



Committee Meeting Minutes: Jan 27-28, 2024

Clyde River, NU

ACMC Participants:

Present:

Sam Palituq
Josie Enuaraq
Danica Hogan
Jaysie Tigullaraq
Leah Tassugat

Regrets: Enuusiq Jaypoody (having her baby!)

Interpreter: Luusiusi Paneak

Quorum present? **Yes**/No

Others Present: None- note interpreter had to cancel last minute due to illness and no one else could be found, so Enuusiq, Sam, and Jaysie agreed to take turns interpreting for Danica and Leah.

Proceedings:

Day 1, January 27, 2024

The Meeting was called to order at 9am by Sam Palituq

1. Chair and Vice-Chair Opening Remarks
 - a. Sam asked Josie to open the meeting with a prayer for James Qillaq, who passed away in September 2023. James was a member of the ACMC for many years.
 - b. The committee discussed memorial ideas for James. It was decided James' ACMC coat would be given to his wife. The ACMC would also like to get two plaques made that have a picture of James, the ACMC logo, and a write up about James' contribution to the ACMC. Include dates of birth and death. Danica will look into to getting these made- 1 will go to James' family, the other will go to a public location in town. The ACMC would also like to give a gift card to James' wife for the Northern store.

- c. ACMC reviewed and approved the agenda
- d. ACMC reviewed and approved minutes from last meeting. Action items update was given:
 - i. Sam gave James' wife his loon statue and hat
 - ii. Danica followed up with Aurora Expeditions about Harlequin duck sightings and photographs, but they did not respond to her.
 - iii. Jaysie updated HTO about acoustic monitoring project and they did not have any questions or concerns.
 - iv. Danica looked into voluntary speed reductions in NOTMARs- there is a wider scoped initiative looking at these across the Arctic and Danica is keeping tabs on it through her colleagues that work on Ocean Protection Plan.
 - v. Danica followed up with Silver Endeavour cruise ship application to notify them that the committee would approve their permit this year, but next time they MUST provide Inuktitut translations.
 - vi. Danica wrote a letter to CWS on behalf of the ACMC to outline the permit decisions and recommend permit conditions.
 - vii. Danica ordered jackets for ACMC- gave them to each member at this meeting. Enuusi's jackets was given to her sister Diane for safe keeping until she returns to Clyde.
 - viii. Danica created a Facebook page for the Ninginganiq ACMC.
 - ix. Danica followed up with Marianne Marcoux at DFO to ask if Jaysie can participate in the bowhead whales surveys in Ninginganiq. Jaysie was scheduled to participate, but couldn't go last minute due to other obligations.
 - x. Sam did not run a radio show to find a youth participant because there isn't a youth council in town right now.
 - xi. Danica finalized the 2022-2023 annual report and 2023-2024 work plan and budget for meeting of the parties.
 - xii. Danica followed up with Shari at Ittaq regarding a joint site visit in 2024. Site visit has to be pushed to 2025 due to funding issues. Ittaq is interested in participating, but need to work out details.
 - xiii. Danica started costing out the site visit, but the ACMC needs to better define what they want to accomplish out there. She will refine with what they decide at this meeting.
- e. Danica asked members if they want to be re-appointed to the ACMC. Everyone indicated yes.
- f. Danica asked if anyone wanted to be paid by NTI direct deposit instead of the Hamlet. Everyone wanted to be paid by Hamlet cheque.
- g. Jaysie indicated that we might be able to do the ACMC meeting by zoom in the new HTO office for permit review. He might be able to help us get set up.

2. Review and Sign Operating Documents

- a. ACMC members reviewed the Operating Procedures, Code of Conduct, and Conflict of Interest Policies and signed the documents.
- b. Danica highlighted the change in member payment rates from \$200/day to \$450/day for regular members and from \$300/day to \$650/day for the Chair. ACMC reviewed the documents provided by the Parties to the IIBA explaining the change.

- c. Josie asked if it is okay that he get paid since he works for Ilisaqsivik. Danica indicated that this is alright because Ilisaqsivik is not associated with the ACMC.
- 3. Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area Management Plan Update
 - a. Danica let the committee know that the final paper copies of the plan were currently being printed and the PDF copies and web copies were finally up on the ECCC websites.
- 4. Ninginganiq Acoustic Recorder Update
 - a. Danica gave an update about 2023 activities- 2022 recorder was retrieved in September 2023. There was a lot of ice in the bay, so ship redeployed the 2023 recorder a little deeper to avoid ice damage (107m deep). The recorder will be retrieved in 2024 with help from Nigel Hussey again. Data is currently being processed by Bill Halliday and a report will come later in the year.
 - b. Danica showed the committee sample recordings of bearded seals and bowhead whales singing in Ninginganiq.
 - c. Danica talked about what she found out about adding voluntary speed reductions in the Notice to Mariners: The committee should wait to approach Transport Canada with this once we have ship noise data processed and can provide specific examples of appropriate speeds.
 - d. The committee talked about how the Hamlet and HTO banned cruise ships from Ninginganiq after the ACMC had already approved their permits for 2023. Members think this was due to local politics and think cruise ships will not be banned in 2024, but agree it would be good to invite the mayor and an HTO representative to our next permitting meeting to make sure we are all on the same page. Josie indicated that he doesn't think there is anything wrong with allowing cruise ships in the NWA and the rest of the committee agreed. Danica indicated that if no cruise ships are allowed in the NWA in 2024, we may not have any cruise ship noise data to work with to set our speed limits/Notice to Mariners voluntary speed limits, so it would be beneficial to allow at least some cruise ships for 2024.
- 5. ACMC Facebook Page and ACMC Website
 - a. Danica made a Facebook page for the ACMC and asked the committee what they would like to include on it. ACMC decided to include pictures of the ACMC, and the site visit, link to ACMC website, website links to management plans, and some of the recordings from Ninginganiq. This will be a place that we can post things for the community and schools so people know what we are doing.
 - b. Danica showed the ACMC website page that Canadian Wildlife Service made- it has meeting documents, photos, member biographies, maps, etc. ACMC would like to include a page under Ninginganiq that honours past members as well.
- 6. Ninginganiq Outreach
 - a. ACMC discussed best way to get youth interested in Ninginganiq NWA. Agreed that contacting the highschool principal to ask about advertising 2 youth positions on the ACMC (1 girl and 1 boy) is the way to go. Danica will create a small application form that students can use to tell the ACMC about themselves.
 - b. Ittaq Clyde River Atlas- creating a Ninginganiq module. Committee would like to see the module contain maps with place names, cultural site/IQ information, videos/recordings from elders (Sam says Ittaq has these from before when they were doing the knowledge

inventory), information about the ACMC and permits/who you can contact if you have questions about Ninginganiq.

7. Potential Site visit 2024

- a. Danica indicated that the site visit will not be able to happen in 2024, but can be tentatively rescheduled for 2025. The committee agree to keep the same timing, within the first 2 weeks of September, staying for 2-3 nights.
- b. Danica asked the committee to think about what specific goals they should have for the visit. The ACMC decided on the following goals:
 - i. Film Elder interviews about the area in the area. Josie knows about the area, so he can talk about some sites, specifically Nuvuttiapik, Igaliqtuuq, and Taliruujaq. Should reach out to other parts of community to see if there are others that should be included in visit.
 - ii. Visit Uttuungujaak (blubber processing site) and Siuraqtujuk (stone caches/wind breaks that were not visited last time).
 - iii. Visit the graves
 - iv. Contract Ittaq to help make a video about Ninginganiq.
 - v. Contact Inuit Heritage Trust/GN to see if they can properly document the cultural sites
 - vi. Count wildlife and whales in the area
 - vii. Document plants in the area
 - viii. Berry picking, if there are berries
 - ix. Fishing
 - x. If a boat can be obtained: Harvest a seal and document that
- c. Jaysie indicated that the Agguttinni boat might be available for use to get out to the site. Could check with Bruce Jerry Hainnu, who is the park staff for that site. Would need to consider where a boat could be brought ashore.
- d. Sam says that the cabins are good enough to stay in and can sleep maybe 15 people total.
- e. Need to have 1 bear monitor with the crew. Bear monitor can sleep in tent.
- f. Could ask Ittaq if they can help us get ready for the trip.
- g. People to bring: 6 ACMC members, 2 youth members, 1 interpreter, 1 bear monitor, 3 Ittaq staff, 1 pilot, possibly 2 other elders.

8. Emergency Response for Ninginganiq

- a. The Coast Guard is starting to think of a process for getting communities to identify important areas to protect first, in the case of a spill. They will likely be approaching Clyde River community and HTO in the next year or two to discuss this with them. Danica has asked that they also contact the ACMC to discuss this, when the time comes.
- b. ACMC indicated that they feel that all of Ninginganiq is important- not ready to identify specific sites within the area. Most important would be to make sure oil spills do not kill whales (in the area from about August to November).
- c. The biggest concerns for ACMC stem from cruise ships and shipping channel right outside Ninginganiq NWA.

END OF DAY 1: meeting adjourned at 3:30pm by Sam Palituaq. ACMC concluded Agenda for this meeting so did not require a second day.

Action Items:

1. Danica to look into plaques and gift card for James' family
2. Danica to indicate to IIBA coordinator that everyone wishes to be re-appointed to the APMC, if possible.
3. Danica to follow up with Jaysie about using the HTO office for next permit review meeting in late March or April so we can use Zoom.
4. Danica to bring printed copies of the management plan to the next meeting.
5. Danica to follow up with Hamlet and HTO about attending our permitting meeting to discuss cruise ships
6. Danica to add content to APMC facebook page and post the page to the Clyde River News page so people can join it.
7. Danica to create application form for youth members and approach school about this.
8. Sam to organize some APMC members to talk to school students about the APMC to help get interest in youth member positions.
9. Danica to provide Shari at Ittaq with the APMC's ideas about what to put in the Clyde River Atlas module for Ninginganiq.
10. Danica to continue looking into logistics of 2025 site visit to Ninginganiq NWA: reach out to Agguttinni parks folks and Ittaq about help organizing/boat.
11. Danica will keep an eye on the Coast Guard process for identifying emergency response priorities for Clyde River to ensure the APMC gets to provide input, when the time comes.

Signature of Chair

Sam Palituq, (date _____)

Signature of Vice-Chair

Danica Hogan, (date _____)