

# Nunavut Impact Review Board

NIRB's Role in Marine Management

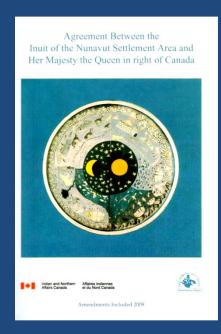


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East Hudson Bay/James Bay Roundtable Meeting

# **Objectives**

- 1. Provide an overview of Nunavut's regulatory system and the role of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)
- 2. Focus on the NIRB's role in marine management and transboundary considerations
- 3. Provide an overview of the Nunavut Marine Council
- 4. Highlight opportunities for cooperation



The Nunavut Land Claims
Agreement and the Nunavut Act
received Royal Assent on July 9,
1993, creating Canada's newest
Territory

#### **NUNAVUT'S REGULATORY SYSTEM**



Dispute Resolution

Water Use Licencing



Land & Resources

Wildlife Management







Land Use Planning



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# Nunavut's Regulatory System

- Development proposals must satisfy the requirements of:
  - Land use planning
  - Environmental Impact Assessment
  - Water Licensing









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## **NIRB's Mandate**

- Screen project proposals to determine whether or not a review is required
- Gauge and define the extent of regional impacts
- Review ecosystemic and socioeconomic impacts of project proposals
- Determine whether project proposals should proceed, and if so, under what terms and conditions
- Monitor projects that have been approved to proceed



Nunavut Settlement Area & Outer Land Fast Ice Zone
Transboundary Impacts

## Who is the NIRB?

Chairperson
Elizabeth Copland
(NIRB-GOC)

Board Member Allen Maghagak (NTI-GOC)

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Guy Alikut

(NTI-GOC)

Henry Ohokannoak

(NTI-GOC)

Board Member

Vacant

(NTI-GOC)

Board Member Phillip Omingmaktok (GN)

Board Member Marjorie Kaluraq (GN)

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(GOC)

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Up to 9 Members comprise the NIRB, including the Chairperson



# **NIRB's Mission**



To protect and promote the well-being of the Environment and Nunavummiut through the impact assessment process







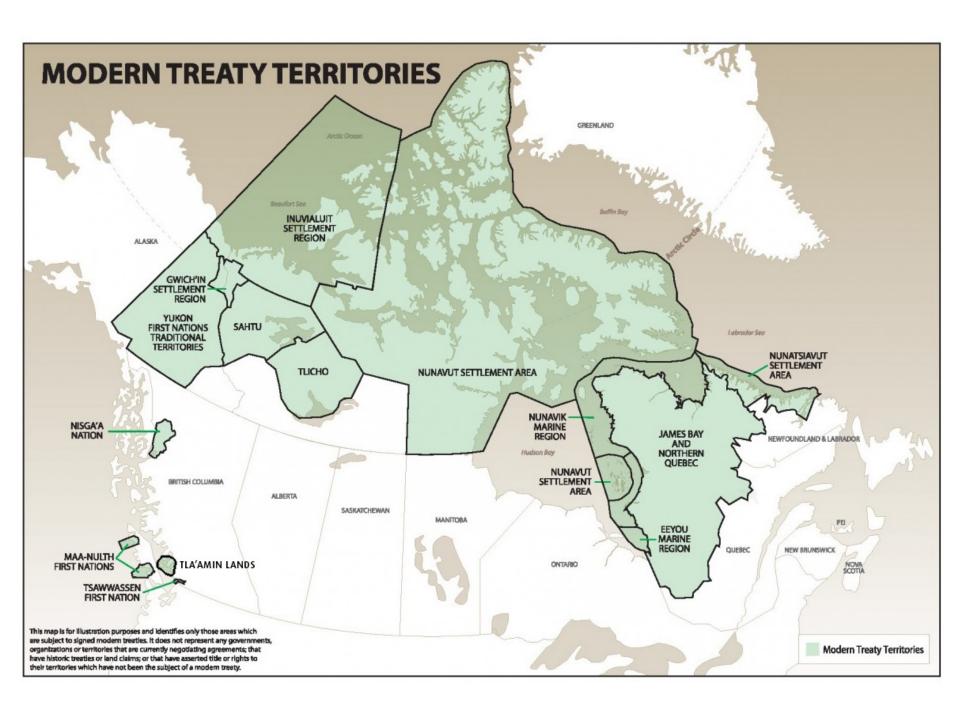






The Nunavut Impact Review Board seeks to coordinate and cooperate with agencies and organizations in adjacent jurisdictions through the Impact Assessment Process

#### TRANSBOUNDARY RELATIONSHIPS



# **Transboundary Coordination**

- Fundamental goals of transboundary coordination include:
  - Respect treaty rights and land claim agreements
  - Keep all parties informed and promote opportunities for engagement
  - Receive and provide support
  - Exchange information and share best practices
  - Communicate regularly
  - Appreciate the wide range of technical, regional, and traditional expertise











# A coordinated approach to addressing issues affecting Arctic marine areas

#### **NUNAVUT MARINE COUNCIL**







The NIRB, the NWB, the NPC, and the NWMB may jointly, as a Nunavut Marine Council, or severally advise and make recommendations to other government agencies regarding the marine areas, and Government shall consider such advice and recommendations in making decisions which affect marine areas.









## **Work to Date**

• Nunavut Land Claims Agreement comes into effect

2010

2015

 Nunavut Marine Policy Advisory Council established by NPC, NIRB, and NWB, with support from NWMB and NTI

• NMC Terms of Reference are developed

· NMC is formally established by NWMB, NPC, NIRB, and NWB

NMC business case published

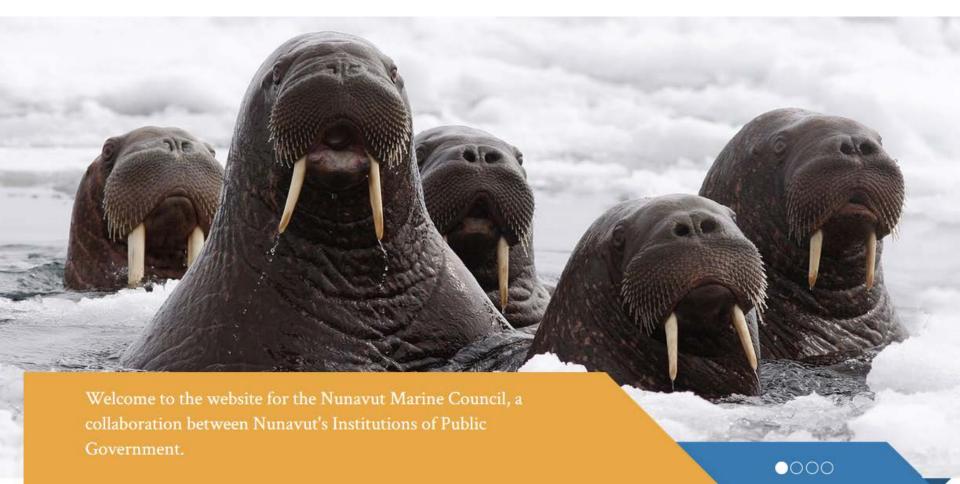
· NMC members begin to receive annual funding



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In summary, the NIRB is pleased to support the shared vision of a Hudson Bay Consortium as a means of addressing the long term health of the Hudson Bay ecosystem and the communities which rely upon it.



# **Questions?**

Thank you for your time!



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