



**ASUNGASUNGAAT AREA CO-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MAY 15 & 16 2019, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
NATTINNAK VISITORS CENTER, POND INLET, NU
Agenda**

Day 1 – Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Attendees:

Lisa Pirie-Dominix – Acting Vice-chair
Enookie Inuaraq – Chair
Elijah Panikpakoochoo - Member
Julia Prokopick – ECCC

Meeting started at 9:00 AM

Enookie and Elijah were present, but other members could not attend in the morning. The group decided to reconvene at 1:00 pm.

Meeting restarted at 1:15 PM

Attendees:

Lisa Pirie-Dominix – Acting Vice-chair
Enookie Inuaraq – Chair
Paniloo Sangoya - Member
Elijah Panikpakoochoo - Member
Jimmy Pitseolak – Member
Julia Prokopick – ECCC

Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Paniloo.

Review of Agenda

- a. Additions, comments
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Members reviewed and approved the meeting agenda, agreeing to defer two items to tomorrow, if time permits (previous meeting minutes and 2018 permit reports).

Review 2019 permit applications for activities in Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary:

The ACMC reviewed six permit applications for cruise vessels, including:

- Adventure Canada – M/V Ocean Endeavour
- Students on Ice – M/V Ocean Endeavour
- One Ocean Expeditions – M/V Akademik Ioffe
- One Ocean Expeditions – RCGS Resolute
- Silversea Cruises – MS Silver Cloud
- Lindblad Expeditions – MS National Geographic Explorer

The ACMC approved the six cruise ship applications with the following recommendations:

- That the permittee adhere to the marine setback recommendations submitted to the Nunavut Land Use Plan by Environment and Climate Change Canada;
- That the permittee adhere to the CWS guidelines for viewing seabird colonies and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans guidelines for viewing marine mammals, and that ship noise is kept to a minimum;
- That the permittee be respectful of any hunters or scientists in the areas and maintain a safe distance from any of these boats;
- That the permittee avoid travelling through Eclipse Sound and Navy Board Inlet;
- That the permittee obtain a copy of World Wildlife Fund Canada's Eastern Arctic Mariner's Guide and that they follow the guide's recommendations, especially with respect to the Tourism Exclusion Zone in Milne Inlet;
- That the permittee limit the speed of cruise ships and zodiacs to a maximum of 9 knots to ensure the wake is small;
- That an Inuit guide from Pond Inlet accompany the passengers while visiting Bylot Island MBS;
- That no artifacts or specimens are removed from the Bylot Island MBS;
- That the permittee notify wildlife officers of their intended entry into the Bylot Island MBS 72 hours prior to entry; and
- That the permittee provide a copy of the annual permit report, in both English and Inuktitut, to the ACMC

In addition, Adventure Canada requested to scuba dive in the MBS. The ACMC decided that it was not comfortable permitting diving at this time, mainly due to concerns that it could pose disruptions that could impact marine bird food sources.

Lastly, the ACMC noted that they would like to know more about what goes on on the cruise ships, to better understand how the add to all letters going to cruises.

The ACMC reviewed a permit application submitted by Arctic Kingdom for to set up a temporary base camp on Inuit Owned Lands (PI-40/48D) at Navy Board Inlet, to support tourist expeditions to Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary. The ACMC approved the application with the following recommendations:

- That an Inuit guide from Pond Inlet accompany Arctic Kingdom while visiting Bylot Island MBS;
- That the permittee adhere to the marine setback recommendations submitted to the Nunavut Land Use Plan by Environment and Climate Change Canada;
- That the permittee adhere to the CWS guidelines for viewing seabird colonies and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans guidelines for viewing marine mammals;
- That no artifacts or specimens are removed from the Bylot Island MBS;

- That the permittee be respectful of any hunters or scientists in the areas and maintain a safe distance from any of these boats, and
- That the permittee provide a copy of the annual permit report, in both English and Inuktitut, to the ACMC.

Adjourned at 4:45 PM

Day 2 – Thursday, May 16, 2019

Attendees:

Lisa Pirie-Dominix – Acting Vice-chair
Enookie Inuaraq – Chair
Paniloo Sangoya - Member
Elijah Panikpakoochoo - Member
Jimmy Pitseolak – Member
Julia Prokopick – ECCC

Meeting started at 9:15 AM

Review of 2018-2019 Asungasungaat ACMC Annual Report

The ACMC reviewed the ACMC's 2018-2019 Annual Report that was drafted by Julia. One correction noted by the ACMC is that there was no site visit in 2018. With that correction, the ACMC approved the Annual Report.

Review 2019 permit applications for activities in Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary (*Continued*):

The ACMC reviewed a permit application submitted by Parks Canada to conduct an archaeological survey of the Maud Bight Wreck. It is the same application as last year because Parks was not able to land due to ice conditions. The ACMC approved the application with the following comments and recommendations:

- That the permittee include the results of the archaeological survey in their annual report, in particular, the identification of the wood species and the history of the wreck;
- Inform Parks Canada that the Maud Bight Wreck is referred to as Umiarjuaviniqtalik in Inuktitut;
- That the sonar survey is stopped if marine mammals are observed;
- That the permittee provide a copy of the annual permit report, in both English and Inuktitut, to the ACMC; and
- A suggestion to conduct the work earlier than October, for better weather.

The ACMC reviewed a second permit application submitted by Parks Canada to conduct a multi-day on Bylot Island. The ACMC approved the application with the following comments and recommendations:

- That the permittee avoid archaeological sites along the trail, and refrain from removing any objects (leave no trace);
- That orientation and emergency support be provided by Parks Canada before entering the MBS;
- That the sonar survey is stopped if marine mammals are observed and
- That the permittee provide a copy of the annual permit report, in both English and Inuktitut, to the ACMC.
- A suggestion to conduct the work earlier than October, for better weather

The ACMC reviewed a permit application submitted by ArcticNet to conduct river sampling. The researchers will access the river by helicopter from the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Amundsen. The ACMC approved the application with the following recommendations:

- That ArcticNet consider also sampling for contaminants in river water;
- That the permittee adhere to the aerial setback recommendations submitted to the Nunavut Land Use Plan by Environment and Climate Change Canada;
- That the permittee provide a copy of the annual permit report, in both English and Inuktitut, to the ACMC.
- That the permittee send copies of their research findings to local organizations, including the Mittimatalik HTO and Hamlet of Pond Inlet.

The ACMC reviewed a permit application submitted by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada to conduct inspections of water licences and land use authorizations. The ACMC approved the application with the following recommendations:

- That the permittee refrain from flying over goose and seabird colonies, and minimize disturbances of birds
- That the permittee notify CWS prior to the visit to ensure their selected timing is okay
- That the permittee consult with the HTO or the community before entering the MBS

All-ACMC Meeting: Date proposed for winter 2020

The committee discussed that an all-ACMC meeting would likely take place in Iqaluit in early 2020. It will be a 3-day meeting for all ACMCs to meet face-to-face, give each other updates on their management plans and share knowledge. The committee was OK with the location of the meeting to be in Iqaluit.

Update on Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area

Lisa provided an update on the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area and its interim management plan by reviewing a PowerPoint presentation shared by Parks Canada. Enookie expressed that he likes that this process is unfolding with consultation, and hopes to see it continue this way going forward. The ACMC wants to work closely with

PCA and make recommendations so that the seabirds and other bird migratory routes can continue to be protected, especially if moving forward on delisting the MBS.

Update on Pikialasorsuaq

Lisa gave an update on Pikialasorsuaq. Enookie asked how the ACMC can get involved with, specifically the cross-boundary to Greenland project. Julia will share contact information with Enookie so he can get involved.

Other business:

-Lisa gave an update on Nature Fund, noting that QIA submitted to have parcels protected around TINMCA. We will know in June if funding is approved.

-Members agreed to review previous meeting minutes and 2018 Annual Reports at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Action Items:

1. Julia will write and send letters of support from the Asungasungaat ACMC for the 2019 permit applications that were reviewed during the meeting.