

Appendix E2

2008 On-Board Vessel Encounter Reports

27 August 2008.

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August 22

Boarded the fuel barge in Chesterfield Inlet.

Barge left for Baker Lake.

In the area of Kagvik saw some herds of Bull Caribou.

Near the South Channel on the main land he saw some Bull Caribou.

He saw around 10 bull caribou on the islands between North and South Channels.

In the same general area he saw 2 Seals going about their business.

No negative impacts to the caribou and seals.

Around the Ingnirit Point, saw 2 caribou, no negative impacts.

In Baker while the fuel was being pumped, no negative impacts.

NTCL crew and Agnico-Eagle staff very helpful and pleasant to work with.

Tried leaving today 28th August, but the plane did not land.

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July 31, 2008.

Met with Eli on 30 July 2008 at Martin Kreelak's house where he was staying. Met him about 7:30, but had met him earlier, but he had to observe the unloading of barge.

He had left the community of Chesterfield Inlet on July 28, 2008, around 10:00 p. m.

His first concern was that the barge was moving, it was not stopped. He had a local person take him to the Barge. The barge was about 2 or 3 miles distance from the town.

While Boarding he had to climb up the Rope ladder and the barge crew had lifted him up to get on board. He immediately started to observe for any Wildlife. He noticed that it was mainly foggy. Most of the time he had observed by site and binoculars.

The first sighting was near the Island of North and South Channel, just when approaching south channel. It was possibly a Loon, and was flying. That was the only wildlife that he had seen. Up to near the North and South Channel, it had been mainly foggy.

The crew and the captain of the barge had been very helpful all the way through the

trip. In Baker Lake he stayed at one of his relatives and had enjoyed the trip by Barge.

At this time his request is, in Chesterfield the monitors had asked a local hunter to take Him to the barge. The monitors will probably use that person to take them to the Barge. Barge is usually some distance from town. The last time it had been between 2 and 3 miles away from the town of Chesterfield Inlet.

He is suggesting that 2 or 3 drums of gasoline be given to one local hunter to take the monitors to and from the barge while in Chesterfield.

Today he will go back and forth to the barge and report further if needed. The barge up to the morning of 31 July had unloaded the fuel and there are Heavy freight to unload. The NTCL workers are good workers.

He would like to thank Agnico – Eagle Mines Ltd. for the chance to be a Wildlife Monitor. He also would like to thank NTCL for their helpfulness and the trip on the barge.

August 05, 2008

Eli went on the Tugboat due to go back to Chesterfield Inlet on August 03, 2008. On the way back to Chesterfield Inlet they met another Barge on its way to Baker Lake at the mouth of “Uvajik” stream or river. This is about the half way point between Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet, on the Channel.

The tugboats switched loads and the tugboat which Eli was on, went back to Baker Lake and arrived August 05th, 2008.

All the while in Baker Lake, NTCL workers were very helpful with everything. Also the Agnico – Eagle workers were very helpful and they made him comfortable.

While observing for Wildlife on the Channel, Eli saw a Bull Caribou on the north side of the Channel, around the Uvajuk area.

At around the same general area he saw a female polar bear with two (2) cubs swimming. They were in the water near the north shore of the Channel.

The animals he saw were not distressed, they were casually moving as they should.

While on the Channel, he saw more Sea Gulls flying about, probably looking for fish, to catch, as the fish, (probably Char) are on the move.

On August 04th, 2008, he went sight seeing to Meadowbank Camp. He was very impressed with the work up there. Everybody seemed to be very aware of what they were doing and he also felt very comfortable. Very interesting place.

He would like to express his appreciation for the trip to Baker Lake to the NTCL crew and to the Agnico – Eagle staff and workers for their helpfulness and he felt welcomed.

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In Chesterfield Inlet while the Tug was moving he was transported to the barge by 2 local Inuit hunters. This was on Saturday, August 02, 2008 at about 6:30 p.m. He had no transport and the barge was some distance from the shore due to High and Low tide.

Most of the time on their way to Baker Lake, it was foggy. He had observed all the way. The tug with the load had stopped overnight or about near Helicopter Island. The captain had waited for the High tide to come so that they could go through the South Channel near the end of the Lake Baker.

Just before arriving at Helicopter Island he saw 3 Caribou on the north side of the Channel on the main land. He thinks that there could have been more caribou as they were going behind a hill. He had seen these caribou by binoculars. No sightings of animals in the water.

While on transit he had observed by sight some sea gulls flying about. Also while on approach to Helicopter Island he had seen what looked like a loon or old squaw duck, it was in flight.

Those were the only sightings of animals while on transit and looked like it was routine sightings and not negative impacts.

He feels that the unloading might be business as usual, he might check now and then, while in Baker Lake.

Francoise Robillard thinks that the barge will be unloaded by Friday, August 08, 2008.