

Nunavut Mining Symposium

Land Use Planning In Nunavut

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Presentation Format

- Overview Of Land Use Planning
- Distinctions From Other Jurisdictions
- Addressing Historic Concerns
- The Nunavut Experience
- Next Steps

Overview of Land Use Planning Under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA)

“The objective of the land use planning process is to prepare land use plans to guide and direct resource use and development” NLCA 11.2.2

Overview





Overview



The Plan

- **Land use plans are to be established in accordance with the NLCA.**

- **The Nunavut Planning Commission is responsible for establishing Broad Planning Policies, Objectives and Goals in conjunction with Government. NLCA 11.4.1(a)**

Overview



- **Land use plans apply to crown and Inuit Owned lands, fresh water, marine areas and wildlife.**

- **Government approves the land use plans.**

- **All government departments and agencies implement approved plans.**

Overview



How is Land Use Planning In Nunavut Distinct from other Jurisdictions?



Distinctions



- **Obligation to complete a single plan for the Nunavut Settlement Area.**



- **Commission determines conformity of projects with approved plans.**

Distinctions



- **Broad Planning Policies, Objectives and Goals inform the planning process by establishing parameters to guide the planning process and plan content**



Distinctions



Addressing Historic Concerns with Land Use Planning

- **Developed Broad Planning Policies, Objectives and Goals in conjunction with the Government of Canada, Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated NLCA 11.4.1(a)**

Historic Concerns



- Hosted workshops with industry, government and others to determine their expectations for the Nunavut Land Use Plan.



Historic Concerns



- **The Commission proposed an executive steering committee and technical working group to guide the land use planning process with:**
 - **the Government of Nunavut;**
 - **Indian and Northern Affairs Canada**
and
 - **Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated**

(Not an NLCA requirement and partners did not reach consensus)

Historic Concerns



- Developed 'opportunities and constraints mapping'.
- Identified 'Issues and Priorities' in consultation with planning partners



Historic Concerns



Sought Peer Feedback on the Land Use Planning Process

- **Alberta Professional Planners Institute**
Nationally Certified Registered Professional Planners
- **Office of the Auditor General of Canada**
Nationally Certified Registered Professional Planner
Nunavut Audit Team

Historic Concerns



The Nunavut Experience



Experience



Process Design

- Implementing the land use planning process in accordance with the:

Professional Practice Manual Canadian Institute of Planners

Prepared by: David R. Witty Ph.D., FCIP March 2002

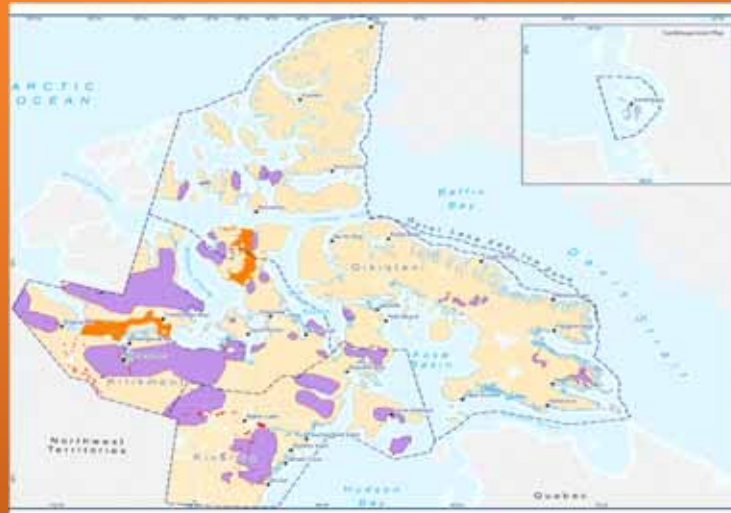
Experience



Support Regulatory Processes

- Identify regulatory gaps.
- Identify areas of critically important wildlife habitat.
- Identify opportunities for economic and social development.

Experience



Caribou Habitat

- **Avoid duplication with existing land and resource management regulatory processes.**
- **Rely on experts to provide advice.**



Experience



Building the Nunavut Land Use Plan

- Broad Planning, Policies, Objectives and Goals inform research activities of the Commission.



- Opportunities and Constraints Mapping

Experience



- Through a series of consultations the Commission identified the 'Issues and Priorities' which are the actual data ready components of the land use plan.



Experience



The questions we asked to formulate the Issues and Priorities

- Are there specific geographic areas or species that require special management?
- Describe the purpose of the special management.
- Identify the location (spatial) and / or time of year (temporal) the special management should apply.

Experience

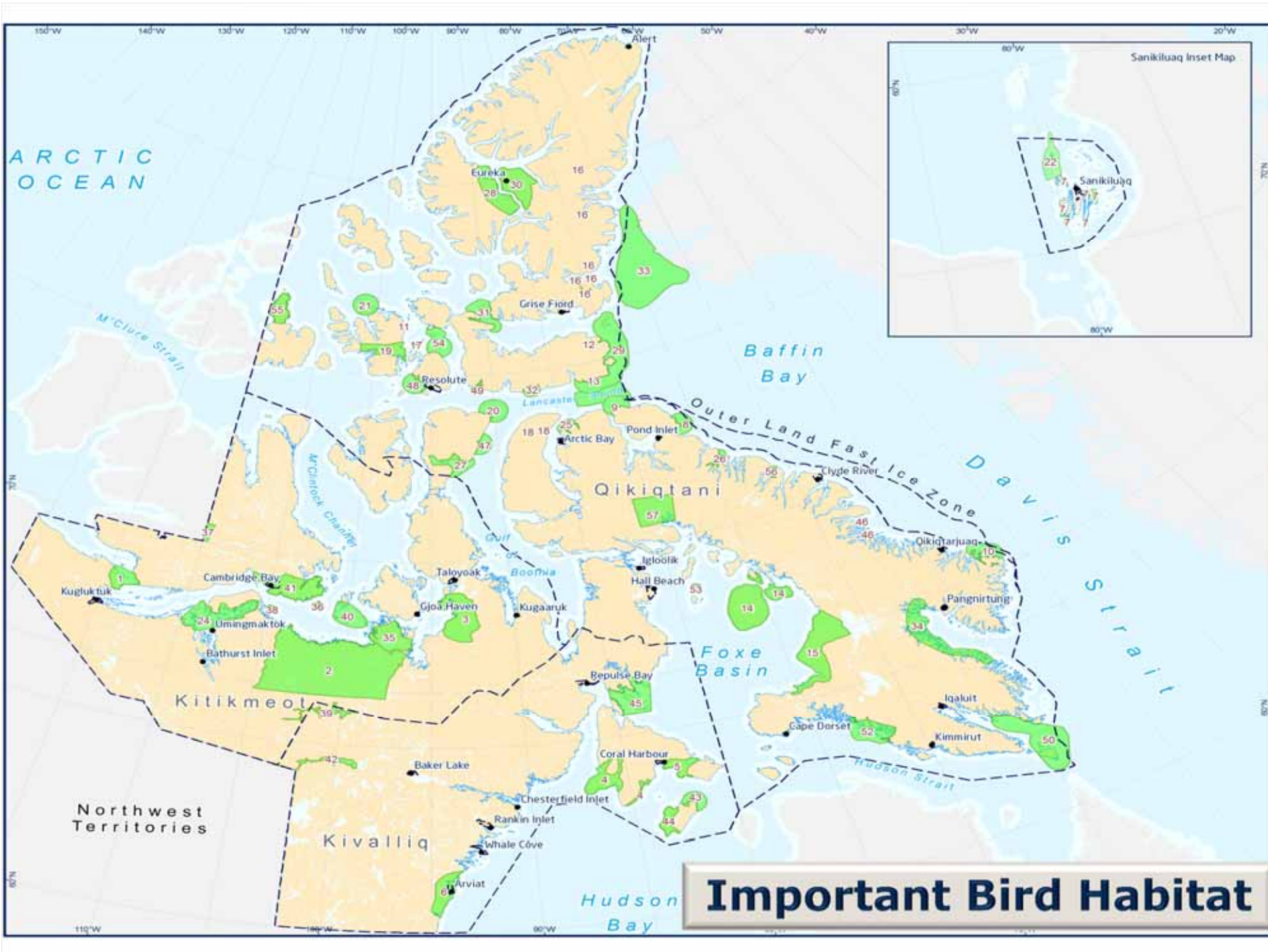


- **Are there areas important to the community or Inuit for social, cultural or economic reasons that may require special management?**

- **What criteria, beyond existing regulatory processes, are required to manage land use?**

Experience





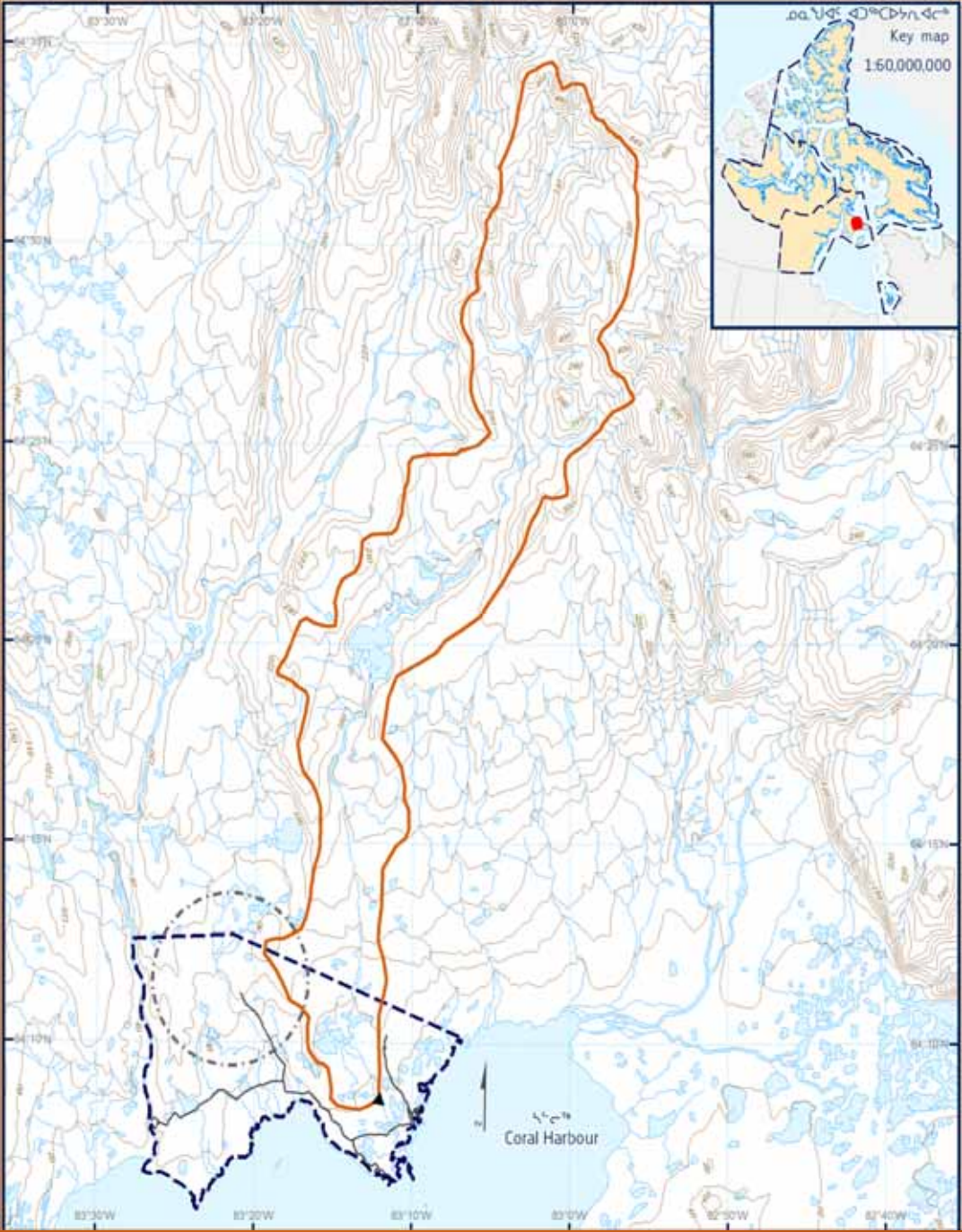
- **Are there opportunities to enhance the management or regulatory processes?**
- **Are there opportunities to fill regulatory gaps related to the management of land use?**

Experience



Community Map

Experience



The Commission Views Social Development as a Priority

- For the near future, the Commission views social development as a fundamental need of Nunavummiut.



Experience



Immediate Social Concerns

- growing labour force.
- historically high unemployment levels.
- infrastructure requirements, including housing, health, education and other social services.



Experience



- The Commission believes that the well-being of residents and communities requires the establishment of a long-term sustainable renewable and non-renewable resource economy.



Experience



Next Steps



Next Steps



Where to from Here?

- **Finalize Working Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.** (this is where we are at March 2011)



- **Make Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan public.**



Next Steps





- **Host pre-hearing workshops with Nunavut communities, Makivik, Denesuline Groups and other planning partners.**

Next Steps





- **Host Public Hearing:**
 - review the written and oral comments collected during pre-hearing workshops.
 - provide opportunities for presentations to the Commission.

Next Steps



- **Review submissions from pre-hearings and Public Hearing with Commission and seek direction.**



- **As required host drafting sessions with approval bodies.**



- **Review results of any drafting sessions with the Commission and seek approval for submission of the Final Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.**

Next Steps



Submit the Final Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan for approval to:

- President Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated**
- Minister Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and**
- Territorial Minister Responsible for Renewable Resources**

Next Steps



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