

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

## ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2006-07

For the period April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007

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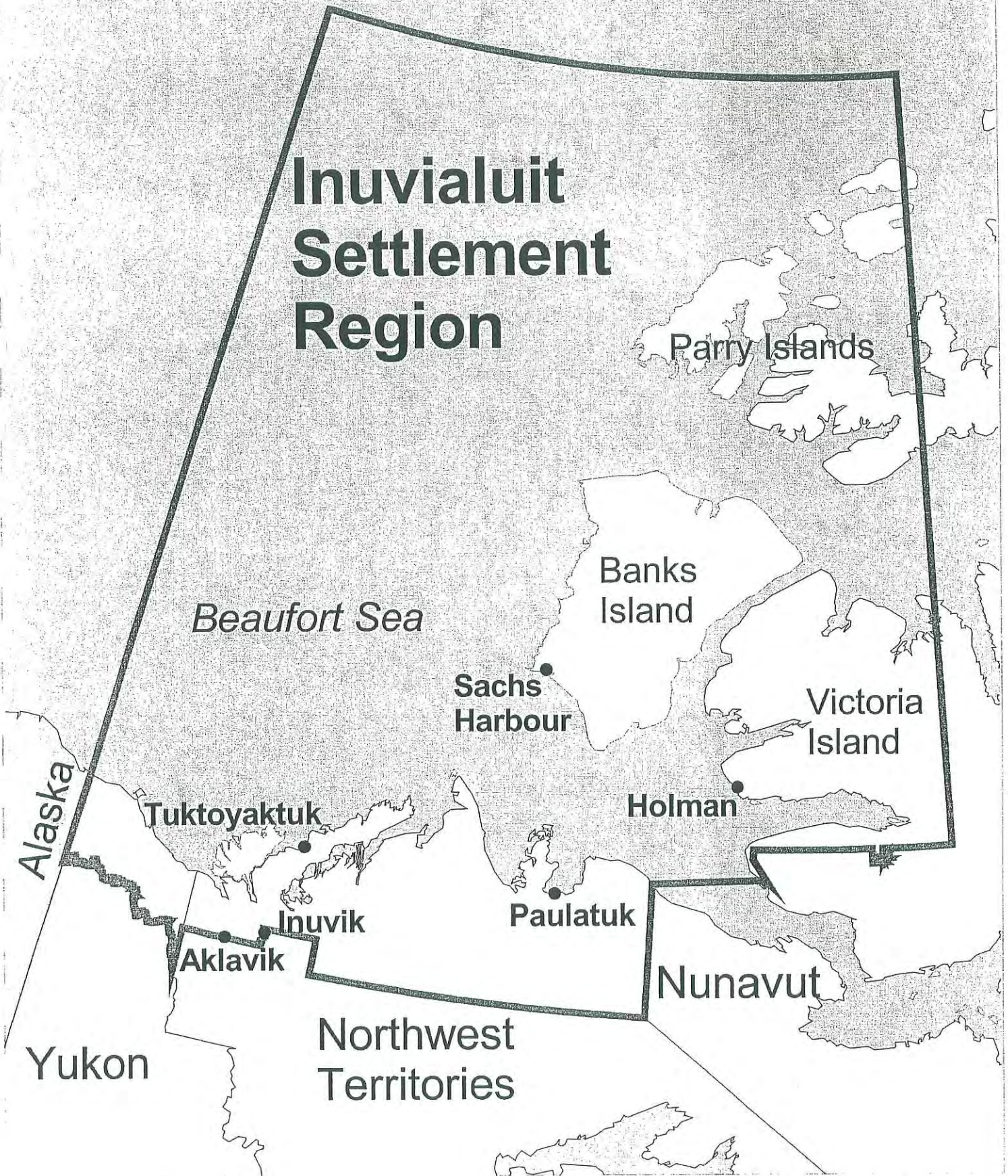
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# Inuvialuit Settlement Region





## CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) has secured full membership with the appointment of Catherine Cockney in December. The EIRB held one regular meeting and three conference calls during the review period. In addition to regular business, guest speakers have been included in EIRB meeting agendas for information and a broader perspective on issues that are important to both EIRB members and the ISR.

In keeping with the EIRB's desire to be proactive on environmental issues, a decision was made by members to develop a strategic plan that will guide the EIRB over the next few years in its ongoing operational objectives and activities. Members undertook an initial review of this plan at their March 2007 meeting. The completion of the plan will allow the EIRB to focus its efforts on ongoing matters relevant to its mandate during periods that it is not engaged in a formal environmental review.

The EIRB has initiated a formal review of its operational procedures and guidelines and has sought the participation of ISR schools and HTCs in the development of an EIRB logo. Both these initiatives are scheduled for completion later this calendar year.

The EIRB has completed draft criteria for establishing environmental standards for certain proscribed areas within Husky Lakes as required by Section 8 of the IFA. Consultations on this draft were held with HTCs and Community Corporations in Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk on March 15, 2007. Mike Harlow of the Inuvialuit Land Administration attended the meetings with the EIRB to provide and update on their Husky Lakes Management Plan. These meetings will be followed by public meetings in both communities later this year before finalizing the criteria.

The EIRB, through its Chair, has been active with the NWT Board Forum working group in developing orientation and training materials for the benefit of both new and current board members in the NWT. The working group has also developed workbooks to assist boards in the development of strategic plans, work plans, and annual reports. EIRB members took advantage of training in three areas over the course of the review period: mining for non-miners, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and administrative law. Additional courses will be available during the next fiscal year. The Chair also participated with the Community Support Unit of the JS in the HTC orientation for ISR communities in February 2007. These courses are beneficial in keeping board members current with technical and governance issues.

Katherine Thiesenhausen covered the activities of the EIRB over the summer period in the absence of Larry Peckford, the EIRB environmental assessment coordinator. Her assistance was greatly appreciated.

As Chair of the EIRB, I wish to thank my fellow Board members, Larry Peckford and the staff of the Joint Secretariat for their efforts in helping the Board complete another successful year. I would also like to welcome Catherine Cockney to the EIRB.

Elizabeth Snider  
Chair



## PERIOD OF REPORT

This report describes the affairs of the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) for the fiscal period of April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

## AUTHORITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

The EIRB was established under the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) between Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement, representing the Inuvialuit. The IFA was approved, given effect, and declared valid by the *Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act* [S.C. 32-33 Elizabeth II, C.24], on June 28, 1984. The IFA provides the groundwork for a two-stage environmental screening and review process that is carried out by the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) and the EIRB [IFA Section 11.0]. The EISC conducts environmental screenings of development activities proposed for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. The EIRB carries out detailed environmental impact assessments and public reviews of development projects referred to it by the EISC pursuant to the IFA.

The EIRB is structured so that both parties to the IFA, the Inuvialuit and the Government of Canada are represented equally. The goals of the IFA, directly relevant to the EIRB operations are:

- *To preserve Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society;*
- *To enable Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society; and*
- *To protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment, and biological productivity.*

## MEMBERSHIP

The EIRB is composed of seven members. Three members are appointed through Orders-in-Council by the Government of Canada; three members are appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC); and a chair is selected by the Government of Canada with the consent of the IGC. Of the three members appointed by Canada, one is nominated by the Government of Yukon, one is nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and one is selected by the Government of Canada.

MEMBERS FOR 2006-07

Elizabeth Snider Yellowknife, NT	CHAIR Appointed by Canada	Feb. 2005 – Feb. 2008
Jack Akhiatak Ulukhaktok, NT	MEMBER Appointed by IGC	Sept. 2005 – Sept. 2008 Sept. 2002 – Sept. 2005 Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2002
Eric Cockney Tuktoyaktuk, NT	MEMBER Appointed by IGC	Sept. 2005 – Sept. 2008
Herbert Felix Tuktoyaktuk, NT	MEMBER Appointed by IGC	Sept. 2005 – Sept. 2008 Sept. 2002 – Sept. 2005 Sept. 1999 – Sept. 2002 Sept. 1996 – Sept. 1999 Sept. 1995 – Sept. 1996
Tom Butters Gilles Bay, BC	MEMBER Appointed by Canada	April 2005 – April 2008 June 2004 – March 2005 June 2001 – June 2004 June 1998 – June 2001 June 1995 – June 1998 June 1992 – June 1995
David Loeks Whitehorse, YK	MEMBER Nominated by Government of Yukon Appointed by Canada	March 2005 – March 2008
Catherine Cockney Inuvik, NT	MEMBER Nominated by Government of the Northwest Territories Appointed by Canada	Dec. 2006 – Dec. 2009

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The EIRB receives administrative, technical and clerical support from the Joint Secretariat (JS) in Inuvik. The EIRB resource person has been filled by Larry Peckford, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, since August 2005.

In addition to the above, during the period of this report, the following individuals on the JS staff provided assistance to the EIRB:

Administrative	Norm Snow Connie Gordon	Executive Director, JS Senior Administrative Officer
Financial	Erica Lught	Finance Officer
Clerical	Bernice Joe Myrna Button Meeka Kisoun	Secretary/Receptionist Casual Office Clerk/Librarian Travel/accommodation coordinator
Geographic Information Systems	Michael Kohler	GIS Specialist
Auditors	Avery Cooper and Company, Yellowknife NT	
Legal Advisor	John Donihee Professional Corporation	
Resource People	Kevin Bill Andrea Hoyt Agnes Nokšana  Steve Baryluk  Katherine Thiesenhausen  Diane Dillon  Sheila Nasogaluak Richard Binder Fred Kuptana	FJMC Resource Biologist FJMC Resource Biologist EISC Environmental Assessment Coordinator IGC Resource Management Coordinator WMAC(NWT) Resource Biologist HTC Administrative Support Officer Community Support Unit RP Community Support Unit RP Community Support Unit RP



## REVIEWS

The EIRB had no reviews referred to it during the reporting period.

## OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Operating Procedures are under review. Until this review is complete the current operation procedures apply. Persons who are interested in obtaining a copy of the EIRB's current Operating Procedures or who have questions about the EIRB should contact:

Environmental Assessment Coordinator  
Environmental Impact Review Board  
Joint Secretariat – Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees  
Inuvialuit Corporate Centre  
PO Box 2120,  
Inuvik, NT  
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Fax: (867) 777- 2610  
Email: [eirb@jointsec.nt.ca](mailto:eirb@jointsec.nt.ca)

## ROUTINE OPERATIONS

The EIRB held one regular meeting during the year (March 2007) and three teleconference meetings (June 2006, October 2006, and January 2007).

## ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONFERENCES

The EIRB takes part in other activities, as necessary, to advance the environmental review process and remain current on issues that will affect the work of the Board. The following is a list of activities, meetings, workshops and conferences attended by members of the EIRB during the reporting period:

Activity	Dates	Attendee
CEAM Annual Gathering Deline, NT	May 15 – 17, 2006	Larry Peckford
Geoscience Forum Yellowknife, NT	Nov. 20 – 23, 2006	Larry Peckford Herbert Felix Elizabeth Snider
Mining for Non-miners Yellowknife, NT	Jan. 23 -26, 2007	Jack Akhiatak Herbert Felix Elizabeth Snider
North Slope Conference Whitehorse, YK	Jan. 30 – Feb. 1, 2007	Jack Akhiatak Herbert Felix Larry Peckford
EA Practitioners Workshop Yellowknife, NT	Feb. 27 – 28, 2007	Larry Peckford
Introduction to Administrative Law Yellowknife, NT	March 27 – 29, 2007	Herbert Felix Eric Cockney Catherine Cockney



## FINANCES

Funding for the Chair, Canada member, Yukon member and the Environmental Assessment Coordinator of the EIRB is provided through a contribution agreement with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). INAC also provides funding through a contribution agreement for any reviews conducted by the EIRB. Funding for the Inuvialuit members is provided through a contribution agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories. A summary of the finances of the EIRB for the reporting period is attached as Appendix B.

## APPENDICIES

Appendix A:  
Appendix B:

Acronyms and Abbreviations  
Financial Summary



## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

INAC	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
EIRB	Environmental Impact Review Board
EISC	Environmental Impact Screening Committee
FJMC	Fisheries Joint Management Committee
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
HTC	Hunters and Trappers Committee
IFA	Inuvialuit Final Agreement
IGC	Inuvialuit Game Council
ISR	Inuvialuit Settlement Region
JS	Joint Secretariat – Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees
RP	Resource Person
WMAC (NWT)	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

These unaudited financial summaries are for information purposes and should not be considered as definitive statements of account. For full financial details, the audited financial statements of the Joint Secretariat should be consulted. For further information, contact:

Executive Director  
Joint Secretariat – Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees  
Box 2120/ Suite 204  
Inuvik, Northwest Territories  
CANADA, X0E



Environmental Impact Review Board – Chair and Canada Member  
 2006 – 2007 Contribution Agreements INAC  
 For the year ending March 31, 2007

REVENUE	INAC contribution (Implementation Funds)	\$91,257
EXPENDITURES	Chair – honoraria	24,000
	Chair – per diem	1,465
	Chair – accommodation	3,069
	Chair – travel	11,343
	Canada member – honoraria	2,825
	Canada member – per diem	432
	Canada member – accommodation	485
	Canada member - travel	3,735
	Office costs	2,345
	Fixed assets	5,731
	Insurance	1,145
	Telephone and fax	364
	Meeting costs	2,100
	Registration fees	159
	Workshops/conferences	24,994
	JS Board meetings	2,000
	Legal/consulting	680
		86,845
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		\$4,412

Environmental Impact Review Board – INUVIALUIT PARTICIPATION  
For the year ending March 31, 2007

REVENUE	Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Natural Resources	\$22,184
EXPENDITURES	Honoraria	12,538
	Per Diem	2,005
	Travel	2,428
	Accommodation	4,063
	Meeting costs	-
		21,034
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		\$1,150



Environmental Impact Screening Committee and Review Board –  
 ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT  
 2006-2007 Contribution Agreements – INAC  
 For the year ending March 31, 2007

REVENUES	INAC Flexible transfer	\$338,721
EXPENDITURES	Wages and benefits	184,782
	Recruiting/relocation	11,467
	Office costs	69,560
	Office rent	27,965
	Capital assets	1,656
	Telephone and fax	6,416
	Registration fees	2,874
	Travel	11,350
	Accommodation	4,861
	Per diems	4,493
		325,424
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURE)		\$13,297