

Committee Meeting Minutes: March 29, 2025

Clyde River, NU

ACMC Participants:

Present:

Sam Palituq (knowledge expert)
Jillian Wettlaufer (CWS staff- learning about ACMCs)
Enuusiq Jaypoody
Danica Hogan
Jaysie Tigullaraq
Nysana Qillaq

Regrets: Leah Tassugat (unexpected medical travel), Jennifer Ipirq (QIA-could not attend meeting)

Note: Natanine Apak could not be reached to invite to the meeting

Interpreter: Jerry Natanine

Quorum present? Yes/No – While 4 members were present, only 1 of them was a QIA appointee.

Proceedings:

The Meeting was called to order at 9am by Danica Hogan

- 1. Chair and Vice-Chair Opening Remarks
 - a. Danica introduced Jill Wettlaufer, who accompanied her to the meeting to learn about ACMCs and how they operate.
 - b. Sam started the meeting off by indicating that he would be retiring from his role as Chair of the committee, given that QIA did not re-appoint him to the committee, but he would be happy for the next Chair, when elected. Danica indicated that there was no reasons given for QIAs decision, however, she reiterated that it had nothing to do with Sam's work as the Chair. The ACMC presented Sam with an award thanking him for his 15+ years of service and invited him to attend future ACMC meetings as an expert knowledge holder, given that he has been part of the ACMC from the very start.
 - c. Given Leah and Natanine's absence, the ACMC could not vote to elect a new Chair. However, the people present at the meeting agreed that it would make sense to

nominate Enuusiq as the new Chair, given that she has been on the ACMC from the start of the committee in 2009. The Committee will vote on this at the next meeting.

- d. Committee reviewed meeting minutes and action items from last meeting in Jan 2024:
 - i. Danica procured a memorial plaque and gift card for Jame Qillaq's family. Enuusiq will give it to his family.
 - ii. Jaysie was not able to secure the HTO office for a permit review meeting in March 2024, but Nysana thinks he could secure a meeting room for the ACMC in the future if needed.
 - iii. All ECCC appointed members were renewed for another term. Jaysie and Enuusiq provided their signed letters to Danica. Two new members have been appointed by QIA (Nysana Qillaq and Natanine Apak), and Leah was reappointed by QIA. Nysana provided a quick introduction.
 - iv. Danica brought printed copies of the Ninginganiq Management Plan for everyone. She will bring more copies next time as well.
 - v. Danica created a facebook page for the ACMC and the committee will review it before she makes it public.
 - vi. Danica contacted the school about having 1-2 youth members on the committee. The vice-principal will post application forms around the school and forward any completed applications to Danica.
 - vii. Danica worked with Shari and Mike Jaypoody to develop the Clyde River Atlas module about Ninginganiq NWA. The ACMC will review this at this meeting.
 - viii. Danica has received word that it is unlikely that the ACMC will be able to visit Ninginganiq NWA until after the new IIBA is negotiated.
 - ix. The Coast Guard process for emergency response has not moved forward in Nunavut, but Danica continues to keep an eye on it through her work colleagues.
- e. ACMC approved the meeting minutes from Jan 2024.
- f. ACMC reviewed and approved the agenda for the meeting.
- g. Sam excused himself from the meeting after this item.

2. Review and Sign ACMC Operating Documents

- a. ACMC members reviewed the Operating Procedures, Code of Conduct, and Conflict of Interest Policies and signed the documents.
- b. Danica asked Nysana to fill out the member biography form so she can add his information to the ACMC website.
- c. Jaysie suggested that past member's info should be kept on the website as well. Danica indicated that this is in the works and will be updated when the ACMC website is next updated.

3. Review 2024 Permit Reports

- a. The only cruise ship that visited the NWA in 2024 was Quark Expeditions. They provided a permit report, but only in Inuktitut, so Jerry had to help the committee review it. Danica will indicate that reports and applications must be in Inuktitut AND English in the letter to Quark this year.
- b. Danica gave an update and provided a summary report for the Ninginganiq NWA Marine Acoustic Monitoring project. The last recorder was picked up in August 2024 and data is still being analyzed. The report summarized the findings from the 2022-2023 recorder, including amount of time in the NWA when vessel noise was present (low) and timing of

mammal observations. One surprising finding was that walrus were heard in the NWA in late fall/early winter.

4. Review Permit Applications for 2025

a. Quark Expeditions was the only applicant for 2025- did not provide project summary in English, but did provide Inuktitut. Committee approved the application with the usual restrictions related to cruise ships, kayaks, and zodiacs. The committee would additionally like to suggest that Quark hire a local guide from Clyde River for the visit to the NWA.

5. Review Annual Report and Work Plan

- a. Annual Report for FY 2024-2025: Committee approved the draft report. Danica will finalize and send to the Parties of the IIBA.
- b. Work Plan and Budget FY 2025-2026: Committee approved the work plan and budget without changes. Danica will submit for approval by the Parties of the IIBA. ACMC suggested getting T-shirts made for the ACMC swag inventory.
- c. Jerry suggested that when the Ninginganiq site visit happens, it would be good to look at getting a weather station and VHF repeater installed in Ninginganiq NWA. The Committee agreed this would be good and that Ittaq could probably help.

6. Ninginganiq Outreach

- a. Danica showed the ACMC the Youth Member Application form: This was given to the school Vice-Principal and she is posting around the school and on the school facebook page. The Vice-Principal will forward any completed applications to Danica. Enuusiq said that if we don't get any applications, she could go to the school to talk to students. Once applications have been received, the ACMC can decide which 1-2 applicants they would like to invite to be Youth members. This could be done at a fall teleconference meeting or earlier.
- b. Ittaq Clyde River Atlas- Mike Jaypoody created a Ninginganiq NWA module in the atlas. Danica provided some documents to add to the module, including the Ninginganiq NWA Management Plan, a link to the ACMC website, checklists of plants and animals in the NWA. The elder interviews about Ninginganiq that Sam suggested we put up on the atlas cannot be added by Ittaq without permission from the families. Shari said this is something Ittaq could work on getting in the future. The Committee suggests indicating that the interviews are available at Ittaq so that community members can ask to hear them if they want.
- c. ACMC Facebook page: Danica showed the committee the facebook page and asked what else they would like to include on the page. Members want to add photos from the Ninginganiq ACMC meetings, site visit, and management plan document. Also link to ACMC website and add maps from the management plan.

END OF DAY: meeting adjourned at 3:30pm by Danica Hogan.

Action Items:

- 1. Enuusig to give Jame's family his plaque and gift card.
- 2. Nysana to fill out new member biography form and return to Danica for website.
- 3. Danica will bring more copies of the Ninginganiq Management Plan for next meeting.

- 4. Danica will forward updated member info to the person that maintains the ACMC website for updates.
- 5. Danica will write a letter to the CWS Permit Officer with the ACMC recommendations for the Quark permit application.
- 6. Danica will submit the ACMC Annual Report FY 2024-2025 and the Work Plan and Budget for FY 2025-2026 to Parties to the IIBA for approval.
- 7. Danica to look at possibility of getting a VHF repeater and weather station installed in Ninginganiq NWA, with the help of Ittaq.
- 8. Danica will make changes to the ACMC facebook page and make it public. It will be posted on Clyde River News page so people can find it.
- 9. Danica will relay suggestions to Ittaq for the Clyde River Atlas module.
- 10. Danica will mail some ACMC swag to Enuusiq to share with new ACMC members (youth members and Natanine).
- 11. Danica will look into getting t-shairts made with the ACMC logo.
- 12. Danica will look into getting jackets for new members (Nysana needs XL).

Signature of Chair	
VACANT, NA	Danica Hogan, (date)