

Isulijarnik Area Co-Management Committee Meeting
November 29 & 30, 2012
Dorset Suites
Cape Dorset, NU

Present:

ACMC Chair: Olayuk Akesuk
 Ejetsiak Peter
 Atsiaq Alashua
 Nitani Peter
Interpreter: Adamee Nuna
CLO: Pootoogoo Toonoo

CWS Staff: Martha Padluq
NTI delegate: Bill Kemp

Absent: Alika Parr (medical)

1. Meeting opened with a prayer by Nitani.
2. Introduction around the table.
Everybody introduces themselves and who they represent.
3. Chairman's Opening Remarks:
Thank you all for coming. Delegate, Bill Kemp will talk about the Cultural Inventory on behalf of NTI & CWS for the Dewey Soper MBS, some members might remember him from previous years.
Olayuk reads through the meeting agenda, it is a two day meeting, mentions about the appointed ACMC Members from QIA & CWS. We have one ACMC Member who is not here, Alika is out of town on medical.
4. Management Plan Process:
 - General background
 - Cultural InventoryBill – Working for NTI for a 3 year project, is happy to be here and meet with the ACMC members to do work on background information on the cultural inventory. Would like to hear from the ACMC members first about what they would like to see in the Management Plan, there is a starting point for the process and it will be a long process. It is important for the elders and the younger generation and what the community of Cape Dorset wants for the MBS. There are issues about the bowhead whales, eider ducks, climate change, etc and the importance to Inuit for thousands of years. We will also work on the vision statement for the Sanctuary for the future, what the values and objectives are of the cultural inventory and to make it visible, will be using maps, life history of the people and their understanding of the resources and the ecosystem, how it works.

Q. Are you just starting now with new information or do you have any information and reports of history?

Bill – Is looking for information from archives or from the Museum of Nature in Ottawa. QIA had asked for collection from 1972-74 of old maps that was carried out from ITC, now ITK, there were 65 people who were interviewed and using their knowledge to make it visible. We need to use the information of what we have from previous years and what there is today.

Members commenting on the change of wind direction from the north/south winds becoming West/East.

Bill – There will be more interviews in Cape Dorset about the Sanctuary and collect more knowledge of any cultural inventory.

Break

Bill – At some point, would like to talk about any changes of the migration routes for the MBS and work on existing maps with the ACMC members.

ACMC members mention that they have passed through the MBS caribou hunting but didn't see many birds at the time and at this time, they are not sure of the Dewey Soper as they do not use the area as much. We are aware that we cannot go to the area in June as the snow melts early.

ACMC members would like to see a summary/report of the cultural inventory that has been collected or any updates from today. The members would also like to see any impacts the other wildlife might have with the migratory birds and their eggs, saying there are more polar bears today, compared to previous years.

This is the fourth ACMC meeting and they are still learning about the Committee's goals and objectives, they feel it is too soon to talk about any tourism activities.

ACMC members would like for Bill to attend our March 2013 meeting in Cape Dorset to provide any updates on the cultural inventory.

Break for lunch.

Meeting resumes in the afternoon.

Bill – Next steps is to talk with NTI about the ACMC work, NTI has started the work for the following communities; Arviat, Gjoa Haven and Cape Dorset. Planning to start the interviews in February 2013.

5. ACMC Cultural Inventory (background information about the Dewey Soper MBS)

Martha doing a powerpoint presentation on Management Plan Objectives from stages 1-6.

ACMC Members appointed by CWS have not received the appointment letters therefore they do not wish to sign the Isulijarnik ACMC Guidelines until they have been appointed.

This is more for their information of what to expect of the upcoming ACMC activities for the upcoming years of the ACMC roles and responsibilities.

6. Bowhead Whale around Cape Dorset Bird Sanctuary

Martha – I just want to ask the ACMC members how much knowledge they have about bowhead whales, after reading emails from the researchers that have seen bowhead whales with calves around Cape Dorset area by twin otter (Bowman Bay & Foxe Basin) is their a potential importance of the area as a calving area for bowhead whales around Cape Dorset area.

Some discussions about the topic and the ACMC members are not sure about the bowhead whales around the Bowman Bay area as the residents of Cape Dorset do not go to the area because the shores around the area is very shallow waters. The tides are really fast there therefore the local hunters do not use the area much, it can be dangerous especially if you are not familiar with the place. ACMC suggests that Bill to collect more information about the bowhead whales from the local people when conducting his interviews.

7. ACMC Logo Contests

Martha reads the logo contest rules and entry form. One thing changed on the open/closing date.

ACMC members all agree to open the contest starting January 7th, 2013 and the closing date to be February 28th, 2013. The ACMC members will announce the winning contest during the open house in March 2013.

Meeting adjourned for today, meeting to resume tomorrow.

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1. Meeting resumes at 9am.
2. Meeting opened with a prayer by Atsiaq.
3. Chairman remarks:
Thank you all. Asking the members if there are any question/comments before we begin the meeting.
No question/comment from anybody.

Olayuk reads the agenda for today.
4. Budget & Workplan 2012/13
Martha reads through the budget and workplan for 2012-13 and 2013-14. There was some question about the contracting with Huit Huit Tours.
Martha – Under the IIBA, we are obligated to hire Inuit Contracting Firms and we have contracted out Huit Huit Tours before, and again, they were the only contracting firm that could meet our needs for this meeting. Also, working on any contracts, we have to do the paperwork in advanced and get approval to proceed.
Adamee – Mentions that CLO & HTO offices are planning to move to another building with a meeting room sometime in March 2013.

Looking at the budget, ACMC members think that the amount for country food feast will be enough to cover the expenses for the open house and also suggest that Qupigualuk do the preparation for the country feast.
ACMC members agree with the budget and workplan as it is.

Martha mentions that the 2014-15 Budget & Workplan has been drafted but will present to the ACMCs at a later time.

5. Nunavut Land Use Plan

Martha presents the powerpoint presentation on the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan which points out the main points for the conservation areas for MBS. There is no Inuktitut translated copy of the draft NLUP. Informing the ACMC members that Nunavut Planning Commission are planning to visit the northern communities about the draft NLUP and encourages the ACMC members to attend the public meeting as they want to hear from you, such as ACMC Members have brought up “eider duck” showing some interest about becoming a protected area and the boundary of the Dewey Soper MBS. Right now, we don’t have a date when NPC is planning to visit Cape Dorset.

6. Next ACMC Meeting Date 2013

Martha – At our last ACMC conference call meeting, ACMC decided that we hold our next meeting for March 19 & 20, 2013 and have the open house on the evening of March 20th at the community hall.

ACMC Members agree for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to go on the local radio to make announcements on two things; ACMC logo contest open/closing date and Open house in March 2013.

Jim Leafloor will also help with the open house preparation such as presentations on DS and talk about what we would need to do for the preparation of the Site visit to DS in August 2013.

ACMC also suggest that Jennifer Provencher come to our open house to talk about eider duck research conducted around Cape Dorset area, they want to hear about any reports that the researchers have done on the area.

7. Other Business

Martha – I was asked to help Malaya this afternoon setting up the professional fees and to make sure all the necessary paperwork is done right for this meeting as Kristiina is out of town. Also explains that the Purchase Orders for the ACMC conference call that it can take up to 30 days.

Olayuk- Suggesting for the other meetings, to put time schedules on the agenda so that we can stay on schedule and give everybody a chance to talk.

ACMC Members feel that the meeting outcome was a constructive meeting.

Closing remarks from the Chair and the Vice Chairperson.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 noon.