

Ninginganiq ACMC
Conference Call
February 28, 2013

Present

Sam Palituq (in Iqaluit)
Siu-Ling Han (in Iqaluit)
Joanasie Apak
Leah Arreak
James Qillaq

CLO: Lizzie Palituq

Interpreter: Loseosie Paneak

- The minutes from the February 13/14, 2013 in-person meeting were reviewed and discussed.
- The Site Visit Report has been reviewed by Joanasie Apak and Sam provided the copy to Siu-Ling who will make final corrections and have the report printed for the members.
- James Qillaq indicated that he is interested in continuing as an ACMC member. He asked about how the ACMC membership appointments work and Siu-Ling explained the amendment to the IIBA that was agreed to by the Parties to the IIBA (i.e. that members can be reappointed if all parties are willing, even if the member is not on the CLARC anymore. However if a member resigns, then his/her replacement will be a sitting member of the CLARC.
- Joanasie, James and Leah also attended the Nunavut Planning Commission meetings

Nunavut Land Use Plan

- The ACMC wished to add a recommendation that commercial fishing within the NWA be prohibited due to the need to protect the ecosystem so as not to threaten bowhead whale use of this area for feeding and bowhead whale food sources

- The ACMC also clarified that their recommendation for a buffer zone prohibiting seismic testing is a year-round exclusion
- The ACMC will send a letter, signed by the Chair, to CWS requesting that the ACMC recommendations be considered for submission to the NPC. The ACMC will also provide this letter to the NPC directly.

Cabin at Nuvutiapik

- Joanasie checked with the HTO regarding ownership of the cabin. The HTO said that it is not clear and that they support the ACMC taking responsibility for the cabin. The cabin does not need major repairs – mainly new windows and bear proofing.
- Siu-Ling will check with CWS property division regarding funding for fixing the cabin. Other avenues (e.g. through QIA) will continue to be investigated.

Permits

- The recommendations in the minutes were confirmed
- Recognizing that the area is outside the NWA, the ACMC would also like to inquire as to whether the ship intends to land in Home Bay.
- James recommended we have rules and regulations similar to Parks Canada, Siu-Ling indicated that our starting point is the legislation for National Wildlife Areas but the ACMC can add further conditions through the management plan.

Vision

- James pointed out that we should be cautious recommending Kuutannaq as an access point for Ninginganiq as preservation of fish habitat will be a consideration, and the need for a bridge has yet to be addressed
- The ACMC agreed with the general vision statements in the notes and agreed they can be used to begin the community discussions on the radio show.

Workplan

- A draft workplan for 2013-14 was reviewed and we will proceed with finalizing it on that basis, with adjustments throughout the year as needed.