

Beaufort Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment Quarterly Meeting
July 20th, 2017
Conference Call

Present:

Duane Smith, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
Jenn Parrott, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
Jen Lam, Inuvialuit Joint Secretariat
Lawrence Ruben, Inuvialuit Game Council
Mark Hopkins, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
Catherine Conrad, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
Daniel Van Vliet, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
Sophie Vallée, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
Martin Tremblay, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

1. Welcome and Updates

INAC staffing update was added to the agenda. During the meeting introduction, it was mentioned the need to discuss about long-term commitment regarding the BRSEA and the five year review process of new offshore oil and gas licences. Chairs mentioned that the BRSEA needs to be better framed as each piece of research will come together with the BRSEA.

There was also interest in understanding the budget for the next five years. During the introduction, it was mentioned the need to have phone call every 3 month or more frequently when needed.

Actions:

- Schedule more frequent calls/meetings ie. quarterly (INAC)
- INAC to provide 5 year budget numbers to the chairs

2. INAC staffing status

BRSEA team thanked Sophie for her work. Sophie Vallée is leaving the BRSEA team. INAC is running a competition to fill her position and expects it to take 2 or 3 months before the position is filled. Martin will be acting in the position during this period. The staffing process should not impact the BRSEA timeline.

3. Terms of Reference and Governance

Discussions were made on Terms of reference (ToR) and Governance:

- Advisory roles need to be clarified.
- IRC would like to proceed with negotiations on offshore royalties.
- The ToR were provided to the Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) but to date no feedback has been received.
- It was mentioned that it is important to finalize the ToR and make it public as Academia and Industry may be waiting to see if they should participate or not into BRSEA.

Discussions were made on the five year review process of new offshore oil and gas licences:

- INAC proposed to add more information about the five year review process of new offshore oil and gas licences in the "context section" of the ToR. This information will clearly present the role of the BRSEA and the exploration rights in supporting the 5 year review of the decision to place a Moratorium on Oil and gas licensing and exploration in Canada's Arctic.
- To not delay the work, INAC proposed to add language in the ToR of the BRSEA and share it between chairs for approval.

Actions:

- INAC will propose language for the chairs' approval.
- INAC will ask comments on ToR from GNWT and Yukon government.

4. Workplan for 2017/18

INAC agrees with the plan proposed by Inuvialuit for 2017-2018. Inuvialuit specified the importance that INAC submits also its own workplan. Inuvialuit also confirmed that their activities are on schedule.

Actions:

- INAC will share a workplan with IRC
- Contribution agreement (2017-2018) with Inuvialuit will be initiated soon

5. Research 2017/2018

\$1 million is available this year (2017-2018). Inuvialuit and INAC agreed on the importance of consistency in research components. Each piece of research must fit together over the 5-year BRSEA. Cochairs agreed to develop a formal approach where we agree together on the type of research that we need. INAC will develop a research workplan/framework and we should use a template for the project review. BREAA could provide good examples of review templates. Inuvialuit asked that INAC provides an overall workplan (5 years) breakdown with activities and funding available for projects.

A list of external projects was prepared by INAC. INAC and Inuvialuit agreed that research should fit better in a bigger picture of the assessment. Projects submitted must clearly show their links with the BRSEA framework.

Actions:

- Highlighting in detail the links of the external projects with the BRSEA framework and asking federal departments proponents to describe their in-kind contributions. Submit the information to the chairs.
- Develop a template to assess the projects contribution the BRSEA framework.
- Provide the INAC 5-years budget of BRSEA.

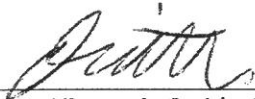
6. Options for writing the RSEA

INAC and Inuvialuit agreed on the need to have a good quality report at the end of BRSEA. The last initiative under BREA lacked the 'assessment' component and this is important to cover through the BRSEA. INAC proposed to hire a consultant to write the BRSEA report and Inuvialuit supported the idea. INAC can provide a list of consultants. Another option was for the Inuvialuit hiring the consultant. INAC was also open to the idea.

Action: INAC and IRC – to have more discussions on this in September.

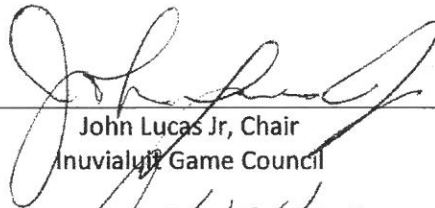
7. Wrap Up and Next Steps:

- Another phone call will be organized in 2 weeks and next quarterly calls will be planned. The next quarterly meeting should be in September. INAC to send dates.
- Send emails to federal departments (requesting more details on their research and requesting information on in-kind contributions). INAC to send to federal departments.
- Research project approval will take place by email. INAC/IRC.
- INAC to provide information on BRSEA budget to chairs.
- INAC to propose a sentence on the 5-years review process of new offshore oil and gas licences to the chairs.
- INAC to draft a template for research proposal review.




Duane Ningaqsiq Smith, Chair & CEO
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

Date



John Lucas Jr, Chair
Inuvialuit Game Council

Date



Mark Hopkins, Director General
Natural Resources and Environment Branch
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Date

Annex: Meeting Agenda

Date: July 21, 2017

Location: Teleconference

Time: 12:00 Eastern / 10:00 Mountain (1 hour)

Teleconference: 1-866-885-0884 (passcode: #5018209)

Meeting Agenda		
10 min	Welcome and Updates	Mark Hopkins, Duane Smith, Lawrence Ruben
15 min	Terms of Reference and Governance	All
10 min	Workplan for 2017/18	All
10 min	Research 2017/2018	All
10 min	Options for writing the RSEA	All
5 min	Wrap Up and Next Steps	All