

Asungasungaat Area Co-Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2018

Nattinak Visitors Center, Pond Inlet



Attendees:

Lisa Pirie-Dominix – Acting Vice-chair
Enookie Inuaraq - Chair
Paniloo Sangoya - Member
Elijah Panikpakoochoo - Member
Elizabeth Quassa – Member (pm)
Titus Arnakallak – Interpreter
Karen Petkau – QIA IIBA Manager
Joanna Awa – QIA IIBA Coordinator
Carey Elverum – Parks Canada Sirmilik National Park Manager

Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Paniloo.

Review of Agenda

No agenda. Meeting was scheduled to obtain a final recommendation with respect to the proposed Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area and the proposed overlap with Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Lisa presented possible options when considering the proposed overlap. There were four options:

1. No change. MBS is excluded from NMCA and co-exists alongside.
2. MBS is overlapped by the NMCA resulting in overlapping designations.
3. Decrease size of MBS to only include the terrestrial portions that are not within the Sirmilik National Park.
4. Delist the MBS so that terrestrial is only Sirmilik National Park and the marine is the NMCA.

Elijah – Narwhal cannot get used to ships. Ships need to be closely monitored. We need to protect the birds as well.

Paniloo – Spoke of trapped Narwhal when they had to harvest them all because they didn't want them to go to waste. They do not want this to happen again.

Karen – QIA is working with NPC to ensure Inuit Monitoring Plan aligns with the North Baffin Land Use Plan and the eventual NLUP.

Paniloo – There is a vast area where gas is seeping near Clyde River.

Carey – NLUP will not apply in the NMCA.

Karen – Making sure that provisions align. Would look to ensure CWS setback restrictions remain in place.

Paniloo – Wants IOL on Borden Peninsula to become part of Park because QIA isn't protecting it well. It is a special place.

There is a tiny parcel of land owned by the Northwest Company that is not part of the Park. There is work underway to transfer this to QIA (need to talk to Rosanne about this to clarify).

There was a sailboat in Bylot MBS this summer. Need to look into it. Share results with Carey.

Karen – For TINMCA, they are considering an advisory body and a decision-making body. The decision making body would be an equal number of government members and Inuit representatives. Within that group would be a member from each community that also participates on the advisory body. The advisory body would be 2-3 community members from each of the communities. The ACMC would be advisory to both of these committees.

Paniloo – less committees are better because it is then easier to make decisions.

The Northwest parcel that is not part of the Park – was set aside for commercial hunting (not allowed in the Park). If it was to become part of the Park commercial hunting would not be allowed.

Paniloo – should remain part of the MBS.

Lisa asked if people use that area for commercial hunting?

Question – could QIA and CWS negotiate some sort of arrangement that QIA protects for birds and includes the ECCC setback restrictions?

Comment – too many overlapping bureaucracies.

Paniloo – QIA never monitors activities in the IOL. They don't talk to people from Pond Inlet. They never consult with us.

Lisa – Guardian program can help with monitoring.

Delisting a MBS is a long process.

Paniloo – would like to leave things the way they are. Baffin is too large. Would like to see it split. Would make it on par with other regions.

Lisa – explained that this is a different issue.

Karen – no permit applications for IOLs on Borden Peninsula for last few years.

Both IOLs are important for birds.

*Need to provide a Pikialasorsuaq update at the next meeting.

Enookie – as long as members from the ACMC are incorporated into the NMCA's management groups, and the IOLs are protected for birds, the ACMC is okay with delisting the MBS

Paniloo – want the MBS to stay as it is.

Elijah – restrict access to the MBS. We need to be able to manage the area.

Elizabeth – if no ACMC at least have some members on the NMCA would be okay.

Could be groups in the community to provide advice.

Guardians will be local and will be part of the decision-making group.

Paniloo – if we increase the number of committees nothing will ever get done.

Paniloo – no objection if ACMC members can be part of the co-management. Suggest youth be part of the decision-making body.