

Pond Inlet Community Lands and Resources Committee public meeting, Comments
October 12, 2010 to NIRB
NIRB file: 08MN053 Comments Request for Baffinland's Mary River Project "Road
Haulage Option"

**Question # 1 Where will marine mammals be affected? NOTE it's question # 2 in
Inuktitut**

The surrounding areas and will cause a "Damino effect" In the vicinities of the
following;

- Lancaster Sound
- Navy Board Inlet
- Milne Inlet
- Tay Sound
- Koluktoo Bay
- Eclipse Sound
- Button Point
- All Fishing lakes near shipping routes

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- Milne Inlet
- Koluctoo Bay
- Tremblay Sound
- Eclipse Sound (Tasiujaq)
- Navy Board Inlet
- Button Point/Baffin Bay
- Tugaat
- The shipping route will also be affected

**Question # 2 English Which marine mammals may be affected? Ques. # 1 in
Inuktitut**

- Bow head whales, Killer Whales, Seals, Cod, Turbot, Sculpins, Char, Krill, Planktons
- Any Marine Mammal below Narwhal and Bowhead
- Concentrate (POP's) organic pollutants can damage wildlife for a much longer term than the marine closes
- There is already been affect
- Compensate
- Most concern from ring seals near docks.

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- Char, Anthropoids, Igliqnait, Sculpins, Tulugarnaat, Nattivak, Jelly fish, Ammuumajuit, clams, cod, Uugaqjuat, small sea creatures, marine eco-system, ringed seals, Harp seals, Narwhal, Breaded seal, Hooded seals, Murres, Kittywicks, Sea Gulls, Pitiulaat, Akpaliarjuit and Falmers.

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, any animal below the Narwhal, Bowhead and Seal in the food chain.
- Char, Krill, Plankton, Cod, Turbot
- Yes, it's going to effect all food chain and eventually to us (People/Inuit in Pond Inlet)
- Compensate Pond Inlet residence Inuktitut
- It is already evident that the wildlife has already been affected as we speak even before this project ever gets off the ground.
- Traditional harvesting have been affected, Narwhals are no longer in abundance same with seals, as of October 12, 2010.

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

- Mary River, Milne Inlet tote road could let too much **Dust** and **Pollutants into Mary River. (Mary Flows to the general direct of Steensby Inlet and Milne Inlet)**
- Pollutants include **lubricants, dust, suppressants, etc.**
- Highly possibility **of concentrated (POP's) persistant organic pollutants concentrating at Milne Inlet lacks tied to wash away pollutants**
- There are **already an affect with the tote road**. A historical site has already been disturbed and now destoring the site.
- The **caribou is already effected, and no company can get our caribou back! As well 0% pollution into Mary River IMPOSSIBLE!**
- **Lubracants DIESAL, OILS, GREASE FALLING OFF VEHICLES WILL GET INTO MARY RIVER AND POISON WILDLIFE IN MILNE INLET WHERE IT DRAIN!**
- **NO MORE TOTE ROAD USAGE, IRON ORE DUST, ROAD DUST ALREADY POISON MARY RIVER.**

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- DUST WILL EFFECT the following; **Caribou, Lemmings, Weasels, Foxes, Small Birds, Snow Geese, Canada Geese, Sand Hill Cranes, Tuitui, Arctic Terns.**
- Pollutants Equipments includes but not limited to; **Haul Trucks, Dozers, Loaders, Graders, Crushing & Screening, Diamond drilling, Packers, Excavators, Rotary Drills and Blasting noise.**

Dust in the air and land, our environment is being slowly contaminated.

- **Inuit way of life would be destroyed.**
- **The land will not only be effected the sea mammals will also be effected.**
- **The caribou migrating routes will also be effected once the tote road usage increase.**

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 did not properly address the community.
- No meaningful, informative dialogue since prior 2010 don't know when?
- Heck no! These are miscommunications between Baffinland Iron Mines Coporation, Inuit of Pond Inlet Qikiqtani Inuit Association and so on.... The information we hear is from the media i.e. CBC
- No! No! No!
- Too much dishonesty from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

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- No, they never communicated with the people of Pond Inlet

Question # 6 Does the Community Lands and Resources Committee wish to inform their community about this project change and seek comments from the community?

- Yes! Yes! More consulting with the people
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- Absolutely October 12, 2010

Other General Comments

- There no more seals at Milne Inlet and Narwhal. There are use to be abundance of them. A hunter was asked if he wants to work for BLIMC vicinity of Milne Inlet up to the vicinity of Qaurnaaluk to pick up devices that were anchored underwater in and around the, 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 and Narwhal in the vicinity of Milne Inlet until they reach the vicinity of (Tuqajaat) Cape Hatt.**
- Caribou study that is being used by Baffinland Iron mines Corporation is **OUTDATED.**