

MINUTES
October 3-4, 2001
Hudson Bay Oceans Working Group¹
Siniktarvik Hotel, Rankin Inlet, NU

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1. Opening Prayer – Raymond Ningeocheak
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review Draft Agenda
 - One item was added: Welcoming remarks to the participants from Jack Kabvitok, Mayor of Rankin Inlet.
4. Co-chairs' Comments – Joe Kaludjak, KWF² and Dan Topolniski, DFO³
 - Joe Kaludjak: Protecting the wildlife, land and sea are important issues. We need to work together with representatives from all interests to protect these resources.
 - Dan Topolniski: The *Oceans Act* provides the basis for DFO's commitment to coordinated management for Hudson Bay. We want to move away from fragmented approaches and bring together different considerations at this table.
5. Round Table Discussion – interests of participating organizations
 - KWF and HTO⁴ Rankin Inlet: There is need for a lab in Nunavut to test for animal diseases. This Working Group must communicate so that the communities understand what is happening in Hudson Bay.
 - Nunavut Development Corporation: There is need for a lab in Nunavut and capacity building so local people can perform disease testing. The sewage being pumped into Hudson Bay is affecting beaches and animals.
 - Parks Canada: Parks has islands of protected areas, but these are part of a larger ecosystem and are impacted by activities beyond the park boundaries. The issues raised during the Western Hudson Bay Workshops (October 2000) and the Community Tour (March 2001) also apply to parks. Through this Working Group, we need to work together to address these issues.
 - Transport Canada: Transportation in the north is critical to economic development. Balancing economic and environmental needs is part of Transport Canada's mandate. There is need for crossover between this Working Group and the Canadian Marine Advisory Council (CMAC).
 - Arviat: It has been observed that either the Hudson Bay waters are getting lower or the land is rising. As a result, we are losing fish and sea mammals.

² Keewatin Wildlife Federation

³ Fisheries and Oceans Canada

⁴ Hunters' and Trappers' Organization

- Nunavut Planning Commission: We are concerned about the detection and prevalence of animal diseases, and the wastage of marine mammals.
- Whale Cove: We need to involve elders and their traditional knowledge in this Working Group. There is need for community freezers in Kivalliq to preserve carcass samples for disease testing.
- Nunavut Department of Community Government and Transportation: We are currently working on a Nunavut Transportation Strategy, which involves all of Nunavut and Hudson Bay. This Strategy looks at road, marine and airports planning, port development in various region, and supporting mineral developments. The Hudson Bay Integrated Management Plan will have to reflect the linkages of this Transportation Strategy to Hudson Bay as a whole.
- Kivalliq Inuit Association: We need to be aware that the issues being shared here today are very real. Our elders are telling us that the environment is changing. We need to respect and use traditional knowledge, in addition to science, in the work of this Working Group. KIA⁵ would encourage the Working Group to include an elder as a member. Also, we need to look at our abilities to react to disasters in Hudson Bay (i.e. oil spill), in terms of who is responsible and who will initiate the planning process.
- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated: To work together, we should have a clear understanding of what is written in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Climate change is affecting our food, rivers and streams, char migration and sea mammals. To address these issues, we need to use Inuit IQ and science. There is need for a lab in Nunavut to test country food for diseases.
- Chesterfield Inlet HTO: We are concerned about global warming and its impacts on fish, animals and the timing of seasons. We need to include traditional knowledge in this Working Group.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada: This Working Group will set a process on how to promote integrated management to key government departments and IPGs. Together we will identify needs and set priorities. We need to have a strong presence from federal, territorial and municipal governments. This group will bring together interested parties to enhance and enrich discussions rather than replace other decision-making sectors. The cooperative arrangement we have will be an example for the rest of Canada. We will work in accordance with the NLCA. The new Oceans office in Iqaluit will offer support services as a liaison in *Oceans Act* implementation. Regarding animal diseases, Ole Nielsen of DFO has been funded to do a *Brucella/Trichinella* study in Nunavut.

6. Integrated Management

⁵ Kivalliq Inuit Association

Helen Fast, DFO, provided an overview of Canada's Oceans Strategy and Integrated Management (summarized in participant binders). Helen clarified that integrated management is about managing human activities in an effort to achieve ecosystem objectives. IM⁶ is a collaborative and consensus-based process. Marine environmental quality is part of integrated management.

7. & 8. Terms of Reference

Terms of reference were drafted and reviewed. (See Annex 2)

Action: Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested by November 2, 2001. Please send to Sara Eddy, DFO, ph. (204) 984-5561, fax (204) 984-2403, email eddys@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

9. Workplan priorities and timeline

- Determine how honoraria and travel costs will be addressed for Working Group members
- Review the Churchill, Kivalliq and Iqaluit Community Tour Trip Report for Action items
- Develop a regulatory framework of legal authorities
- Conduct an ecosystem overview of Hudson Bay, combining scientific and traditional knowledge
- Invite DFO Fisheries Management representatives to speak to the Working Group about fish management plans; Invite DFO Science representatives to speak to the Working Group about abundance counts
- Sara Eddy to talk to the Working Group about coastal resource inventory work done in Manitoba
- Invite a climate change expert to talk to the Working Group about impacts on Hudson Bay
- Keep marine areas of special significance in mind as potential marine protected areas
- Provide information about this meeting to federal departments and co-management groups that have asked to be kept informed of the Working Group's progress. Ask these groups if they would like to be included as a "party to the Working Group"
- Develop processes to identify an elder member and representatives of industry, academia, and non-governmental organizations (NGO) for the Working Group
- Invite the Municipality of Sanikiluaq to join the Working Group

10. Resource Requirements

- DFO will support Veronica Tattuinee, KIA, as Working Group Community Liaison

⁶ Integrated Management

- DFO will finance the organization of Working Group meetings (including translation services)
- DFO will fund an independent chairperson for the Working Group
- DFO will pursue tasks determined by Working Group (i.e. ecosystem overview)
- Working Group member organizations will commit to supporting their representatives to the extent possible
- DFO will pay the elder member's honorarium and travel costs

11. Working Group Chair

Action: The Working Group will run a process to nominate and hire an independent chairperson. The term of the chair position will be determined by the Working Group.

12. Tasks Assigned

Action: Working Group member organizations are to select representatives and alternates. Please forward names and titles to Sara Eddy (ph. 204-984-5561, fax 204 984-2403, email eddys@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Action: Comments on draft minutes to be forwarded to Sara Eddy by October 29, 2001.

Action: Representatives at this meeting from DIAND⁷, Environment Canada and Nunavut Sustainable Development will determine their level of involvement in the Working Group and advise Sara Eddy.

13. Date and Location for Next Meeting

The next Working Group meeting is tentatively scheduled for Rankin Inlet early in December 2001.

14. Agenda for Next Working Group Meeting

Agenda to be prepared and sent out by Helen Fast and Sara Eddy, DFO.

15. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

⁷ Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

ANNEX 1

PARTICIPANTS LIST HUDSON BAY WORKING GROUP MEETING RANKIN INLET, OCTOBER 3-4, 2001

ATTENDEES:

ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE(S)
Chesterfield Inlet HTO	Mr. Andre Tautu, Vice Chairman
Environment Canada	Mr. Lawrence Ignace, Environmental Assessment Specialist
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Ms. Judy Anilniliak, NSA Oceans Programs Coordinator
	Mr. Don Cobb, Marine Environmental Quality Coordinator
	Ms. Sara Eddy, Integrated Management Planner
	Dr. Helen Fast, Integrated Management Coordinator
	Mr. Keith Pelley, Fisheries Officer
Hamlet of Arviat	Mr. Jean-Pierre Thonney, NSA Oceans Programs Coordinator
	Mr. Dan Topolniski, Manager
	Mr. Johnny Mamgark, Hamlet Councilor
Hamlet of Coral Harbour and Nunavut Association of Municipalities	Mr. Johnny Ningeongan, Mayor and President
Hamlet of Whale Cove	Mr. Stanley Adjuk, Mayor
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	Mr. Henry Kablalik, Resource Management Officer
Keewatin Wildlife Federation	Mr. Joe Kaludjak, Member
Kivalliq Inuit Association	Mr. Paul Kaludjak, President
	Mr. Luis Manzo, Land Manager
	Mr. Donat Milortok, Vice President
	Mr. Tongola Sandy, Chief Lands Officer
	Ms. Veronica Tattuinee, Working Group Coordinator and Community Liaison
Municipality of Rankin Inlet	Mr. Eric Ukpatiku, Environmental Coordinator
	Mr. Jack Kabvitok, Mayor
Nunavut Department of Community Government & Transportation	Mr. Alan Johnson, Transportation Planner, Marine and Roads
	Mr. T.W. (Tom) Rogers, Manager Transportation Programs
Nunavut Department of Sustainable Development	Mr. Alex Komaksiutiksak, Community Economic Development Program Officer
Nunavut Development Corporation	Mr. Jackie Nakoolak, Chairperson, also member of Walrus Working Group (NWMB)

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ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE(S)
Nunavut Planning Commission	Mr. Peter Suwaksiork, Board Member
Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated	Mr. Solomon Awa, Executive Assistant to the 2nd VP Mr. Bert Dean, Senior Manager Wildlife Mr. David Ittinuar, Operations and Logistics Advisor, NHSP Mr. Raymond Ningeocheak, 2nd Vice President Mr. Gabriel Nirlungayuk, Manager, NHSPI Mr. Robert Tookoome, Resource Development Officer
Parks Canada	Ms. Carole Loiselle, Superintendent - Wapusk National Park
Transport Canada	Mr. Peter Timonin, Regional Director Marine

REGRETS:

ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE(S)
Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak	Chief Francis Flett, Chairperson
Manitoba Conservation	Mr. Dave Wotton, Assistant Deputy Minister Programs
Nunavut Department of Health and Social Services	Ms. Wanda Poirier, Environmental Health Officer, Kivalliq Region
Nunavut Department of Sustainable Development	Mr. Stephen Atkinson, Director Wildlife and Environmental Protection
Nunavut Water Board	Mr. Phillipe di Pizzo, Executive Director
Town of Churchill	Mr. Darren Ottaway, CEO Mr. Michael Spence, Mayor

ANNEX 2

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE HUDSON BAY OCEANS WORKING GROUP HUDSON BAY INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLANNING INITIATIVE

OCTOBER 2001

Name:

Hudson Bay Oceans Working Group

Background:

On October 3-4, 2001, Fisheries and Oceans Canada hosted a meeting in Rankin Inlet, NU to discuss the formation of a working group for integrated management planning for Hudson Bay, focussing on the Kivalliq/Manitoba region.

Participants included Nunavut Inuit Organizations (Kivalliq Inuit Association, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Nunavut Development Corporation), Nunavut Land and Resource Management Boards (Nunavut Planning Commission), Inuit Wildlife Organizations (Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Keewatin Wildlife Federation), Nunavut Government (Community Government and Transportation, Department of Sustainable Development), hamlet municipalities (Nunavut Association of Municipalities, Rankin Inlet, Arviat, Whale Cove, Coral Harbour, Chesterfield Inlet), and federal government departments (Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Parks Canada, Transport Canada, Environment Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada).

Purpose:

To develop an integrated management plan for Hudson Bay, with an initial focus on the Kivalliq/Manitoba region

Goals:

The goals of this Working Group are:

1. to establish reasonable and open processes to facilitate development of the integrated management plan;
2. to comprehensively manage human activities in Hudson Bay;
3. to foster sustainable development practices in Hudson Bay;
4. to establish objectives and guidelines which will protect, maintain or enhance the health of the Hudson Bay ecosystem;
5. to educate interested parties about Hudson Bay issues and the work of this Working Group; and
6. to promote stewardship of Hudson Bay by all interested parties.

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Members and Parties to the Agreement:

See Annex 3

Activities:

Activities to be undertaken by the Hudson Bay Oceans Working Group include:

- identifying issues;
- developing an open, transparent, and inclusive planning approach;
- setting goals and objectives;
- collecting and analyzing information;
- formulating management options and guidelines;
- establishing timeframes;
- compiling a legal framework of authorities;
- developing a communications plan;
- developing and implementing an integrated management plan; and
- reviewing, monitoring, and revising the integrated management plan

Principles:

The Working Group will be guided by the following principles:

- mutual respect and tolerance for different cultures and values, as well as respect for the environment;
- a holistic perspective which recognizes that ultimately Hudson Bay must be managed as an entity – both from a physical and human perspective;
- long-term commitment of all parties;
- recognition of Inuit rights under NLCA;
- preference for consensus-based decision making; and
- integration of local and traditional knowledge and scientific knowledge.

Scope:

The long-term scope of the Working Group is Hudson Bay. The initial focus will be on the Kivalliq/Manitoba region, recognizing linkages to the Bay as a whole.

Operations:

The Working Group will operate in accordance with the following procedures:

- an independent chair will be nominated by the Working Group and funded by DFO;
- the chair will be a non-voting member of the Working Group;

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- an elder representative will be nominated and selected by the Working Group;
- meetings will take place at the call of the chair;
- meetings will be held in Rankin Inlet or Churchill whenever possible;
- decisions require that a quorum (3/4 of the Working Group) be present;
- there will be a minimum of two meetings per year;
- the Chair will be advised when representatives cannot attend meetings and are being replaced by their alternate;
- meetings will be open to the involvement of others as deemed appropriate;
- interpretation services will be provided and will be funded by DFO;
- DFO and the KIA Working Group Liaison will be responsible for sharing information with Working Group members and other interested parties;
- DFO will share Working Group information with other federal departments;
- local and other experts will be invited to participate in meetings as appropriate; and
- two DFO representatives, sharing one vote, will sit on the Working Group (Integrated Management Coordinator and Nunavut Settlement Area Oceans Programs Coordinator).

Responsibilities of Chair:

- to call meetings
- to chair meetings
- to act as the media contact

Responsibilities of Members:

- report to their organizations
- bring information from their organizations to the Working Group

ANNEX 3

MEMBERS AND PARTIES TO THE WORKING GROUP

Working Group Members:

Elder - 1
Kivalliq Inuit Association - 1
Transport Canada - 1
Nunavut Planning Commission - 1
Keewatin Wildlife Federation – 1
Churchill - 1
Manitoba Conservation - 1
Nunavut Association of Municipalities (Kivalliq Representative) - 1
Nunavut Government – 1-2
Manitoba First Nations – 1-2
Fisheries and Oceans Canada – 2 (one vote shared)
Municipality of Sanikiluaq - 1
NGOs - 1
Academics - 1
Industry – transport, mining, tourism, hydro...

Parties to the Agreement:

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated	
Parks Canada	
Environment Canada	Representatives are to discuss with their organizations their level of involvement on the Working Group
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	
Nunavut Department of Sustainable Development	