

Pond Inlet Community Lands and Resources Committee comments to Nunavut Impact Review Board on NIRB 08MN053: Comments Request for Baffinland's Mary River Project "Road Haulage Option"

Question # 1 Which marine mammals may be affected?

- Arctic char
- Bearded seals
- Ringed seals
- Narwhal
- Beluga
- Walrus
- Polar bears

They have already been affected. There no more seals at Milne Inlet. There are use to be abundance of them. A hunter was in Milne Inlet on his own hunting trip and was asked if he wants to work for BLIMC to pick up devices that were anchored underwater in and around the vicinity of Milne Inlet up to the vicinity of Qarnaaluk, that may have been used to prevent narwhals and seals to get near the vicinity of the Mary River project.

WE DO NOT WANT THESE DEVICES TO BE USED! People who travel to the Milne Inlet vicinity are complaining that there are no more seals vicinity of Milne Inlet until they reach the vicinity of (Tuqajaat) Cape Hatt.

Question # 2 Where will marine mammals be affected?

In the vicinities of the following;

- Milne Inlet,
- Qurluqtuq,
- Tugaat,
- Saviit
- Tasiujaq,
- Nallua, Nunasia
- Sanirutiup imaganga

Question # 3 Do you feel that the increased shipping will affect traditional harvesting practices with Narwhals, Ringed seals, harp seals, bowhead whales? Would this impact other harvesting? (ie, Fish?)

- Yes, most definitely current marine activities already has impact.

Question # 4 Are there concerns about effect the increased tote road usage may have on wildlife, (ie) Caribou? Dust impact? Migration of caribou, etc.

- Most definitely the wildlife
- That includes stock pile ranging from 500,000 to 1 million tonnes in size. BLIMC "Quote efforts will be made to minimize drop

unquote” EFFORTS NOT GOOD ENOUGH! BLIMC Quote “Other measures will be taken to reduce dusting during transport” WHAT KIND OF OTHER MEASURES? BLIMC quote “the stock piles will be designed with the capacity of approximately three million tonnes. All run off (ACID) (RUST) will be collected and treated if necessary before releasing to the receiving environment unquote” IF NECESSARY NOT GOOD ENOUGH. Recommendation All run off will be collected and treated before releasing to the receiving environment.

The following will also be affected;

- Air quality
- Noise
- Unique landforms
- Permafrost and ground ice
- Soils
- Berries
- Plants important to wildlife
- Peregrine falcon
- The list goes on and on and on.

Question # 5 Do you feel that Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation has adequately explained the proposed changes within your community? How and when did they address this issue with the communities?

- No they have not adequately explain the proposed changes within our community, until now, after they (BLIMC) submitted a notice to Nunavut Impact Review Board about wanting to add on DEIS a consideration of a new alternative in the DEIS for Mary River project.
- Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation held a public meeting yesterday at 7:00pm but, there was hardly anyone there, and the two gentlemen from BLIMC did not seem to be able to answer some of the questions and comments made by the general public, they didn't seem to take notes at all.