennessee Warbler	-	Mexico to Venezuela.

Bird Species List (cont'd)

Three-toed Woodpecker	-	West. N.W.T., Yukon, Alaska, N. provinces, Rocky Mtns.
Tree Swallow	-	Southern U.S. to northern South America.
Tundra Swan / **Quqruk**	-	Seaboards of eastern and western North America, end of Alaskan peninsula and locally throughout U.S.
Upland Sandpiper	-	Argentina.
Varied Thrush	-	West coast Canada and U.S.
Wandering Tattler	-	S.W. Coast to U.S. to Ecuador.
Water Pipit (American)	-	West coast of U.S., southern U.S. south to El Salvador.
Whimbrel	-	West coast of S. North America to S. South America.
White Fronted Goose / **Nirliq**	-	Mexico, Gulf states and occasionally north to Washington.
White-crowned Sparrow	-	Southwestern Canada, U.S.
White-rumped Sandpiper	-	South America.
White-winged Crossbill	-	Western N.W.T., Yukon, Alaska, northern Alberta, B.C.
Willow Ptarmigan / **Qarigiq**	-	Resident year-round.
Wilson's Warbler	-	Mexico to Panama.
Yellow Warbler	-	Mexico to Peru.

ARCTIC CISCO (*Coregonus autumnalis*)

Biology



The Arctic cisco is the most saline-tolerant of the anadromous coregonids and is thus found more often and further from the Mackenzie basin than the other species. It is distinguishable from the least cisco by smaller eyes and scales, more silver colour, white pectoral and pelvic fins, and terminal mouth (at the tip of the body). The Arctic cisco is found in arctic Canada and Siberia. They are common along the Yukon coast and in the Mackenzie Delta during summer. The food fishery targets Arctic cisco during its departure or return from overwintering areas, such as in Tuktoyaktuk Harbour, and during spawning migrations during fall. They are believed to spawn only in the large tributaries of the Mackenzie River or in the Mackenzie itself. Spawning probably takes place over gravel in fast water areas such as rapids. They reach a maximum length of near 38 cm (15 in.) and may live for up to 20 years. Arctic cisco feed on small fish and crustaceans.

Important Habitat

Mackenzie River and estuary, tributaries to the Mackenzie (spawning habitat), inland lakes. Inner Shallow Bay/Niakunak Bay and Kugmallit Bay are important overwintering and nursery areas. Blue Herring are found off Shingle Point, Bailey Island, N.E. Richards Island, Tuktoyaktuk.

Management Plans/Agreements

None.

Recent Research

Index netting program begun in 1999 in Aklavik and Inuvik (also included RRCs in Aklavik, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic) to document average lengths/weights and abundance of all captured species. This is a long-term program that may include Tuktoyaktuk in the future.

FJMC North Slope Stock Identity Study (Charr and Cisco) conducted in 1989.

Dillinger et all. 1992. Can Field Nat 106: 175-180. *Arctic cisco distribution, migration and spawning in the Mackenzie River.*

Harwood, L. 1997. Measurement and tagging of arctic cisco in Tuktoyaktuk Harbour to test the netting program. DFO.

Research Priority

Community considers research on the biology and ecology of these species a high priority.

Population Status

Abundant.

Population Goal

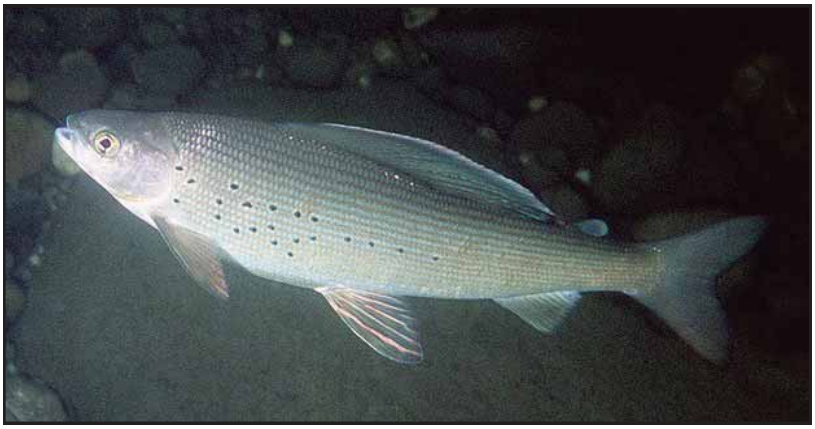
Adequate supply at present.

Conservation Measures

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- No drilling in areas where these species concentrate for spawning or migration.

ARCTIC GRAYLING (*Thymallus arcticus*) / HULUKPAUGAQ

Biology



E.R. Keeley

Distributed throughout the northern regions of western provinces, the Northwest Territories, Yukon, Alaska and the headwaters of the Missouri River in Montana. Also present in Eurasia. Grayling require clear water typically associated with small streams or medium rivers and, therefore, they are rare in the turbid Mackenzie River. In the western Arctic, they are known to occur in the groundwater fed springs on the Yukon North Slope and in most rivers to the east of the Mackenzie. Grayling can be highly migratory, using different streams for spawning, juvenile rearing, summer feeding, and overwintering or may complete their entire life without leaving a short section of stream or lake. Grayling may overwinter in lakes or the lower reaches and deeper pools of medium-sized rivers. Grayling are primarily a shallow water fish and mainly feed at the surface on terrestrial and aquatic insects, but will also consume crustaceans, small fish and fish eggs. Unlike most other members of the salmon family, grayling spawn in spring typically as the ice is just breaking up. Spawning occurs over gravel areas in running water and no redds are built. Grayling fry hatch about three weeks after spawning and occupy the quieter waters near where they were hatched. Most grayling do not become sexually mature until 6-9 years of age. Average length is approximately 35 cm (14 in.). Maximum weight is approximately 2.5 kg (5.5 lb).

Important Habitat

Kugaluk River, Coastal rivers of North Slope. Occasionally Richards Island.

Management Plans/Agreements

None.

Recent Research

Index netting program begun in 1999 in Aklavik and Inuvik (also included RRCs in Aklavik, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic) to document average lengths/weights and abundance of all captured species. This is a long-term program that may include Tuktoyaktuk in the future.

Some grayling were tagged in the Babbage River in fall 1992 as part of FJMC sponsored project.

Research Priority

Unspecified.

Population Status

Locally common in certain streams.

Population Goal

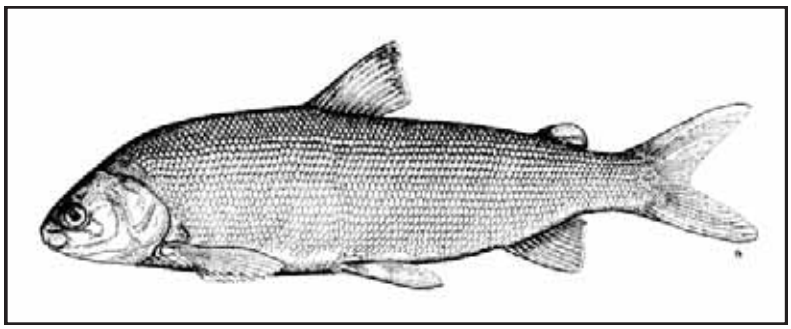
Adequate supply at present.

Conservation Measures

- Harvest only what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

BROAD WHITEFISH (*Coregonus nasus*) / ANAAKIQ

Biology



Distributed in fresh and brackish waters of arctic drainages of northwestern North America and northern Eurasia, south to approximately the 60th parallel. Spawn mainly over gravel areas in rivers in October or November. Downstream migration of post-spawning fish may occur gradually over the winter. May mature at approximately seven years of age. More frequently encountered in rivers than lakes, although distinct anadromous and non-migratory lake dwelling stocks are known from the Mackenzie River basin. Often found in coastal areas of the Beaufort Sea. Feed on aquatic insects, small molluscs and crustaceans. It is a deep-bodied fish with a blunt snout and short head. Average length is near 45 cm (18 in.).

Important Habitat

Several overwintering areas in East Channel and Whitefish Bay. Tuktoyaktuk Harbour, Mason Bay, Mallik Bay, Shallow Bay, streams of Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, spawning throughout Mackenzie system.

Management Plans/Agreements

Broad whitefish will be the second species for an Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for this area. Discussions will begin in 2001.

Recent Research

Index netting program begun in 1999 in Aklavik and Inuvik (also included RRCs in Aklavik, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic) to document average lengths/weights and abundance of all captured species. This is a long-term program that may include Tuktoyaktuk in the future.

DFO/FJMC traditional knowledge study being conducted on broad whitefish beginning 1992. Data being collected in conjunction with Mackenzie River Test Fishery (1989-1994).

Tallman, R.F., and J.R. Reist. 1997. Proceedings of the broad whitefish workshop: the biology, traditional knowledge and scientific management of broad whitefish (*Coregonus nasus*) in the lower Mackenzie River. Can. Tech. Rpt. Aquat. Sci. 2193.

Treble, M. 1994. Lower Mackenzie River broad whitefish, *Coregonus nasus*: central Delta biological characteristics (1984-1990), commercial and subsistence harvest trends, and local management issues. University of Manitoba.

Research Priority

Unspecified.

Population Status

Locally abundant.

Population Goal

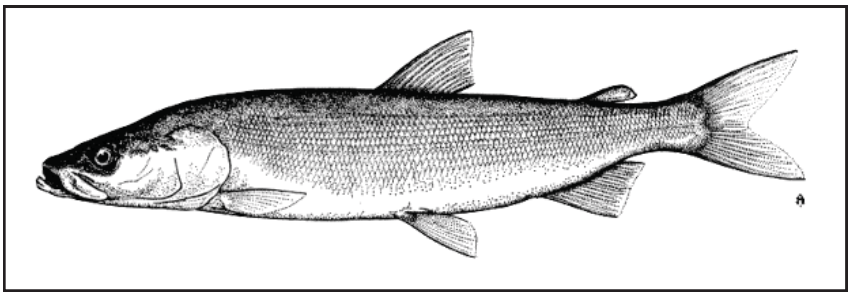
Maintain abundant population to support subsistence harvest.

Conservation Measures

- Only harvest what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

CONEY or **INCONNU** (*Stenodus leucichthys*) / **HIGAQ**

Biology



The largest member of the whitefish family but distinguishable from the more common whitefish by the strong extended lower jaw. Often called “coney” by resident of the area, inconnu are present in northwestern North America and Eurasia. Coney are anadromous in some areas, making long (up to 1000 km (621 mi.) migrations to upstream spawning areas, whereas in other areas, they are lake dwelling. Coney may reach weights in excess of 20 kg (44 lb) and lengths greater than 1 m (3.3 ft.). Upstream, spawning migrations of coney from coastal overwintering areas begin during the period of ice break-up. Some fish move to feeding grounds while mature fish migrate to spawning areas. Coney spawn in 1-3 m (3.3-9.8 ft.) of water with fast current over a bottom composed of different sized gravel. Spawning occurs during late afternoons and evenings in late September and early October. Coney do not dig a redd, or spawning nest. The slightly adhesive fertilised eggs fall to the stream bottom where they lodge in the gravel. Unlike Pacific salmon, which die after spawning, coney are capable of spawning several times. A rapid downstream migration occurs after spawning as coney move back to coastal areas. Eggs hatch in approximately six months with fry being washed downstream by spring runoff to delta or coastal areas. Fry begin to feed on plankton, but their diet rapidly changes to insect larvae and small fish. By the second year of life, their diet is almost entirely fish.

Age at first spawning varies with the population, but males mature from ages 7 to 11. Some coney may spawn every year, but every other year is probably the rule in most populations.

Important Habitat

Mackenzie River and Mackenzie River Estuary (rearing habitat).

Management Plans/Agreements

Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for inconnu signed by FJMC and the communities of Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik. The Plan will also be signed off by the Gwich’in communities of Aklavik, Inuvik, Tsiigehtchic and Fort McPherson as well as Sahtu representatives from Fort Good Hope. It identifies the work plan for next five years. It is the first of several IFMPs planned for the area.

Recent Research

Index netting program begun in 1999 in Aklavik and Inuvik (also included RRCs in Aklavik, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic) to document average lengths/weights and abundance of all captured species. This is a long-term program that may include Tuktoyaktuk in the future.

DFO stock status report released in September 1998. (Stock Status Report D5-04, Mackenzie River inconnu).

Strontium analysis of inconnu from the Mackenzie River and Shingle Point in 1997.

Radio tagging of inconnu at Shingle Point and Mackenzie Delta in 1996.

Has been extensively studied in Russia. Information being collected as part of Mackenzie River Test Fishery (1989-1994).

Research Priority

Unspecified.

Population Status
Locally common.

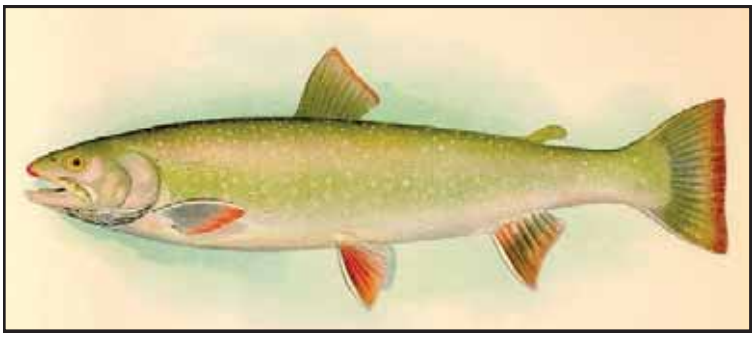
Population Goal
Maintain abundant population to sustain subsistence harvest.

Conservation Measures
- Harvest only what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

DOLLY VARDEN CHARR (*Salvelinus malma*)

Biology

Dolly Varden belong to a group of fish called charr. The light spots on their sides distinguish them from most trout and salmon which are usually black spotted or speckled. In the ISR, Dolly Varden charr occur to the west of the Mackenzie River (e.g. the Big Fish River, the Babbage River, the Firth River, Joe Creek and the Rat River), while Arctic charr occur to the east of the Mackenzie (Hornaday River, Holman rivers).



Dolly Varden spawn in groundwater-fed mountain streams, usually during the fall from mid-August to November. The female, depending on her size, may deposit from 600 to 6,000 eggs (2,500 to 10,000 in the northern form) in depressions, or redds, which she constructs in the streambed gravel by digging with her tail fin. The male usually takes no part in these nest building activities and spends most of his time fighting and chasing other males.

When the female is ready to deposit her eggs, the male moves to her side and spawning begins. Sperm and eggs are released simultaneously into the redd. The eggs develop slowly in the cold water temperatures usually present during the incubation period.

Hatching of the eggs may occur in February, four to five months after fertilization. After hatching, the young Dolly Varden obtain food from their yolk sac and usually do not emerge from the gravel until June.

The young Dolly Varden rear in streams before beginning their first migration to sea. Most Dolly Varden migrate to sea in their third or fourth year, but some wait as long as their sixth year. At this time, they are about 13 cm (5 in) long and are called smolt. This migration usually occurs in May or June, although significant but smaller numbers have been recorded migrating to sea in September and October.

After their first seaward migration, Dolly Varden usually spend the rest of their lives wintering in and migrating to and from fresh water. Southern form Dolly Varden overwinter in lakes, while most northern Dolly Varden overwinter in rivers.

At maturity, Dolly Varden return to spawn in the stream from which they originated. The fish possesses the ability to find their “home” stream without randomly searching, as was the case in their original search for a wintering area. At this age they may be 30.5-41 cm (12-16 in.) long and may weigh from 20-45 g (0.5-1 lb.). Northern Dolly Varden reach maturity at age 5 to 9 after having spent three or four summers at sea, and may be 41-61 cm (16-24 in.) long. Mortality after spawning varies depending on the sex and age of the fish. Males suffer a much higher mortality rate after spawning, partly due to fighting and the subsequent damage inflicted on each other. It is doubtful that much more than 50 percent of the Dolly Varden live to spawn a second time. A small number may live to spawn more than twice. Few southern Dolly Varden appear to live longer than 8 years. Northern Dolly Varden may live as long as 16 years, but individuals over age 10 are uncommon. Maximum size for southern Dolly Varden is between 38-56 cm (15-22 in.) and up to 1.8 kg (4 lb.); however, occasional 4.1-5.4 kg (9-12 lb) fish are reported, especially in northern populations.

Traditional Use

Very important food source.

Important Habitat
Fish Hole, Rat River, Big Fish River, Fish Creek, Babbage River, Peel River, Shingle Point. Charr occasionally travel the Mackenzie near Inuvik and are caught.

Management Plans/Agreements
Rat River Charr Fishing Plan - March 1999
West Side Charr Fishing/Management Plan to cover stocks utilized by Aklavik will begin in 2000.

Recent Research
Weir assessments for Dolly Varden charr at the Babbage River, Big Fish River and Rat River were done in 1990-1992, 1991 and 1989 respectively. Mark-recapture, radio and Floy tagging studies have been on most stocks, led by the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans and with community-based technicians undertaking or participating in the field work. Estimates of the size of the stocks are available, and the subsistence fisheries at each system are monitored each year in community-based programs. Monitors are sometimes stationed at Shingle Point.

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DFO/Aklavik HTC mark-recapture study at the fish holes on Big Fish River in 1998.

FJMC North Slope Stock Identity Study (Charr and Cisco) conducted in 1989.

Reist, J.D. 1989. Genetic structure of allopatric populations and sympatric life history types of charr, *Salvelinus alpinus/malma*, in the western Arctic, Canada. DFO.

Reist, J.D., Johnson, J.D and T.J. Carmichael, 1992. Variation and specific identity of charr from northwestern Arctic Canada. Special Proceedings of the American Fisheries Society Conference on "Fish Ecology of Arctic North America". Fairbanks.

Research Priority
High: The community is very interested in knowing more about the biology and movement of Arctic Charr. There is also great concern over change in charr abundance and water quality in the Fish Hole.

Population Status
Declining at Fish Hole. Babbage River population appears to be stable. Firth River population appears to be stable.

Population Goal
Unspecified. Maintain adequate numbers to sustain (current/ increased) harvest. Would generally like more.

Conservation Measures
- Ensure harvest is sustainable.
- Do not take more than needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

RAT RIVER FISHING PLAN - MARCH 1999

Goals of the Rat River Fishing Plan - March 1999

1. To maintain a healthy stock of charr in the Rat River system.
2. To maintain and manage the Rat River Dolly Varden charr fishery for the continued use and enjoyment by the residents of Aklavik and Fort McPherson.
3. To encourage cooperation among all users to ensure sound management of the Rat River charr stock.

Recommended Safe Harvest Level

A) Given the most recent 1998 estimate of stock size (14,919), and DFO's suggested safe removal rate of 10-15%, the safe harvest level for this stock may be on the order of 1500 to 2000 charr per year. This level needs to be refined, however the safe removal rate is based on a study of slower-growing Arctic charr in the central Arctic. Rat River charr are smaller and grow more quickly than their counterparts to the east. The lack of major changes in stock size estimates during the period from 1989-1998 provide some evidence that the stock may be able to withstand removals beyond the 10-15% suggested for the eastern form of Arctic charr.

B) Until more information or indicators are available, the signatories of this Plan agree to an interim harvest guideline of 2000 charr per year for this fishery.

   To achieve this level of harvest the signatories of this Plan recommend that all persons fishing for Rat River charr cut back their own harvest in the amount of 50% from their 1998 level. People should take only what they need for their own subsistence purposes.

C) Community fishermen feel that the amount of charr that is consumed by bears, otters or other wildlife may have contributed to the decline in the stock. The amount of charr eaten by predators could be estimated.

Recommended Fishing Gear and Methods

RRCs and HTCs are encouraged to set stricter guidelines (by-laws) outlining the following:

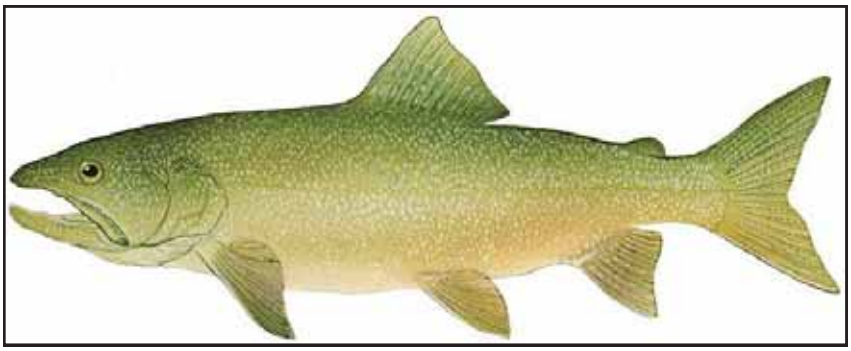
A) Use 10 cm (4 in.) or 11 cm (4.5 in.) mesh nets.
B) Nets should be no more than 30 meshes deep.
C) There should be no more than three (3) nets set per household.
D) Net check intervals should be twice per day during the entire fishing season (weather permitting) to prevent fish wastage.
E) Fishermen remaining at the fishery throughout the season should be given priority in the selection of fishing sites.
F) All charr nets should be marked with identification tags provided by the RRCs and HTC.

Life of the Plan

This fourth version of the Plan will be in effect for one year, after which time it will be reviewed again in 2000, prior to the fishing season. The interval for reviewing the Plan after 2000 will be decided in 2000.

LAKE TROUT (*Salvelinus namaycush*) / IQALUAKPAK

Biology



Lake trout are most common in large, deep lakes, but are occasionally captured in large rivers or brackish (salty) water. Lake trout are slow growing, fall spawning fish (early-September) that, unlike salmon and other charr, do not build redds for their eggs. Spawning rarely occurs in rivers, but typically occurs over the shoals of lakes or along the shore of windswept islands. Spawning takes place over clean, rocky lake bottoms, most often at night. Eggs hatch early in the following spring. Lake trout are long-lived and the largest of the local charrs and may reach weights of over 20 kg (44 lb). Sexual maturity is reached at different ages in different areas, but in many populations, spawning may not take place until fish reach 13-16 years. Spawning by individual fish likely occurs only every second or third year. In most areas, lake trout feed on cisco, smelt, sticklebacks and sculpins, but in some lakes they may feed mainly on plankton and crustaceans. Lake trout are distinguished from other charr and salmon by their deeply forked tail and light-coloured spots. Lake trout are very sensitive to ecological disturbances.

Important Habitat

King Point Lakes
Husky Lakes

Management Plans/Agreement

HTC Bylaw requires minimum 11 cm (4.5 in.) mesh size on nets.

Recent Research

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Research Priority

High: The community is very interested in knowing more concerning the biology and movement of lake trout in the area and in monitoring water quality where lake trout are harvested.

Population Status

Appears to be stable though no formal studies to date.

Population Goal

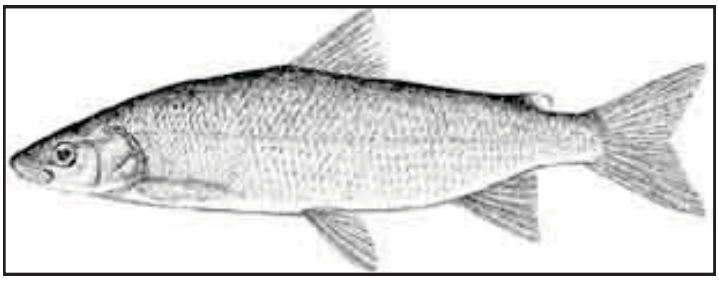
Unspecified. Maintain adequate population to support current harvest.

Conservation Measures

- Where commercial fishing is undertaken mesh size should be no smaller than 14 cm (5.5 in.).
- Ensure harvest is sustainable.
- Do not take more than is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

LAKE WHITEFISH / CROOKED BACKS (*Coregonus cluepeaformis*) / PIKUKTUQ

Biology



Lake whitefish are also called “crooked back” or “humpback whitefish” in this area. They are widely distributed across Canada as far south as the Great Lakes in large rivers and lakes. Lake whitefish in the Mackenzie Delta tend to have softer flesh and more parasites than broad whitefish and are thus less sought after by area fishermen. Lake whitefish spawn in late September or early October in this area and individual fish may spawn only every second or third year. Lake dwelling and anadromous fish can often by distinguished by differences in colour and physical characters. Feed on aquatic insects, molluscs, amphipods and a variety of small fish and fish eggs. They reach a maximum weight of approximately 13kg (29 lb) and can live for at least 16 years. Most lake whitefish captured in area fisheries range from 6-10 years.

Important Habitat

Several overwintering areas in East Channel and Whitefish Bay. Tuktoyaktuk Harbour, Mason Bay, Mallik Bay, Shallow Bay, streams of Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula, spawning throughout Mackenzie system.

Management Plans/Agreements

None.

Recent Research

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Research Priority

Unspecified.

Population Status

Locally abundant.

Population Goal

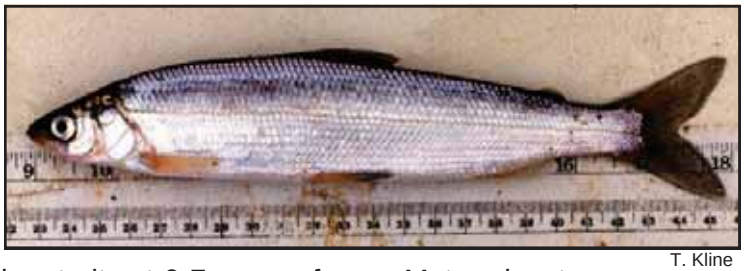
Maintain abundant population to support subsistence harvest.

Conservation Measures

- Only harvest what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

LEAST CISCO or BIG-EYED HERRING (*Coregonus sardinella*)

Biology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The least cisco is common in the lower Mackenzie Delta and almost all lakes and rivers. Least cisco are much less migratory than the Arctic cisco and in coastal areas tend to be associated with the plume of their home river. The least cisco has a weak lower jaw that projects beyond the upper and has a larger eye than the Arctic cisco. Adults are brown to olive green and silvery below. Least cisco reach sexual maturity at 6-7 years of age. Mature least cisco migrate upstream in the fall to spawn in clear streams with gravel bottoms. Spawning takes place in early October. Least cisco found in lakes seldom exceed 23 cm (9 in.), while those in the Mackenzie River or coastal areas reach almost 40 cm (16 in.) in length. Least cisco are very important in the food chain, as they are eaten by predacious coney, pike, and burbot and undoubtedly, a large number of mammals and birds.

Important Habitat

Mackenzie River and estuary, tributaries to the Mackenzie (spawning habitat), inland lakes. Inner Shallow Bay/Niakunak Bay and Kugmallit Bay are important overwintering and nursery areas. Blue Herring are found off Shingle Point, Bailey Island, N.E. Richards Island, Tuktoyaktuk.

Management Plans/Agreements

None.

Recent Research

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FJMC North Slope Stock Identity Study (Charr and Cisco) conducted in 1989.

Research Priority

Community considers research on the biology and ecology of these species a high priority.

Population Status

Abundant.

Population Goal

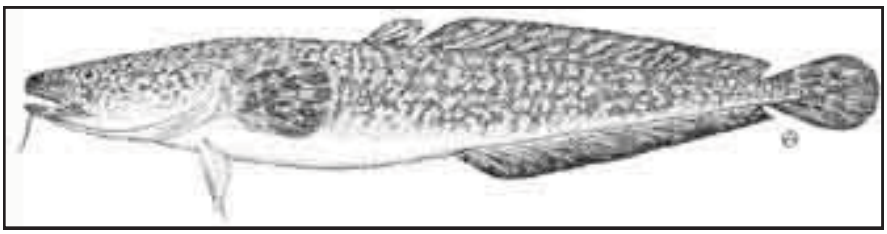
Adequate supply at present.

Conservation Measures

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- No drilling in areas where these species concentrate for spawning or migration.
- Ensure all oil related activities are closely monitored.

LOCHE or BURBOT (*Lota lota*) / TITTAALIQ

Biology



One of few Canadian fish that spawns in mid-winter (January-March) under the ice. Spawning usually in 3 m (10 ft.) or less of water over sand or gravel in shallow bays or on gravel shoals. Most spawn in lakes though some use rivers. Males arrive to spawn 3 or 4 days before females. Spawn at night. Move into tributary rivers during late winter early spring. Move to deep water in summer. Females generally larger than males. Maximum size known for Canada is about 1 m (3.3 ft.) long and 8.4 kg (18.5 lb). Elsewhere may reach 34 kg (75 lb). Maximum age about 15 years. Feed mostly on aquatic insect as young, adults primarily eat other fish.

Important Habitat

Mouths of creeks. Winter and spring may be abundant in fresh or brackish waters of Kugmallit Bay's coastal embayments.

Management Plans/Agreements

None.

Recent Research

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DFO, L. Lockhart, DIAND Environmental Studies No. 61. Study of loche Livers from Mackenzie River Near Norman Wells.

Research Priority

Unspecified.

Population Status

Appear locally common and stable.

Population Goal

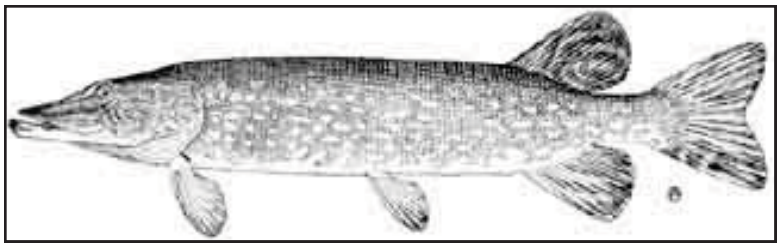
Maintain abundant population to support subsistence harvest.

Conservation Measures

- Only harvest what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.

NORTHERN PIKE or JACKFISH (*Esox lucius*) / SIULIK

Biology



Although widely distributed throughout Canada, they do not occur in the Maritime provinces and are absent in BC except in northern drainages. Northern pike, also called "jackfish", are present in most waters of the western Arctic. The northern pike has a long, streamlined body and rows of sharp teeth in an "alligator" type mouth. Pike are typically considered non-migratory although on occasion they have been noted to move large distances (100 km (161 mi.)). Northern pike spawn on aquatic vegetation in early spring, sometimes before the ice has melted. Pike are voracious and opportunistic feeders, feeding mainly on fish, but also consuming muskrats and ducklings. Preferred habitats are lakes and the warm, clear main channels of rivers or slack water areas. Maximum weight of pike is likely near 20 kg (44 lb) in North America, although there are many unconfirmed reports of larger fish. Pike may live 24-26 years in this area.

Important Habitat

Tributaries, creeks and shallow lakes in Mackenzie Delta.

Management Plans/Agreements

None.

Recent Research

Index netting program begun in 1999 in Aklavik and Inuvik (also included RRCs in Aklavik, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic) to document average lengths/weights and abundance of all captured species. This is a long-term program that may include Tuktoyaktuk in the future.

U.D.C. Test Fishery, 1988-93. Data being collected as part of the Mackenzie River Test Fishery (1989-1994).

Research Priority

Unspecified.

Population Status

Abundant.

Population Goal

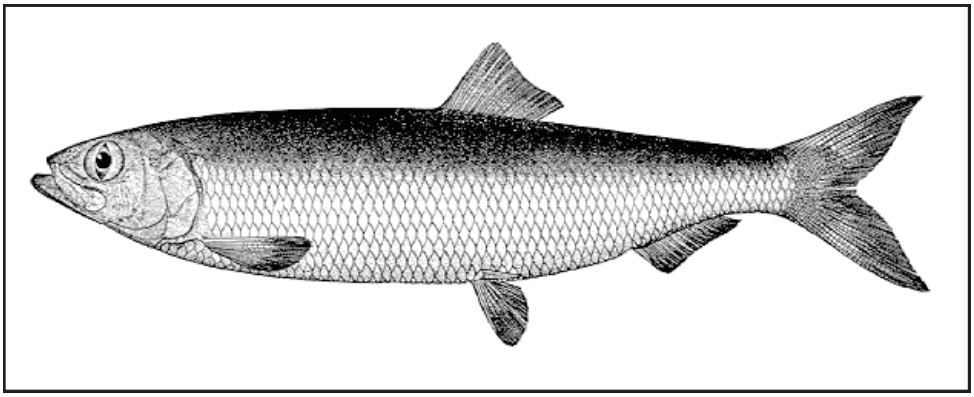
Maintain adequate populations to sustain subsistence harvest.

Conservation Measures

- Harvest only what is needed.
- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- Harvest within quota where one has been established.

PACIFIC OR **BLUE HERRING** (*Clupea pallasi)*

Biology



Pacific herring are true marine fish and can be identified from other "herring" species (Arctic and least ciscos) by the absence of the adipose fin (a small fleshy "knob" posterior to the dorsal fin) found on salmon, charr, grayling, whitefish, coney and ciscos. Pacific herring are very important to the coastal waters of the Beaufort Sea and are utilised by people in the community of Tuktoyaktuk. Pacific herring are preyed upon by beluga whales, seals and a large number of marine and anadromous fish species. Pacific herring spawn around the time of ice break-up (late June) in the deep coastal bays in which they have overwintered. Tuktoyaktuk Harbour is a major overwintering area. Spawning is confined to shallow, vegetated areas in the intertidal and subtidal zones. Following spawning, they disperse throughout the Beaufort for feeding and return to overwintering sites beginning in late August. Herring probably spawn every year after reaching sexual maturity at about 6-7 years of age in this area. The number of eggs varies with the age/size of the fish and averages 20,000 annually. Average life span for these fish is up to 16 years in the Bering Sea. Their food consists of small fish, crustaceans and copepods.

Important Habitat

Mackenzie River and estuary, tributaries to the Mackenzie (spawning habitat), inland lakes. Inner Shallow Bay/Niakunak Bay and Kugmallit Bay are important overwintering and nursery areas. Blue Herring are found off Shingle Point, Bailey Island, N.E. Richards Island, Tuktoyaktuk.

Management Plans/Agreements

None.

Recent Research

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FJMC North Slope Stock Identity Study (Charr and Cisco) conducted in 1989.

Research Priority

Community considers research on the biology and ecology of these species a high priority.

Population Status

Abundant.

Population Goal

Adequate supply at present.

Conservation Measures

- Identify and protect important habitats from disruptive land uses.
- No drilling in areas where these species concentrate for spawning or migration.
- Ensure all oil related activities are closely monitored.

FJMC / DFO

FISH SPECIES LIST

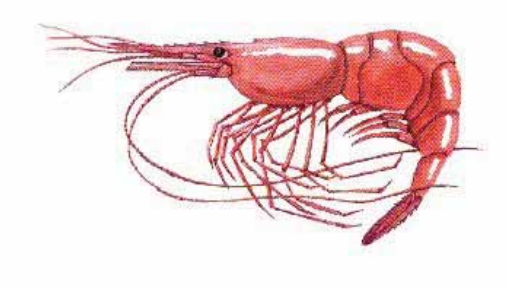
Many species of fish occur within the freshwater and marine environments of the mainland western Arctic. Most lakes and rivers support fish populations. A partial list of these including those already mentioned is presented below. It is recognized that these species may be important components of the food chain on which other species (e.g. Arctic charr, seals, polar bear) depend. As with other species, protection should be given to important habitats or ecological relationship where these become known. The outer Mackenzie Delta area, particularly Mason and Mallik Bays, is very important overwintering and nursery habitat for a variety of marine and anadromous fish.

Marine Species
Arctic Cod (*Boreogadus saida*)
Blue Herring (*Clupea pallasi*) / Qaluhaq
Capelin (*Mallotus villosus*)
Chum Salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*)[1]
Fourhorn Sculpin, Deepwater Sculpin or Devil Fish (*Myoxocephalus quadricornis*) / Kanayuq
Greenland Cod (*Gadus ogac*)
Pink Salmon (*Onchorhynchus gorbuscha*)[1]
Saffron Cod (*(Elegiums navaga*)
Sand Lance (*Amodytes sp.*)
Starry Flounder (*Platichthys stellatus*)
Tom Cod (*Microgadus proximus*) / Ulugaq

Freshwater
Arctic Charr (*Salvelinus alpinus*) / Qalukpik[1]
Arctic Cisco (*Coregonus autumnalis*)
Arctic Grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*) / Hulukpaugaq
Broad Whitefish (*Coregonus nasus*) / Anaqkiq
Burbot or Loche (*Lota lota*) / Tittaaliq
Dolly Varden (*Salvelinus malma*) / Qalukpik
Finescale Dace (*Phoxinus neogaeus*)
Flathead Chub (*Platygobio gracilis*)
Inconnu or Coney (*Stenodus leucichthys*) / Higaq
Lake Chub (*Couesius plumbeus*)
Lake Trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) /
Lake Whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*) / Pikuktuq or Qalupiaq
Least Cisco or Big-eyed Herring (*Coregonus sardinella*) / Qaluhaq[1]
Longnose Dace (*Rhinichthys cataractae*)
Longnose Sucker (*Catostomus catostomus*)
Nine-spine Stickleback (*Pungitius pungitius)*
Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*) / Siulik
Pond Smelt (*Hypomesus olidus*)
Rainbow Smelt (*Osmerus mordax*)
Round Whitefish (*Prosopium cylindraceum*)
Slimy Sculpin (*Cottus cognatus*)
Spoonhead Sculpin (*Cottus ricei*)
Trout Perch (*Percopsis omiscomaycus*)
Walleye (*Stizostedion vitreum*)
White Sucker (*Catostomus commersoni*)

1. These fish spend part of their life in salt water and part in fresh water. This life style is called "anadromous".

CRABS, SHRIMP, CLAMS AND SCALLOPS



The Community of Aklavik is aware that the coastal waters may support populations of crabs, shrimp, clams and scallops and many other species of marine life. A preliminary study of a fishery for these species was conducted by the FJMC in 1988. The study identified six species of shellfish and shrimp which may occur in the area and have commercial importance:

Clinorcardium ciliatum (cockle shell)
Delectopecten greenlandicus (Greenland scallops)
Mytilus edulis (Bay mussel)
Pandalus montagui tridens (Striped shrimp)
Pandalus borealis (Pink shrimp)
Serripes groenlandicus (clam)

It is recognized that these species may be important components of the food chain on which other animals depend, as well as potential food sources for subsistence and commercial use. As with other species, protection should be given to important habitats or ecological relationships where these become known.

INSECTS / QUPILGUT

A great number of terrestrial and aquatic insects and other invertebrates occur in the mainland western Arctic portion of the ISR. It is recognized that these species may form an important part of the food chain on which other animals or plants depend and may perform important functions, such as flower pollination and the breakdown of organic matter. Some species such as mosquitoes (**kiktugait**) also have a significant effect on the behaviour and habitat use patterns of by other animals (e.g. caribou) while others, such as butterflies (**taqalukiat**), may be a potential tourist attraction. Species such as the green dragonfly (**niulgia**) known as the "Timberline Emerald" (*Somatochlora sahlbergi*) have characteristics of particular interest to scientists. This species is found across Asia and has a preference for deep mossy ponds. It is one of the few dragonfly species which is known to interbreed with other species of dragonfly. The Community recognizes that the unregulated collection of certain rare insects can be a problem.

Important Habitats
Insect habitat is generally abundant and widespread in the western Arctic, however, there are certain habitat areas that tend to support species which have very limited distribution in North America and/or the northern hemisphere.

Examples of these habitats include the following:
- unglaciated areas where dolomite or limestone is common;
- west side of the Richardson Mountains in "White Mountains" area;
- south facing slopes dominated by pasture sage (*Artemesia frigida*).

Recent Research
Insect Biodiversity and Biogeography Along the Horton River, NWT. (Royal Ontario Museum, 2000)

Conservation Measures
- Protect important habitats and ecological relationships (as appropriate) where these become known.
- Become more familiar with the insect life of the region.

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PLANTS / NAURIAT OF THE MAINLAND WESTERN ARCTIC

A large number of plant species occur in the mainland western Arctic portion of the ISR. The flora of the area includes approximately 523 species of vascular plants (**nauriat**), at least 100 mosses, 121 lichen, 6 species of liverwort and 11 species of fern. These latter non-vascular plants are collectively known an Ivut. Plants provide an essential component of the ecosystem on which all animals depend. They provide food and shelter for wildlife, influence water quality, provide food for humans and make a valued contribution to the overall appearance of the land. The picking of berries (**asiat**) is an important summer activity.

Recent Research

Grasses of the NWT. (Canadian Museum of Nature, 1993)

Research Priority

The community considers research on plants, particularly monitoring the health of important food plants (for humans and animals) a very high priority.

Conservation Measures

Protect important habitats and ecological relationships when these become known. Do not export.

Plants of the Mainland Western Arctic

A partial list of plants which have been or may be found in the area is provided below. Not included are the many species of moss, lichen and liverwort referred to above. Plants used for food or other purposes by the Inuit are marked with an asterisk (*). Those which are considered rare are marked with a "+" sign. Where an asterisk is in brackets, there is uncertainty about the plant's identification.

Plant Species List

Achillea sibirica
A. borealis
Aconitum delphinifolium subsp. *delphinifolium*
Agoseris glauca
Agropyron boreale subsp. *alaskanum*
A. b. subsp. *boreale*
A. b. subsp. *hyperarcticum*
A. macrourum
Agrostis borealis
A. scabra
Allium schoenoprasum var. *sibiricum*
Alnus crispa subsp. *crispa*
A. incana subsp. *tenuifolia*
Alopecurus alpinus subsp. *alpinus*
Amerorchis rotundifolia
Andromeda polifolia
Androsace chamaejasme subsp. *lehmanniana*
A. septenrionalis
Anemone drummondii
A. multifida
A. narcissiflora subsp. *interior*
A. parviflora
A. Richardsonii
Antennaria friesiana subsp. *compacta*
A. f. subsp. *friesiana*
A. isolepis
A. monocephala subsp. *philonipha*
Aquilegia brevistyla
Arabis hirsuta subsp. *pycrocarpa*
A. drummondii
A. divaricarpa
Arctagrostis latifolia var. *latifolia*
A. l. var. *arundinacea*
Arctophila fulva
Arctostaphylos alpina (Black bearberry, **Paungat** - food)(*)
A. rubra
A. uva-ursi var. *uva-ursi*
Arenaria capillaris
A. humifusa
Armeria maritima subsp. *arctica*

Plants of the Mainland Western Arctic (cont'd.)

Arnica alpina subsp. *angustifolia*
A. a. subsp. *attenuata*
A. a. subsp. *tomentosa*
A. frigida
A. lessingii subsp. *lessingii*
Artemisia arctica subsp. *arctica*
A. a. subsp. *comata*
A. borealis
A. frigida
A. furcata
A. tilesii subsp. *elatior*
A. tilesii subsp. *tilesii* (Wormwood - medicine)*
Aster sibiricus
Astragalus aboriginum
A. alpinus subsp. *arcticus*
A. alpinus subsp. *alpinus*
A. bodinii
A. eucosmus subsp. *eucosumus*
A. eucosmus subsp. *sealei*
A. umbellatus
Atriplex gmelini
Beckannia erucaeformis subsp. baicalensis
Betula glandulosa
B. nana subsp. *exilis* (Dwarf Arctic Birch - food)*
Betula occidentalis
B. papyrifera
Boschniakia rossica
Botrychium boreale
B. lunaria
Braya humilis subsp. *arctica*
B. purpurascens
Bromus pumpellianus var. arcticus
B. p. var. *pumpellianus*
Bupleurum triradiatum subsp. *articum*
Calamagrostis canadensis subsp. *canadensis*
C. c. subsp. *langsdorfii*
C. deschampsioides
C. holmii
C. inexpansa
C. lapponica
C. neglecta
C. purpurascens
Calla palustris
Callitriche hermaphroditica
C. verna
Caltha palustris subsp. *arctica* (Marsh marigold - food)*
Campanula uniflora
Capsella bursa-pastoris
Cardamine bellidifolia
C. hyperborea
C. pratensis subsp. *angustifolia*
Carex albo-nigra
C. amblyorhycha
C. aquatilis
C. atrofusca
C. aurea
C. bicolor
C. bigelowii
C. bonanzensis
C. canescens
C. capillaris
C. capitata
C. chordorrhiza
C. concinna
C. diandra
C. dioica
C. disperma
C. eburnea
C. garberi subsp. *bifaria*
C. glacialis
C. glareosa subsp. *glareosa*
C. holostoma
C. lachenalii
C. laxa
C. limosa
C. livida
C. magellanica
C. machenziei
C. macloviana
C. maritima
C. media
C. membranacea
C. microchaeta
C. microglochin
C. misandra
C. nardina
C. obtusata
C. petricosa
C. podocarpa
C. Ramenskii+
C. rariflora (var. *androgyra considerd rare*)+
C. rostrata
C. rotundata
C. rupestris
C. saxatilis
C. scirpoidea
C. subspathacea
C. tenuiflora
C. ursina
C. vaginata
C. williamsii
Cassiope tetragona subsp. *tetragona*
Castilleja caudata
C. elegans
C. hyperborea
C. raupii
Cerastium arvense
C. beeringianum var. *grandiflorum*
Chamaedaphne calyculata
Chenopodium berlandieri subsp. *zschackei*
C. capitatum
Chrysanthemum arcticum subsp. *polare*
C. bipinnatum subsp. *huronense*
C. integrifolium
Chrysosplenium tetrandrum
Cicuta mackenzieana
Cnidium cnidiifolium
Cochlearia officinalis subsp. *arctica*
Corallorrhiza trifida
Cornus canadensis
Corydalis sempervirens
Crepis nana var. *nana*
Cypripedium guttatum subsp. *guttatum*
C. passerinum
Cystopteris fragilis subsp. *dickieana*
C. f. subsp. *fragilis*
Delphinium glaucum
Deschampsia brevifolia
D. caespitosa var. *caespitosa*
D. c. subsp. *orientalis*

Plants of the Mainland Western Arctic (cont'd.)

Draba cinerea
D. hirta
D. lactea
D. macrocarpa
D. nivalis
Descurainia sophioides
Diapensia lapponica
Dodecatheon pulchellum subsp. *pauciflorum*
D. frigidum
Douglasia arctica
D. ochotensis
Draba aurea
D. caesia
D. crassifolia
D. lanceolata
D. longipes
D. oligosperma
D. pilosa
D. pseudopilosa
Drosera rotundifolia
Dryas integrifolia subsp. *integrifolia*
D. i. subsp. *sylvatica*
D. octopetala
Dryopteris fragrans
Dupontia fischeri subsp. *fischeri*
D. F. subsp. *psilosantha*
Eleocharis acicularis
E. palustris
Elymus arenarius subsp. *mollis* var. *mollis*
E. a. subsp. *mollis* var. villosissimus
E. innovatus
Empetrum nigrum subsp. *hermaphroditum* (Crowberry/ **Paungat** - food, fuel)(*)
Epilobium angustifolium (Fireweed - food, medicine)*
E. davuricum
E. latifolium (River beauty, willowherd - food)*
E. palustre
Equisetum arvense (Horsetail - food, medicine)*
E. fluviatile
E. palustre
E. pratense
E. scirpoides
E. silvaticum (Horsetail - medicine)*
E. variegatum subsp. *variegatum*
Erigeron acris subsp. *politus*
E. compositus
E. elatus
E. eriocephalus
E. grandiflorus subsp. *grandiflorus*
E. humilis
E. hyperboreus
E. lonchophyllus
Eriophorum angustifolium subsp. *subarcticum* (Lettergrass - food, weaving)*
E. brachyantherum
E. callitrix
E. scheuchzeri var. *scheuchzeri*
E. Scheuchzeri var. *tenuifolium*
E. russeolum
E. vaginatum subsp. *spissum*
E. vaginatum subsp. *vaginatum*
Erysimum cheiranthoides
E. inconspicuum
Erysimum pallasii
Eutrema edwardsii
Festuca altaica
F. baffinensis
F. brachyphylla
F. rubra
Galium boreale
G. brandegei
G. trifidum subsp. *trifidum*
Gentiana detonsa
G. glauca
G. propinqua subsp. *arctophila*
G. p. subsp. *propinqua*
G. raupii
Geocaulon lividum
Geum glaciale
Goodyera repens var. *ophioides*
Halimolobus mollis
Hedysarum alpinum subsp.*americanum* (Licoriceroot, Eskimo potato, **Masu** - food)*
H. hedysaroides
H. mackenzii
Hierchloe odorata
H. alpina
H. pauciflora
Hippuris tetraphylla
H. vulgaris (Mare's tail - food)*
Honckenya peploides (Seabeach sandwort - food)*
Hordeum jubatum
Juncus arcticus subsp. *ater*
J. biglumis
J. bufonius
J. castaneus subsp. *castaneus*
J. triglumis subsp. *albescens*
J. triglumis subsp. *triglumis*
Juniperus communis subsp. nana
J. horizontalis
Kobresia myosuroides
K. sibirica
K. simpliciuscula
Koeleria asiatica+
Lagotis glauca subsp. *minor*
Lappula occidentalis
Larix laricina var. *alaskensis*
Ledum palustre subsp. *decumbens*
L. p. subsp. *groenlandicum* (Laborador Tea - medicine)*
Lemna trisulca
Lesquerella arctica
Linnaea borealis
Linum perenne subsp. *Lewisii*
Listera borealis
Lloydia serotina
Loiseleuria procumbens
Lomatogonium rotatum
Lupinus arcticus
Luzula arctica
L. arcuata subsp. *unalaschcensis*
L. multiflora subsp. *multiflora*
L. parviflora subsp. *parviflora*
L. spicata
L. tundricola
L. wahlenbergii
Lycopodium annotinum
L. confusa
L. selago subsp. *appressum*
L. s. subsp. *selago*
Matricaria matricarioides

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Melandrium affine
M. apetalum subsp. *articum*
M. taimyrense
M. taylorae
Menyanthes trifoliata
Mertensia maritima subsp. *maritima*
M. paniculata
Minuartia biflora
M. dawsonensis
M. obtusiloba
M. rossii
M. rubella
Moehringia lateriflora
Monenses uniflora
Montia fontana subsp. *fontana*
Myosotis alpestris subsp. *asiatica*
Myrica gale var. *tomentosa*
Myriophyllum spicatum
Nuphar polysepalum
Oxycoccus microcarpus
Oxyria digyna (Mountain sorrel - food, medicine)*
Oxytropis arctica
O. borealis
O. campestris subsp. *gracilis*
O. deflexa
O. maydelliana
Papaver hultenii
P. lapponicum subsp. *occidentale*
P. macounii
Parnassia kotzebuei
P. palustris subsp. *neogaea*
Parrya nudicaulis subsp. septentrionalis
Pedicularis capitata
P. kanei subsp. *kanei* (Wooly Lousewort - food)*
P. labradorica
P. langsdorffii subsp. *arctica* (Lousewort - food) (*)
P. lapponica
P. sudetica subsp. albolabiata
P. s. subsp. *interior* (Lousewort - food)(*)
P. verticillata
Petasites frigidus (Sweet Coltsfoot - food)*
P. hyperboreus (Sweet Coltsfoot - food)*
P. palmatus
P. sagittatus
Phippsia algida
Phlox alpigena[1]
P. hoodii
P. sibirica subsp. *richardsonii*
P. s. subsp. *sibirica*
Picea glauca
P. mariana
Pinguicula vulgaris subsp. *vulgaris*
P. villosa
Plantago canescens
P. eriopoda
P. maritima subsp. *juncoides*
Platanthera hyperborea
P. obtusata
Poa alpina
P. arctica subsp. *arctica*
P. glauca
P. lanata
P. paucispicula
P. pratensis
Polemonium acutiflorum
P. boreale subsp. *boreale*
P. pulcherrimum
Polygonum alaskanum (Eskimo rhubarb / Qaugaq - food)*
P. amphibium subsp. laevimarginatum
P. aviculare
P. bistorta subsp. *plumosum* (Bistort - food)*
P. viviparum (food)*
Populus balsamifera subsp. *balsamifera*
Potamogeton Berchtoldi
P. filiformis
P. friesii
P. gramineus
P. pectinatus
P. perfoliatus
P. praelongus
P. subsibiricus
P. vaginatus
P. zosterifolius subsp. *zosteriformis*
Potentilla egedii subsp. *egedii*
P. E. subsp. *grandis*
P. E. subsp. *yokonensis*
P. fruticosa
P. hookeriana subsp. *chamissonis*
P. H. subsp. *hookeriana* var. *hookeriana*
P. hyparctica
P. nivea
P. norvegica subsp. *monspeliensis*
P. palustris
P. pennsylvanica
P. pulchella
P. rubricaulis
P. vahliana
Primula borealis
P. egaliksensis
P. stricta
Puccinellia andersonii+
P. artica+
P. borealis
P. interior
P. phryganodes
P. vaginata
Pulsatilla patens subsp. *multifida*
Pyrola asarifolia var. *purpurea*
P. chlorantha
P. grandiflora
P. minor
P. secunda subsp. *obtusata*
Ranunculus confervoides
R. cymbalaria
R. eschscholtzii
R. gelidus subsp. *Grayi*
R. gmelini subsp. *Gmelini*
R. hyperboreus
R. lapponicus
R. nivalis
R. pallasii (Buttercup - food)*+
R. pedatifidus subsp. *affinis*
R. pygmaeus subsp. *pygmaeus*
R. p. subsp. *Sabinei*
R. reptans
R. sceleratus subsp. *multifidus*
R. sulphureus var. sulphureus
R. trichophyllus var. *trichophyllus*
R. turneri+
Rhododendron lapponicum

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Ribes hudsonianum
R. triste
Rorippa calycina
R. hispida var. *barbareaefolia*
R. islandica subsp. *Fernaldiana*
Rosa acicularis
Rubus arcticus subsp. *stellatus* (Arctic raspberry - food)*+
R. chamaemorus (Cloudberry, **Aqpik** - food)*
R. idaeus subsp. *melanolasius*
R. pubescens
R. acetosa subsp. alpestris
R. sibiricus
R. arcticus (Arctic Dock - food)*
Sagina intermedia
Salix alaxensis (Alaska willow - food, additive to chewing tobacco)*
S. arbusculoides
S. arctica subsp. arctica
S. arctolitoralis
S. arctophila
S. chamissonis+
S. fuscescens
S. glauca subsp. *acutifolia*
S. g. subsp. *callicarpaea*
S. g. subsp. *desertorum*
S. hastata
S. lanata
S. myrtillifolia
S. niphoclada
S. phlebophylla
S. phylicifolia
S. polaris subsp. *pseudopolaris*
S. pulchra (food, medicine, additive to chewing tobacco and snuff)*
S. reticulata subsp. *reticulata*
Sanguisorba officinalis
Saussurea angustifolia
Saxifraga caespitosa
S. cernua (Bulblet saxifrage - food)(*)
S. exilis
S. foliolosa var. foliolosa
Saussurea angustifolia
Saxifraga caespitosa
S. cernua (Bulblet saxifrage - food)(*)
S. exilis
S. foliolosa var. *foliolosa*
S. hieracifolia
S. hirculus (Bog saxifrage - food)(*)
S. nivalis
S. oppositifolia subsp. *oppositifolia*
S. punctata subsp. *Nelsoniana*(Cordate-leaved Saxifragi - food)*
S. reflexa
S. rivularis var. *flexuosa*
S. rivularis var. *rivularis*
S. tricuspidata
Sedum rosea subsp. *integrifolium*
Selaginella sibirica
Senecio atropurpureus subsp. *frigidus*
S. a. subsp. *tomentosus*
S. congestus
S. hyperborealis
S. lugens
S. pauperculus
S. resedifolius
S. yukonensis
Shepherdia canadensis
Sibbaldia procumbens
Silene acaulis subsp. *acaulis*
S. a. subsp. *subacaulescens*
Silene repens
Smelowskia calycina
Solidago multiradiata
Sparganium hyperboreum
S. multipedunculatum
Spiraea beauverdiana
Stellaria calycantha subsp. *interior*
S. calycantha var. *isophylla*
S. crassifolia
S. edwardsii
S. humifusa
S. laeta
S. longipes
S. media
S. monantha
Taraxacum alaskanum
T. ceratophorum
T. lacerum ((Dandelion - food)*
T. phymatocarpum
Thellungiella salsuginea
Thlaspi arcticum
Tofieldia coccinea
T. pusilla
Trichophorum caespitosum
Triglochin maritimum
T. palustris
Tripleurospermum phaeocephalum
Trisetum spicatum subsp. *molle*
T. s. subps. *spicatum*
Utricularia intermedia
U. vulgaris subsp. *macrorhiza*
Vaccinium uligonosum subsp. *alpinum* (Blueberry, **Asivit** - food, fuel)*
V. u. subsp. *microphyllum* (Blueberry, **Asivit** - food, fuel)*
V. vitis-idaea subsp. *minus* (Lingonberry, Cranberry, **Kimingnat** - food)*
Valeriana capitata (Valerian - medicine)*
Viola epipsila subsp. *repens*
Wilhelmsia physodes
Woodsia alpina+
W. glabella
Zygadenus elegans

\+ Listed as rare vascular plants in: Argus, G.W. and K.M. Pryer 1990 Rare Vascular Plants in Canada. Canadian Museum of Nature.
* Locally used food or medicine plant.

Source:
Argus G.W. and K. Pryer, 1990. Rare Vascular Plants in Canada. Canadian Museum of Nature. Ottawa.
Hulten, E., 1968. Flora of Alaska and Neighboring Territories. A Manual of the Vascular Plants. Stanford University Press. Stanford, California.

HARVEST SEASONS IN THE AKLAVIK PLANNING AREA

Jan 1-15	Jan 15-31	Feb 1-15	Feb 15-28	Mar 1-15	Mar 5-31	Apr 1-15	Apr 15-30	May 1-15	May 15-31	Jun 1-15	Jun 15-30
furbearers	furbearers	furbearers	furbearers	furbearers	furbearers						
				muskrat	muskrat	muskrat	muskrat	muskrat	muskrat	muskrat	
								birds	birds	birds	birds
polar bear	polar bear	polar bear	polar bear	polar bear	polar bear	polar bear	polar bear	polar bear	polar bear		
				grizzly bear	grizzly bear	grizzly bear	grizzly bear	grizzly bear	grizzly bear	grizzly bear	
caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou
										fish	fish

Jul 1-15	Jul 15-31	Aug 1-15	Aug 15-31	Sep 1-15	Sep 15-30	Oct 1-15	Oct 15-31	Nov 1-15	Nov 15-30	Dec 1-15	Dec 15-31
beluga	beluga	beluga	beluga	beluga							
				birds	birds						
		moose	moose	moose	moose						
					grizzly bear	grizzly bear	grizzly bear	grizzly bear	grizzly bear		
caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou	caribou
fish	fish	fish	fish	fish	fish	fish	fish	fish	fish		

APPENDIX A

PRINCIPLES OF WILDLIFE HARVESTING AND MANAGEMENT FROM THE INUVIALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT

1. A basic goal of the Inuvialuit Land Rights Settlement is to protect and preserve the arctic wildlife, environment and biological productivity through the application of conservation principles and practices.

2. In order to achieve effective protection of the ecosystems in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, there should be an integrated wildlife and land management regime, to be attained through various means, including the coordination of legislative authorities.

3. It is recognized that in the future it may be desirable to apply special protective measures under laws, from time to time in force, to lands determined to be important from the standpoint of wildlife, research or harvesting. The appropriate ministers shall consult with the Inuvialuit Game Council from time to time on the application of such legislation.

4. It is recognized that one of the means of protecting and preserving the Arctic wildlife, environment and biological productivity is to ensure the effective integration of the Inuvialuit into all bodies, functions and decisions pertaining to wildlife management and land management in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

5. The relevant knowledge and experience of both the Inuvialuit and the scientific communities should be employed in order to achieve conservation.

APPENDIX B

GOALS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE INUVIALUIT RENEWABLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

GOALS

1. **Conserve Resource Base**. To conserve arctic animals and plants and their associated ecosystems within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

2. **Integrated Management**. To provide for integrated renewable resource and land management.

3. **Co-operation**. To co-operatively manage shared resources.

4. **Enhance Understanding**. To enhance understanding and appreciation of arctic ecosystems.

PRINCIPLES

1. **Diversity**. Maintaining the great variety of animals and plants will help ensure the stability and productivity of the arctic ecosystem.

2. **Productivity & Culture**. Maintenance of productive arctic ecosystems is essential for the survival of Inuvialuit cultural values, social systems, local economy and sense of well being.

3. **Communication and Co-operation**. Long term protection of ecosystems can best be achieved through active communication and co-operation of all parties concerned, including the combination of renewable resource and land management activities.

4. **Future Options**. Maintenance of the renewable resource base and its enhancement, where appropriate, will maximize Inuvialuit future options.

5. **Protection**. Special conservation measures, including new legislation, may be necessary from time to time, to protect the renewable resource base.

6. **Population Management**. Management of fish and wildlife resources as discrete populations, where these can be identified is essential to their conservation.

7. **Habitat**. Careful management of habitat is vital to the maintenance of abundant fish and wildlife populations.

8. **Resource Use**. Subsistence and recreational use of well managed renewable resources is desirable and consistent with their conservation.

9. **Participation**. Participation of the Inuvialuit in renewable resource and land management is essential for the conservation of Arctic plants and animals and the habitats on which they depend.

10. **Indigenous Knowledge**. Inuvialuit knowledge and experience are essential elements in the proper management of renewable resources in the Settlement Region.

APPENDIX C

GOALS OF THE NORTH SLOPE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

1 **Conservation of Wildlife and Habitat.** Ensure that the management of fish and other wildlife, as well as habitat and harvesting, occur according to conservation principles.

2 **Protection of the North Slope Environment.** Ensure a healthy North Slope environment to maintain its natural state, including its biological diversity and productivity.

3 **Enhanced inter-jurisdictional Cooperation.** Ensure integrated and coordinated management of North Slope wildlife and habitat through inter-jurisdictional and international cooperation.

4 **Involvement with User Groups in Management Decisions.** Ensure participation of all North Slope user groups in management decisions.

5 **Development within Environmental Limits.** Ensure that development activity does not compromise the environment, wildlife, habitat or native use of the Yukon North Slope.

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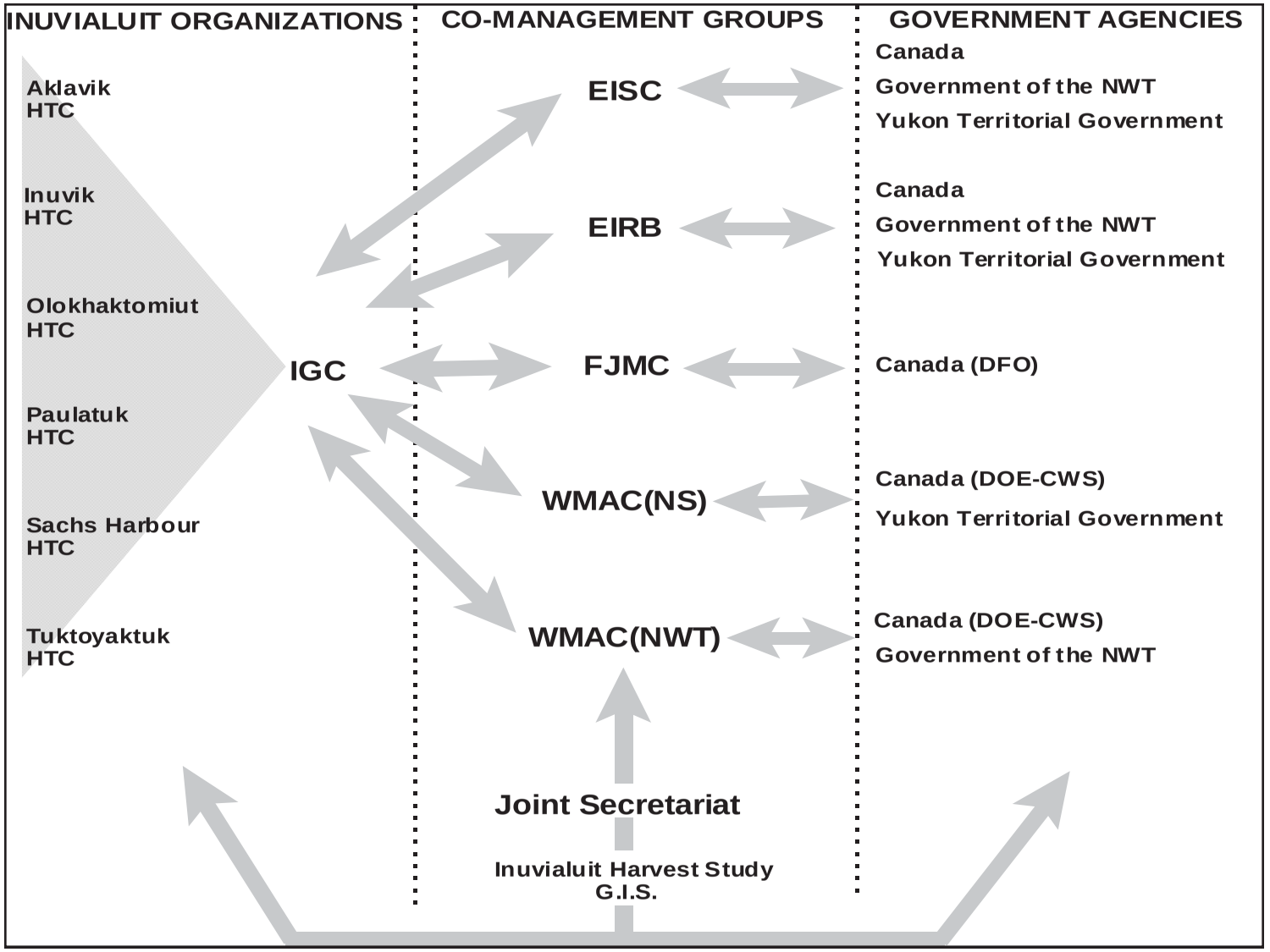
APPENDIX D

ORGANIZATION CHART FOR RENEWABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UNDER THE INUVIALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT



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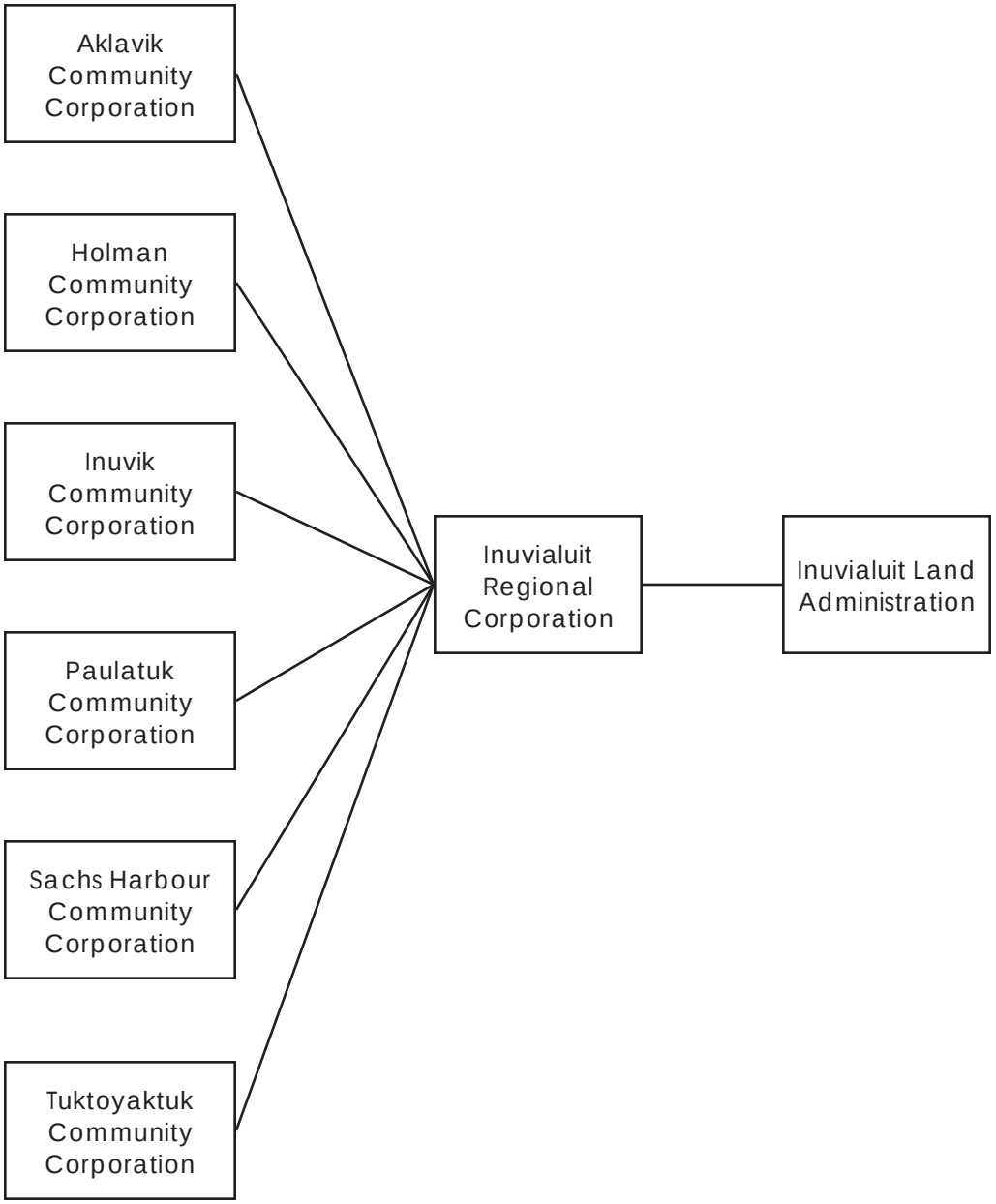
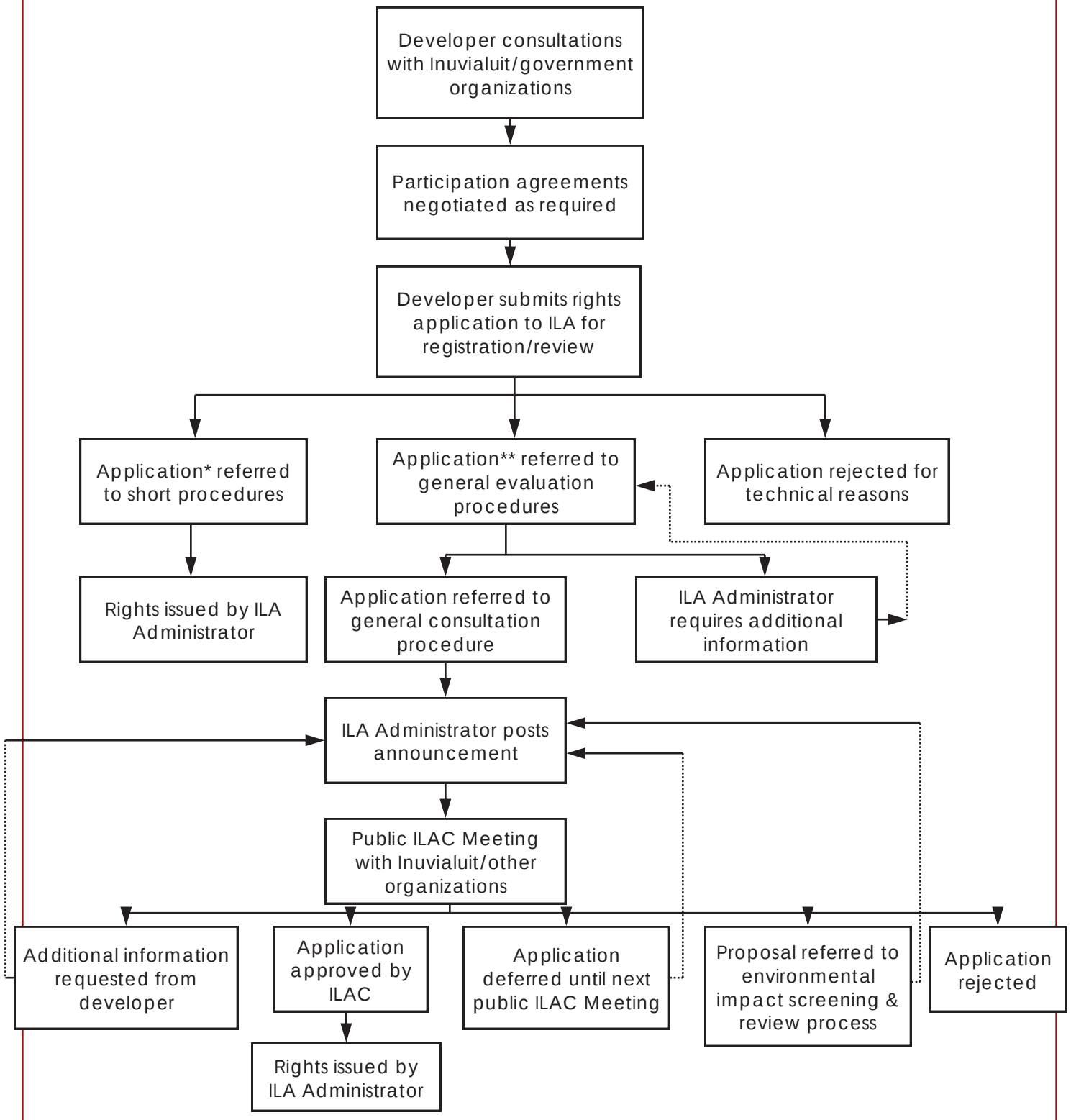
APPENDIX E

ORGANIZATION CHART FOR PRIVATE LAND MANAGEMENT UNDER THE INUVIALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT



APPENDIX F

INUVIALUIT LAND ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS



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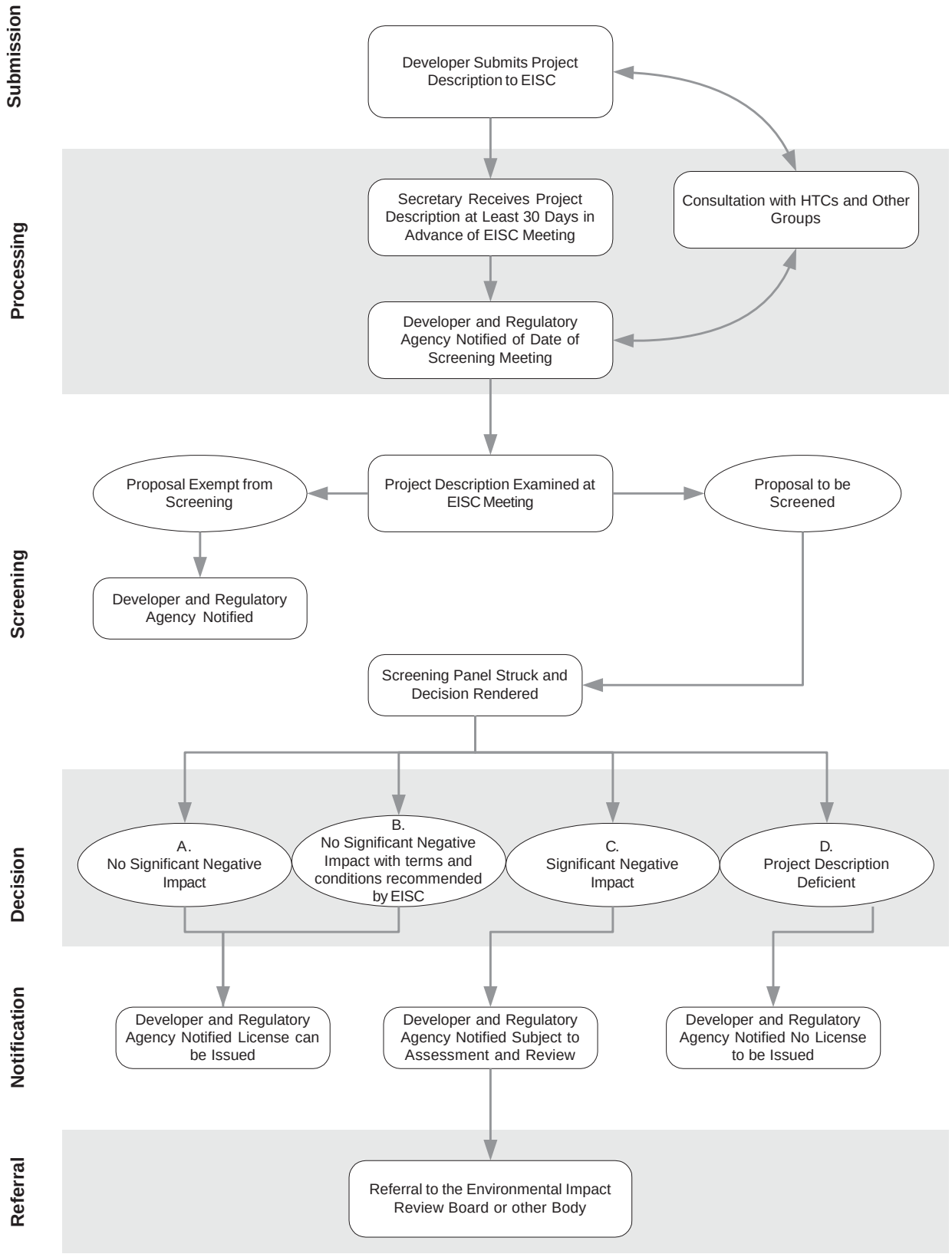
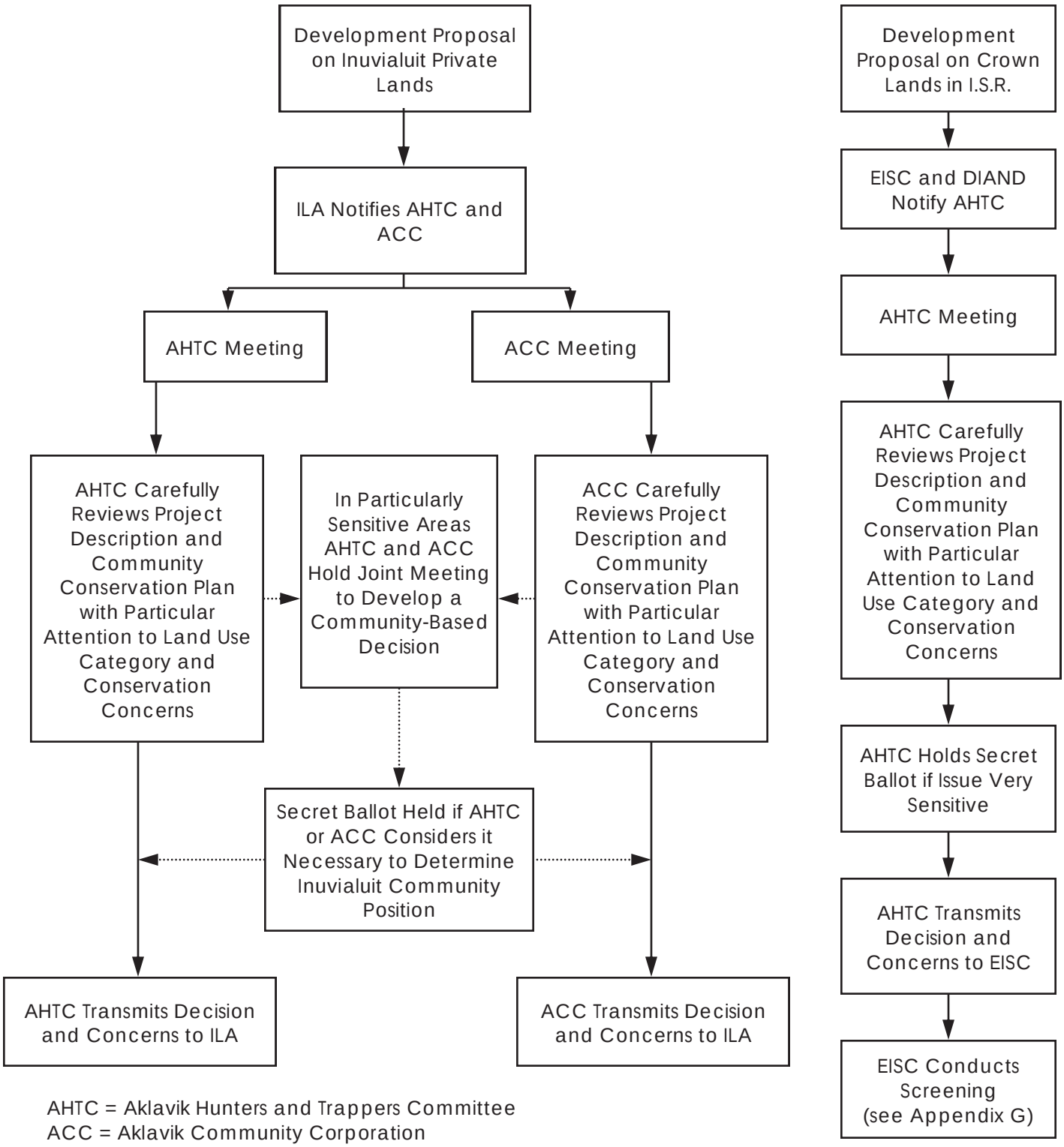
INUVIALUIT SETTLEMENT REGION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SCREENING AND REVIEW PROCESS



APPENDIX H

AKLAVIK LAND USE DECISION PROCESS



AHTC = Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee
ACC = Aklavik Community Corporation
ISR = Inuvialuit Settlement Region
EISC = Environmental Impact Screening Committee
DIAND = Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

APPENDIX I

CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS

Section 19. From Inuvialuit Land Administration Manual of Rules and Procedures

19(1) Activities Prohibited on Inuvialuit Land
19(2) Excavation
19(3) Water Crossings
19(4) Clearing of Lines, Trails or Rights of Way
19(5) Survey Monuments
19(7) Contingency Plans
19(8) Pingos
19(9) Archaeological Sites
19(10) Campsites
19(11) Sewage
19(12) Restoration of an Area
19(13) Removal of Buildings and Equipment
19(16) Emergencies
19(17) Display of Rights
19(18) Staking
19(19) Cutting of Trees
19(20) Availability of Rules and Procedures

CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS

ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED ON INUVIALUIT LAND

19(1) No Holder shall, unless expressly authorized in his Right or in writing by the Administrator or Inspector:

(a) conduct an operation within 30 m (98 ft.) of a known monument or a known or suspected archaeological site or burial ground;

(b) when excavating Inuvialuit Land within 100 m (328 ft.) of any stream excavate at a point that is below the normal high water mark of that stream, except for buried pipelines;

(c) deposit on the bed or on the ice of any waterbody any excavated material; or

(d) when placing a fuel or supply cache within 100 m (328 ft.) or any stream or waterbody, place the fuel or supply cache below the normal high water mark of that stream or waterbody;

EXCAVATION

19(2) Subject to the terms and conditions of his Right or the express written authority of an Inspector, every Holder, other than the Holder of a Quarry Licence, Quarry Concession or Concession, shall replace all materials removed by him in the course of excavating, other than rock trenching, and shall level and compact the area of excavation, except for backfill over buried pipelines and sumps.

WATER CROSSINGS

19(3) Subject to the terms and conditions of his Right or the express written authority of an Inspector, every Holder shall:

(a) remove any material or debris deposited in any stream or waterbody in the course of an

operation, whether for the purpose of constructing a crossing or otherwise, and

(b) restore the channel and bed of the stream or waterbody to their original alignment and cross-section, prior to the completion of the operations or prior to the commencement of spring break-up, whichever occurs first.

CLEARING OF LINES, TRAILS OR RIGHTS OF WAY

19(4) Unless expressly authorized in a Right, no Holder shall:

(a) clear a new line, trail or right-of-way where there is an existing line, trail or right-of-way that can be used;

(b) clear a line, trail, or right-of-way wider than 10 m (33 ft.); or,

(c) while clearing a line, trail or right-of-way, leave leaners or debris in standing timber.

19(5) Where, in the opinion of an Inspector, serious erosion may result from an operation, the Holder shall adopt such measures to control erosion as may be required by the Inspector.

SURVEY MONUMENTS

19(6) Where a boundary, geodetic or topographic monument is damaged, destroyed, moved or altered in the course of an operation, the Holder shall, in accordance with these Rules and laws generally applicable:

(a) report the fact immediately to the Administrator and respective authorities, and pay the costs of:
  (i) investigating such damage, destruction, movement or alteration, and
  (ii) restoring or re-establishing the monument to its original condition or its original place; or
(b) cause the monument to be restored or re-established at his own expense.

CONTINGENCY PLANS

19(7) Holders of a Land Use Permit Class A, Commercial Lease Class 1, Well-Site Lease, Public Lease, Quarry Concession, Concession, Reconnaissance Permit, or Right of Way shall submit to the Administrator and, from time to time, update comprehensive contingency plans to cope with possible major accidents, disasters or catastrophic events during the operations.

PINGOS

19(8) No vehicle shall have access to any Pingo, including a zone of 100 meters (328 ft.) surrounding such Pingo.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

19(9) Where in the course of an operation, a suspected archaeological site or burial ground is unearthed or otherwise discovered, the Holder shall immediately:
(a) suspend the operation on the site; and

(b) notify the Administrator or an Inspector of the location of the site and the nature of any unearthed materials, structures or artifacts.

CAMPSITES

19(10) Subject to the terms and conditions of the Right, every Holder shall dispose of all garbage, waste and debris from any campsite used in connection with an operation by removal, burning or burial or by such other method as may be directed by an Inspector.

SEWAGE

19(11) Sanitary sewage produced in connection with operations, shall be disposed of in accordance with the Public Health Ordinance of the Northwest Territories and any regulations made under the applicable Ordinance, or as stipulated by the Administrator.

RESTORATION OF AN AREA

19(12) Subject to the terms and conditions of the Right, every Holder shall, after completion of the operations, restore the area as nearly as possible to the same conditions as it was prior to the commencement of the operations.

REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

19(13) Subject to subsections 19(14) and 19(15) hereof, every Holder shall, on completion of the operation, remove all buildings, machinery, equipment, materials and fuel drums or other storage containers used in connection with the operations.

19(14) A Holder may, with the prior written approval of the Administrator, leave on Inuvialuit Lands such buildings, equipment, machinery and materials as the permittee deems may be required for future operations or other operations in the area, but any equipment, machinery or materials so left shall be stored in a manner, at a location and for a duration approved by the Administrator, and apply for the reduction of the Land Occupancy Rent as provided for in subsection 17(14) hereof. Where applicable, the Holder may also make an Application for the reclassification of his Right.

19(15) Subject to any applicable mining legislation on 7(1)(b) Lands, a Holder may, without the prior approval of the Administrator, leave diamond drill cores at a drill site on Inuvialuit Lands.

EMERGENCIES

19(16) Any person may, in an emergency that threatens life, property or the natural environment, carry out such operations as he deems necessary to cope with the emergency, whether or not the operation is carried out in accordance with these Rules or any Right that he may have and such person shall immediately thereafter send a written report to the Administrator describing the duration, nature and extent of the emergency operation.

DISPLAY OF RIGHTS

19(17) Every Holder engaged in a work or undertaking authorized by a Right shall display:

(a) an exact copy of the Right, including the conditions thereof, in a prominent place of the operations; and
(b) the ILA number assigned to the Right on such articles and equipment, in such a manner and at such places as the Administrator may require.

STAKING

19(18) A person who desires to obtain a Quarry Concession, Coal Concession or Mineral Concession, shall stake such lands in the following manner:

(a) the area shall not exceed the maximum area permitted by these Rules and the length of any areas shall not exceed twice its width;

(b) the area shall be rectangular in form except where a boundary of a previously staked tract is adopted as common to both areas;

(c) the land shall be marked by the applicant with posts firmly fixed in the ground, one at each corner; alternatively, rock cairns may be used in lieu of posts;

(d) each post shall be at least 25 sq. cm (4 sq. in.) and when firmly planted shall not be less than 1.25 m (4 ft.) above the ground;

(e) each post shall bear markings showing the number of the post, the name of the applicant, the date of the staking and the kind of materials which it is desired to remove;

(f) when rock cairns are used they shall be well constructed and shall not be less than two feet high and two feet in diameter at the base and a metal container shall be built into the cairn, and a notice bearing the number of the cairn, name of the applicant, the date of the staking and the kind of material which it is desired to remove shall be placed therein;

(g) in a timbered area the lines between the posts shall be clearly marked; and in treeless areas mounds of earth or rock not less than 6 m (2 ft.) high and 6 m (2 ft.) in diameter at the base may be used to mark the lines between the cairns;

(h) the applicant shall post a written or printed notice on a post or in a cairn setting out his intention to apply for a Quarry Concession within the time prescribed by these Rules; or

(i) if two or more persons apply for the same area, the person who first staked the area in accordance with these Rules shall be entitled to priority in respect to the issuance of a Quarry Concession.

CUTTING OF TREES

19(19) Holders shall only cut trees where there is no reasonable alternative than cutting trees for the creation of seismic lines, Right-of-Ways, or areas necessary for work camps or buildings. Otherwise, Holders shall under no circumstances cut trees unless specifically authorized in writing by the Administrator.