

21-25 March 2011, KIA Boardroom, Cambridge Bay

Meeting Attendees:

QMG ACMC: Jeannie Evalik (Cambridge Bay)
Kitty Taipagak (Cambridge Bay) – missed Day 3
Joseph Tikhak Sr. (Cambridge Bay)
Ben Putuguq (Gjoa Haven)
Simona Akkikungnaq (Gjoa Haven)
Jennie Rausch (Yellowknife)
Arviat ACMC: David Aglukark (Arviat)
CLOs: Ann Klengenberg (Cambridge Bay)
Wally Porter (Gjoa Haven)
Kitikmeot IA: Fred Pedersen (DIO)
Paul Emingak (Executive Director)
CWS Staff: Martha Padluq (Iqaluit)
Joanna Panipak (Iqaluit)
Vicky Johnston (Yellowknife) – arrived on Day 2
Facilitators: Leena Evic (Pirurvik, Iqaluit)
Chris Douglas (Pirurvik, Iqaluit)
Interpreters: Simon Okpatok – Inuktitut
James Panioyak – Inuinnaqtun
Contractor: Julie Harris (ContentWorks; contractor for NTI) – arrived on Day 3

DAY 1, MARCH 21

1) Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

Opening of the workshop started off with lighting of the qulliq by Leena. She explained the background, history and importance of the qulliq and how Inuit ancestors survived using the qulliq.

David Aglukark said an opening prayer.

Leena welcomed everyone to the three-day workshop of the new ACMC and we followed with an introduction around the table.

Housekeeping issues

- a) Binder materials did not arrive with Leena and Chris, so hoping they would arrive today, therefore, will re-arrange the agenda a bit.
- b) Chris will facilitate in English.

Chris went through the agenda for the next 3.5 days of the workshop and started the ACMC thinking about what the ACMC would like to see for the future of the QMGMBs.

There is more than one Inuktitut name for QMBS therefore the members will have to decide for the new name.

2) Warming Up

Looked at a slide show and brainstorming about Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary, listing the importance of the sanctuary, history, the wildlife and their habitat. This took most of the morning.

Members brought up four names of the potential name for QMBS and they are:

- Ahiak
- Nivvialik
- Uujulik
- Kuugajuk
- Illuilik

Discussed that members would have to decide for the new name for QMGMBBS by the end of the meeting.

~Break for coffee~

3) Review of Terminology

Leena spoke about how she helped create a terminology booklet for the Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq ACMCs and that she will now work on adding to the booklet for our ACMC. We went through the booklet and ACMC members made suggestions for Kitikmeot dialect suggestions.

~Break for lunch~

Committee members continue to work on the terminology booklet.

4) Purpose of the Committee

Chris spoke about the purpose of becoming an ACMC member, the duties and functions of the ACMC members as per the IIBA. He also gave a presentation on "Taissumani-self sufficient traditional belief on IQ".

David spoke about his being part of the process for the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement and that it was a long process. Although it took many years of negotiations, today it has a huge impact on Inuit harvesters, wildlife and their habitat. He said that he is happy with where we are today.

5) Training Modules

Leena and Chris went through the below modules in the Orientation Manual:

- Module 1: What is the Conservation Areas IIBA about?
- Module 2: What's co-management?
- Module 3: What's an Area Co-management Committee?
- Module 4: What are conservation areas?
- Module 5: What else is out there?

Chris mentioned that if at any time the ACMC wishes to extend the boundary of the MBS, we would have to follow the process outlined in the IIBA which includes getting agreement from partners such as NTI and KIA and then be presented to the Minister of the Environment.

~Break for end of day~

DAY 2, MARCH 22

6) Welcoming Remarks and Housekeeping

Leena welcomed everyone and said that there were a few changes to the agenda. The Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy will be covered under Modules 6 – 8, and the Operating Procedures, Workplan, Budget and Management Plan would be discussed tomorrow in Modules 10-11. She also mentioned that the Orientation Manual and the IIBA are available in English and Inuktitut but the Inuinnaqtun versions are not complete yet and the timeline for their completion is unknown.

7) Training Modules continued

Chris did a presentation on Code of Conduct, Operating Procedures and Conflict of Interest based on work done by the other active ACMCs and covered the below modules in the Orientation Manual:

- Module 6: What does all this mean for ACMC members?
- Module 7: How does the ACMC operate?
- Module 8: How does the ACMC advise?

~Break for coffee~

Vicky lead the next section on the agenda:

- Module 9: How does the ACMC deal with permits?

She did a presentation on the Migratory Bird Sanctuary Permit Application process and presented guidelines on how the ACMC will deal with permits.

~Break for lunch~

We continued discussing MBS permits. Vicky showed us what old permits applications and the actual issued permits looked like. We worked through a real permit application as a group as an example of what they look like and what sort of information the ACMC may want to ask the applicant, and the types of recommendations the ACMC might make to CWS about the permit. The permit application was from Meteorological Survey of Canada (Environment Canada) for a 3 year (multi-year) permit for accessing the QMGMBs to study the effects of climate change on lakes and lake ice. The ACMC made up to 9 recommendations for the permittee to follow: see attached.

Vicky also spoke about the Nunavut Land Use Plan (NULUP) and that it is being developed right now. As part of it, the NULUP Committee will be visiting each community to collect information about the land, wildlife areas that are important to Inuit. She recommended that the ACMC be involved to ensure that our vision is incorporated into the NULUP.

The ACMC decided that it would be good to ask NIRB to add us to their auto-consult list for projects in, or near the QMGMBs.

We also discussed Enforcement of permit conditions and that it might be good in the future to invite a CWS and a GN Enforcement Officer to an ACMC meeting to discuss what they can do and what they cannot in terms of patrolling the QMGMBs and investigating complaints.

~Break for end of day~

DAY 3, MARCH 23

Began with Leena mentioning to the ACMC members that this is the last day of the ACMC training but that Julie, NTI's contractor, will be here tomorrow to talk about the cultural inventory project she's working on.

Chris gave a presentation on the next modules from the Orientation Manual:

- Module 10: How does the ACMC manage?
- Module 11: How does the ACMC plan?

~Break for coffee~

Leena reviewed on the below items and the ACMC worked on drafting their own version:

- Governance Model
- Code of Ethics

- Conflict of Interest
- Operating Procedures
- Brainstorm on a name for the Committee

~Break for lunch~

8) Making our ACMC documents

The ACMC went through the templates from the other existing ACMCs for the Conflict of Interest, Code of Ethics and ACMC Operating Procedures documents. The ACMC made changes that suit this ACMC. The end result was the attached draft versions that we will approve at the next ACMC meeting.

9) Naming our ACMC

The ACMC Committee Members discussed the names suggested at the beginning of the workshop. The ACMC narrowed the decision down to two names: Ahiak and Illuilik. The ACMC decided to vote by ballot and decided in the event of a tie, that Jennie's vote would be excluded since she is not from the Kitikmeot. It was a tie, and once Jennie's vote was removed, the name Ahiak was decided upon. The Queen Maud ACMC will now be known as the Ahiak Area Comanagement Committee (Ahiak ACMC).

The Ahiak ACMC will need to decide in the future if they also want the Queen Maud Gulf Migratory Bird Sanctuary to be called the Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary, or keep Queen Maud Gulf or choose another name.

10) Selecting our Chairperson

Everyone except the six Ahiak ACMC members and the two interpreters left the room. The ACMC members discussed qualities that we thought it would be important for our chairperson to have. These were:

- Outspoken
- Respected
- Good communication and knowledge
- Has the time to do the job well

Nominations were made and we voted by secret ballot. The ballots were tallied by the interpreters and they destroyed the ballots after the winner was announced.

Jeannie Evalik was elected as the Chairperson of the Ahiak ACMC. As laid out in the IIBA, Jennie Rausch is the Vice-Chairperson.

Everyone else was invited back into the room and we announced Jeannie as the Chairperson.

~Break for coffee~

11) Committee Business

The ACMC wishes to add “the minimum reimbursement for a teleconference call of any length is half day rate of \$100 dollars”. If a teleconference more than 3 hours would be considered a full daily rate of \$200 dollars.

12) Workplan, Budget and Management Plan

We discussed Annual Work plans, Budgets and reporting to the Parties of the IIBA. The ACMC looked at a draft Workplan & Budget for the Ninginganiq ACMC. Jennie mentioned that the Ahiak ACMC will have their own workplan that will not necessarily be the same as Ninginganiq's, but that it is a good template for us to work from.

In the workplan we will need to outline:

- a) What we HAVE to do as set out in the IIBA
- b) What would be NICE to do
- c) And place these items in order of priority including the plan on how to get them done:
 - What are we doing?
 - When are we doing it (timeline)?
 - How are we going to get it done – what's our idea on how best to actually get the work done?

For the Management Plan, for portions that are Inuit Owned Lands within the MBS, we will need to consult Kitikmeot IA and NTI during the plan creation. We can consult or seek input from anyone we feel we need to when writing the plan.

13) Appointment Letters and Advertising the Ahiak ACMC

The appointments for the ACMC members appointed by KIA are complete (Simona, Kitty and Joseph). We are still waiting for the appointments from the Minister of the Environment for Jeannie, Ben and Jennie.

The chairperson is supposed to be appointed by the KIA. Vicky and Fred agreed that Jennie would send a letter to Fred with the recommendation by the Ahiak ACMC on who should be chairperson (Jeannie) and that Fred would take it to the next KIA board meeting for their confirmation/approval. If it is approved, KIA will issue a Chairperson appointment letter to Jeannie.

Once we are ready and we have all our appointment letters, we can decide how we want to announce/introduce the Ahiak ACMC to the people of the Kitikmeot. This could be posters, a coffee house, cook out, or anything the ACMC decides.

The ACMC might also like to design a logo or have a competition to design a logo that we could use on our letterhead for the Ahiak ACMC.

14) Wrapping Up the Orientation Workshop

Leena led us in a visioning exercise to complete *Module 12: How does all this fit together?* and had each Ahiak ACMC member draw their vision for the Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Leena said the workshop went really great, was a lot of fun, there was excellent interaction and feedback from the group.

~Break for end of day~

DAY 4, MARCH 24

On Day 4, only the below attendees were present:

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15) Welcoming Remarks

Jennie briefed the other ACMC members on Julie is, where she is from and why she wanted to meet with us. Julie is a historian who has been working for 30 years collecting old stories. She has her own business as a Cultural Historian and has been working as

a contractor for NTI for the past 10 years. As part of her work for NTI she is collecting sources of information related to the IIBA-related tourism projects in Arviat, Qikiqtarjuaq, Cape Dorset and Gjoa Haven. As part of this work, she wanted to meet with the ACMCs connected to these communities.

Everyone around the table introduced him or herself.

16) Cultural Inventory for NTI

Julie showed a presentation on what NTI is asking her do to as part of the cultural inventory and interpretive material evaluation contract.

She said that what she was looking for from the Ahiak ACMC was for us to:

- Contribute to the inventory of sources of information

The ACMC members did not have any suggestions for Julie.

- Identify individuals who have personal knowledge about the lands and waters inside the areas and those who can provide other knowledge about the areas

Wally mentioned that he knew some people who would be good contact people for Julie and said he would send those names to her.

- Comment on a draft description of each conservation area

These were not yet ready, but we hope to be able to discuss at our next Ahiak ACMC meeting.

~Meeting adjourned~