

Ninginganiq Area Co-Management Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2015, Clyde River, Nunavut

Members present: Sam Palituq (Chair), James Qillaq (Member), Enuusiq Jaypoody (Member), Jacopie Iqalukjuaq (Member), Mia Pelletier (A/Vice-Chair)

Introduction

- Meeting was opened with a prayer
- Round-table introductions
- Introductory remarks from the Chair and Vice-Chair and overview of the meeting agenda.
- Mia explained that she was at the meeting as the acting vice-chair of the Ninginganiq ACMC until it was certain whether or not Siu-Ling would be returning as the vice-chair or until our office was re-staffed with more positions

Review of permit applications for Ninginganiq NWA 2015:

- The committee had 6 permit applications to review this year – 1 filming permit application and 5 cruise ship permit applications. We began with a discussion and review of the Arctic Secrets filming permit application

Arctic Secrets:

- The cabin at Cape Raper is not owned by the HTO – not sure who owns it? If they want to use the cabins they will need to discuss with the appropriate parties
- It seems that the lands that they want to go to are Inuit Owned Lands, so the company would require permission from the RIA
- Clyde River residents would be interested in guiding opportunities, and is interested in tourism guiding in general, and trained opportunities related to guiding
- If there is a positive response from the HTO in support of this application, then the ACMC is also supportive
- The ACMC would like to request some complimentary photos/footage along with the proponent's final report, these could be used by the ACMC to help with management planning or to showcase the National Wildlife Area – we will include this in our ACMC review letter
- Application approved with recommendations, and pending HTO approval.

One Ocean (Ioffe) Expedition:

- The cruise ship will have to follow the no-anchoring policy – Mia will include a map of the no-anchoring zones in the permit review letter
- Smaller vessels will need to travel at low speeds
- Should ask whether or not an Inuit guide will be on board and suggest that an Inuit guide be included on future visits
- Application approved with recommendations, and pending HTO approval.

Adventure Canada Expedition:

- The ACMC is glad to see that there is an extensive list of Inuit guides that accompany Adventure Canada on their cruises
- Same rules will apply to all cruise ships re. traveling at low speeds, no anchoring, permissions would be required from the RIA if shore landings were wanted
- Application approved with recommendations, and pending HTO approval.

Quark Expeditions

- This expedition is planned for the same day as the One Ocean (Ioffe) expedition and the ACMC would rather that the visits do not take place at the same time – possible to speak to the companies about working together to stagger their visits so that one company visits in the morning and the other in the afternoon, for example? Mia will follow up on this and include this request in the letter to the companies.
- Some discussion re. the kinds of rifles that are being used – these don't allow you to use bear deterrents such as cracker shells and rubber slugs – the company should be made aware of this if they are not aware.
- More discussion re. guide training – the ACMC is interested in ecotourism guiding opportunities within the NWA – there was a program offered by the Arctic College on guide training.
- Application approved with recommendations, and pending HTO approval.

Lindblad Expeditions

- Application approved, with same recommendations as other cruise permit applications
- Pending HTO approval

Le Soleal Expedition

- The ACMC would like to recommend that they have a community member on board as a guide – no mention of having an Inuit guide on the expedition
- All expeditions should follow the marine mammal viewing guidelines
- This ship will be visiting when there are Inuit there supervising the filming for Arctic Secrets, so they will be able to observe vessel activities; this year there will be more Inuit monitoring the vessel activities
- All ships must respect the environment
- It would be good to ask in all the permit applications whether or not an Inuit guide will be on board for the expedition(s)

Management Planning

- It is important to be able to harmonize Inuit use (for hunting) with use by visitors – e.g. cruise ships will need to respect traditional cultural use (hunting) in the area – will need to ensure that they two activities can be harmonized

- Concerns re. the unauthorized entry of sailboats into the NWA and whether or not there was anything that could be done – discussion re. Enforcement's presentation at the all-ACMC and the importance of community members reporting the vessel name and identifying features if they spot vessels in the NWA that may not be authorized to be there.
- There is still the workshop to be done that was planned for the Ninginganiq ACMC – perhaps this could be done in the Spring? Mia noted that by then there may be news on who will be serving as Vice-Chair for the committee.

Work Plan and Budget

- The elders interviews conducted (by Ittaq) is completed and this has been translated – this will be incorporated into the management plan
- The ACMC would still like to go ahead with the planned radio show for consultation with the community on the Vision and Goals for Ninginganiq NWA – Mia to send a tape recorder to Sam to use during the radio show. Sam will do the radio show and James can help. If possible, the ACMC would like Mia to be there too for the show.
- Mia will put together a work plan and budget based on our discussion and send to the ACMC for review.

Next Meeting

- Early October would be a good time for the next ACMC meeting – Mia and Sam will confirm with the ACMC closer to the end of the summer.

Member Re-appointments

- Update on this process – next round of QIA re-appointments is scheduled for October
- Members mentioned that the ACMC will need to find a replacement for Leah from the Women's Auxiliary Group – Leah no longer seems interested in being on the ACMC and misses all the meetings; Leah was sent a warning letter from the ACMC but continues to miss meetings so the ACMC would like to find a suitable replacement who is interested in being on the committee
- Sam will speak with Leah about this, and Mia will follow up with QIA once Sam has spoken with Leah and confirmed that she is no longer interested in being a member
- The ACMC would like to have the new member be female
- Potential for Lizzie to be appointed to the ACMC as the new female member? Mia will talk to QIA about this.

General Business

- HTO meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month, so the next one is this coming Thursday
- Jacopie will take the copies of the permit applications to the HTO to make sure that they have seen and reviewed all the files

- Mia will follow up with Sam to see what the outcome of the HTO review was, and then to write the ACMC review letters for Sam to review to make sure everything was incorporated re. ACMC requests
- Mia will also type up the meeting minutes, have them translated and then sent to Sam for his review
- The ACMC would like copies of the last two meeting minutes (from their meetings with Susanne), as they never received copies of these – 1 from the teleconference and 1 set from the face-to-face meeting
- Mia will send the ACMC some copies of the Ninginganiq brochures – the English copies are completed but the brochures are being translated into Inuktitut so these will be sent when they are ready.
- The ACMC logo still needs to be finalized. Mia will look into getting this finalized with the graphic designer. Right now the logo doesn't say "Area Co-Management Committee" or "National Wildlife Area", it just says Ninginganiq. Need to add some text.
- Mia to send a copy of the translated draft Vision and Goals to Sam so that he can review them for the radio show to consult with the communities on the Vision/Goals for Ninginganiq
- Mia will also send Sam a new timesheet for member's extra work hours outside of meeting times – this will be sent to Jake for Sam to collect, along with the draft permit review letters.

Meeting adjourned.