

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

1992 - 1993

May 1993

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SCREENING COMMITTEE

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During the year, the EISC Agenda continued to reflect a comparatively low level of industrial activity in the region. Research and tourism projects occupied most of the Committee's time.

In addition to project information provided by opponents, the EISC continued to rely on traditional knowledge provided by the relevant Hunter's and Trapper's Committees. Additionally, the EISC now routinely uses the draft Mackenzie Delta - Beaufort Sea Land Use Plan and community conservation plans as essential components of its data base.

With the objective of revising its' goals and procedures, EISC actively monitored screening practices in other jurisdictions for their potential relationship to screening under the Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act, in particular, the developing Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

The continuity provided to EISC by members of long standing, combined with the expertise of those appointed during the year, has resulted in a cohesive, effective Committee.

Tom Beck
Chairman
Spring 1993

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PERIOD OF THIS REPORT

This report describes the affairs of the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) for the fiscal period of April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993.

This Annual Activity Report is the fifth annual activity report of the EISC.

GOALS OF THE INUVIALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT

The EISC operates within the scope of the *Inuvialuit Final Agreement* (IFA) to achieve the basic goals expressed in Section 1 of the IFA:

- *To preserve the Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society*
- *To enable the Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society*
- *To protect and preserve arctic wildlife, environment and biological productivity*

AUTHORITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SCREENING COMMITTEE (EISC)

The EISC was established under the terms of the IFA between Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement. The IFA became law under the Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act [S.C. 32-33 Elizabeth II, C.24.] on June 28, 1984.

The Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act takes precedence over all other legislation in case of conflict. Developers and operators are compelled by this Act to comply with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Screening and Review Process.

The IFA requires the screening of developments and activities of consequence to the Inuvialuit Settlement Region that could have a significant negative impact on the environment, or significant negative impact on present or future wildlife harvesting.

The IFA provided for the establishment of an EISC to carry out the screening of these developments. Provisions governing the operation of the EISC are described within the IFA, and also within the by-laws of the EISC. Subject to those provisions, the EISC's *Operating Guidelines and Procedures* govern its activities with regard to the actual screening of development proposals and other activities.

Any person interested in obtaining a copy of the EISC's *Operating Guidelines and Procedures*, or additional information on the EISC, can contact:

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Environmental Impact Screening Committee
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MEMBERSHIP

The EISC is comprised of seven members. Three members are appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council, one member is appointed by the Government of Canada, one member is appointed by the Yukon Government, and one member is appointed by the Government of the

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Northwest Territories. The Chairman is appointed by Government of Canada with the consent of the Inuvialuit Game Council. The Secretary is appointed by resolution and is the only full-time official of the EISC.

The following individuals comprised the EISC during the period of this report. (The appointing body for each member is listed in brackets.)

Chairman

Tom Beck (June 09, 1992 - Present)

Members

Fred Bennett	March 1988 - present (Inuvialuit Game Council)
Gary White	June 1992 - present (Government of Canada)
Val Loewen	June 1992 - present (Government of Yukon)
Alex Kaglik	July 1988 - present (Inuvialuit Game Council)
John Nagy	April 1990 - present (Government of the Northwest Territories)
Fred Wolki	October 1990 - present (Inuvialuit Game Council)
Rudy Cockney	April, 1986 - June 1992 (Government of Canada)
Manfred Hoefs	October, 1987 - June 1992 (Government of Yukon)

Secretary

Marshall Netherwood (appointed by Resolution)

SCREENING

This section lists the submissions screened, the Screening Panels' decisions and the results of these decisions, presentations/meetings the EISC had with other organizations, and internal issues.

A table of the submissions, with the turn-around time for screening, the Screening Panels' decisions and the agency where any referred proposals were sent, is attached as Appendix "B" to this report. A list of the acronyms used in this report is attached as Appendix "C".

April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993

Submissions:

The EISC held six (6) meetings, and reviewed and rendered decisions on twenty (20) submissions during this period.

The following submissions were screened (with the submitting proponent in brackets):

1. Stratigraphy and sedimentology field work in Northern Yukon National Park and McDougall Pass Area [EMR]
2. Firth River rafting proposal [Yukon Mountain & River Expeditions]
3. Firth River rafting trips [Canadian River Expeditions Ltd.]
4. Thetis Bay Lease 117D11-0000-00005/SSDC Anchorage [Canmar]
5. Wildlife Key Habitat Mapping [Yukon Renewable Resources]
6. Proposal for rafting on the Firth River [River Unlimited]
7. Proposal for rafting on the Firth River [Arctic Edge]
8. Proposed solid non-regulated waste landfills at the DEW Line Sites of Komakuk Beach, Tuktoyaktuk, Nicholson Peninsula, and Clinton Point [ITT Federal Services Corporation]
9. Nesting bird - Habitat relationships on the Yukon Coastal Plain: a program to establish initial relationships and populations April 1992 - March 1994 [CWS]
10. Muskox Study Yukon North Slope [Yukon Renewable Resources]
11. Mobile Arctic Caisson (Molikpaq) - storage in Ptarmigan Bay [GULF]
12. Proposed Bar-C Seismic Program [Shell Canada Limited]
13. Coastal zone geotechnics [GSC]
14. Geotechnical survey in the Tuktoyaktuk, Peninsula Point, Ya-Ya Lakes and Lousy Point area [GSC]
15. Environmental Research Program: hydrology of the Firth River watershed [Dr. I. Clark, University of Ottawa]

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Decisions:

Fourteen (14) of the Fifteen (15) decisions determined that the project under consideration would not have significant negative environmental impact on the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

One (1) of the Fifteen (15) submissions was determined to be deficient and was returned to the proponent.

Results of the Decisions:

The deficient submission was returned to the proponent, withdrawn and later re-submitted and re-screened. It was decided that the project was still deficient and was returned to the proponent, and in order for this submission to be re-screened that a new project description would have to be provided.

Presentations/Meetings:

The following presentations/meetings [with the name of the presenter(s) in brackets] were made:

1. Canadian Marine Drilling Ltd. (Mr. N. Vanderkooy)
2. Shell Canada Limited (D. Levagood and J. MacDonald)
3. Canadian Park Service (B. Smith)
4. Hondo Oil and Gas (H. Rosenthal)

APPENDIX "A" - FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX "B" - TABLE OF SUBMISSIONS

APPENDIX "C" - LIST OF ACRONYMS

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APPENDIX "A"

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chairman's Category

For the Year end of March 31, 1993

REVENUE: D.I.A.N.D. Contribution	\$56,160.00
EXPENDITURE	
Honouraria	\$21,187.50
Per Diem	\$1,386.67
General and Office Costs	\$68.09
Meeting Costs	\$205.00
Travel & Accommodation	\$10,696.90
Legal	\$2,523.90
Consulting	\$3,000.00
Telephone/Fax	\$1,960.16
G.S.T.	\$1,354.59
TOTAL	\$42,372.21
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$13,787.79

FINANCIAL REPORT: Administration¹

For the Year end of March 31, 1993

REVENUE: D.I.A.N.D. Contribution	\$192,400. 00
EXPENDITURE	
General and Office Consumables	\$5,972.13
Rent	\$15,000.0 0
Janitorial/Occupancy	\$5,280.00
Telephone & Fax	\$6,072.86
Lease	\$2,301.36
Printing	\$4,060.36
Travel & Accommodation	\$11,395.8 2
Staff Development	\$2,105.16
Per Diems	\$1,436.43
Wages & Benefits	\$94,483.9 9
Relocation	\$8,742.13
G.S.T.	\$2,151.85
TOTAL	\$159,002. 09
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$33,397.9 1

¹ Approximately 50% of this category was used for the administration of the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB).

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FINANCIAL REPORT: Inuvialuit Participation

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REVENUE: G.N.W.T. Contribution	\$15,720.91
EXPENDITURE	
Honouraria	\$5,301.50
Per Diems	\$2,940.00
Travel & Accommodation	\$7,233.30
G.S.T.	\$246.11
TOTAL	\$15,720.91
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$0.00

APPENDIX "B"

Table of submissions

April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993

The following submissions were screened (with the submitting proponent in brackets)

SUBMISSION TITLE	Date received	Date screened	Time (days)			No Negative impact	Significant Negative impact	Deficient	Referred to:
			30	60	90				
Stratigraphy/Sedimentary Field work (EMR)	18/03/92	04/05/92		x		x			
Firth River Rafting (Yukon Mountain & River Expeditions)	10/02/92	04/05/92			x	x			
Firth River Rafting Trips (Canadian River Expeditions Ltd.)	24/02/92	04/05/92			x	x			
Thetis Bay Lease (Canmar)	01/06/92	06/08/92		x		x			
Wildlife Key Habitat Mapping (YRR)	02/04/92	04/05/92	x			x			
Proposal for Rafting on the Firth River (Rivers Unlimited)	15/04/92	04/05/92	x			x			
Proposal for Rafting on the Firth River (Arctic Edge)	22/04/92	04/05/92	x			x			
Proposal for Solid non-regulatory waste landfills at DEW line sites (ITT Federal Services Corp.)	17/04/92	04/03/93						x	
Nesting Bird - Habitat Relationships (CWS)	29/04/92	06/08/92			x	x			
Muskox Study - Yukon North Slope (YRR)	24/06/92	09/09/92			x	x			
Mobile Arctic Caisson (Molikpaq) Storage (GULF)	14/09/92	08/12/92			x	x			
Proposed Bar-C Seismic Program (Shell Canada Ltd.)	19/11/92	08/12/92	x			x			
Coastal zone Geotechnics (GSC)	23/01/93	04/03/93	x			x			

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SUBMISSION TITLE	Date received	Date screened	Time (days)			No Negati ve impact	Significa nt Negative impact	Deficie nt	Referre d to:
			30	60	90				
Geotechnical Survey (GSC)	06/02/93	04/03/93	x			x			
Environmental Research Program: hydrology of the Firth River (Dr. I. Clark)	04/02/93	04/03/93	x			x			

APPENDIX "C"

List of Acronyms

Canmar	Canadian Marine Drilling Ltd.
DFO	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
DIAND	Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
EISC	Environmental Impact Screening Committee
EIRB	Environmental Impact Review Board
EMR	Energy, Mines and Resources
GNWT	Government of the Northwest Territories
GSC	Geological Survey of Canada
GULF	Gulf Canada Resources Ltd.
IFA	Inuvialuit Final Agreement
ISR	Inuvialuit Settlement Region
NYNP	Northern Yukon National Park
YTG	Yukon Territorial Government
YRR	Yukon Renewable Resources