

# WHALE TAIL PIT

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THE FUTURE OF THE MEADOWBANK MINE

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## PART vi- MARINE ENVIRONMENT

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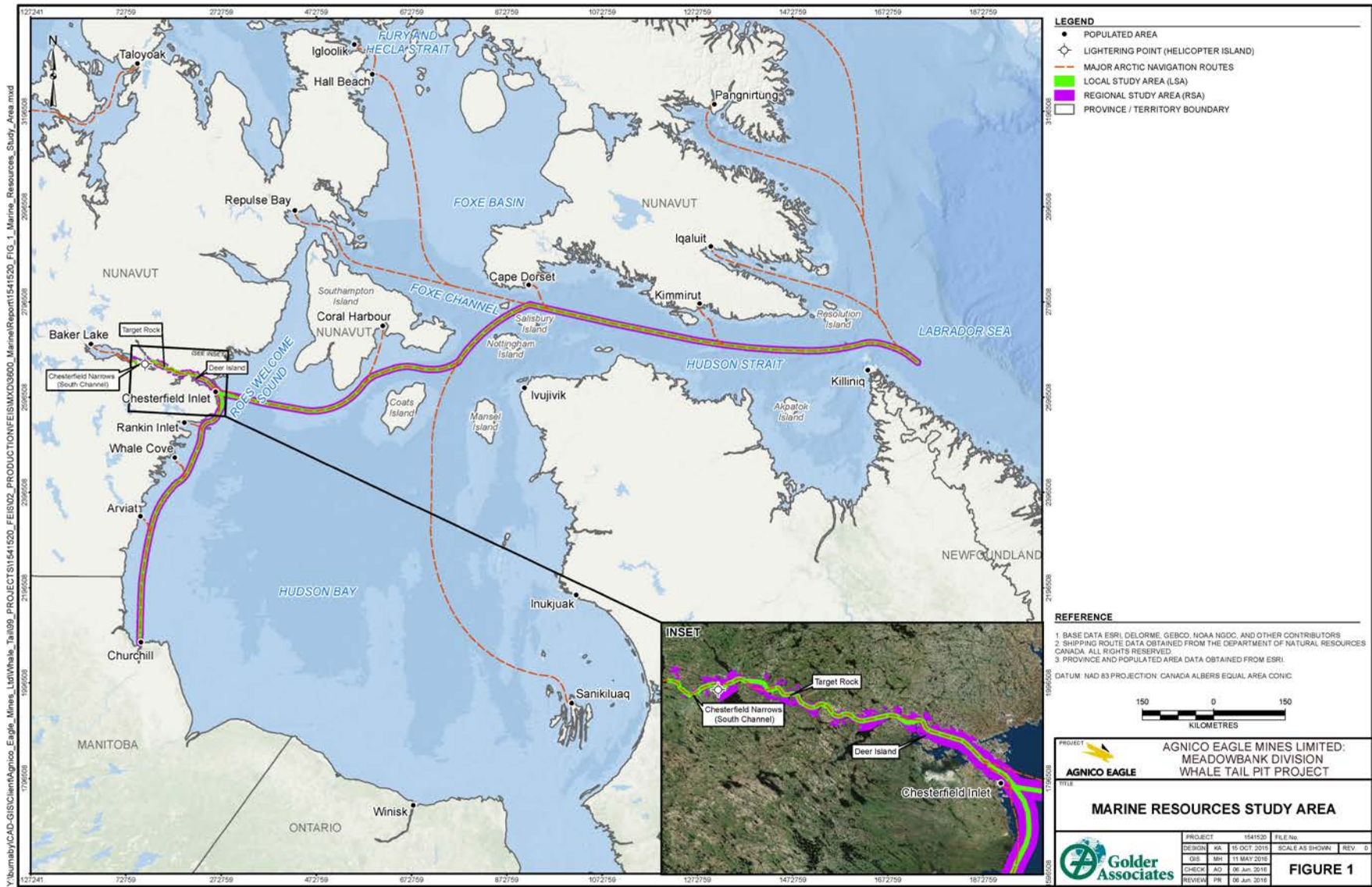
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### ➤ Valued Components and Other components assessed:

- Marine Water Quality
- Marine Fish
- Marine Mammals
- Marine Birds

### ➤ Inuit concerns:

- Marine wildlife abundance and distribution, migration patterns
- Breeding areas
- Critical habitat features (e.g., walrus haul-out locations)
- Harvesting patterns
- Effects of climate change on marine wildlife populations and on harvesting activities
- Effects of shipping on marine wildlife

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## Accidental Spills

- Result in temporary localized exceedances of CCME water quality guidelines
- Potential acute or chronic effects within immediate area of the spill

- Measurable effects in excess of water quality standards
- Potential mortality

➤ Likelihood is considered low (unlikely) for both minor and major scenarios provided prescribed industry-standard prevention and response measures are in place

- Oil spill modelling in the area provides a maximum conservative period of up to 48 h after which 99% of spilled fuel would have dissipated

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## Collisions with vessels (marine mammals)

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## Underwater noise from Project vessels (marine mammals)

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Collision with vessels and behavioural disturbance from in-air noise and ship lighting (marine birds)

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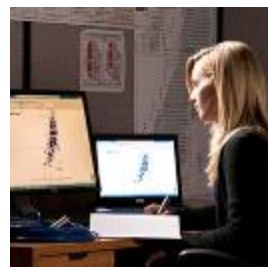
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- No significant impacts on marine fisheries productivity, or structure and function of self-sustaining and ecologically effective marine wildlife populations relative to natural factors occurring over the same period of time and space
- Scale of combined impacts from the Project pathways, independently or cumulatively with other Reasonably Foreseeable Future Development (RFFDs), will not be large enough to result in irreversible changes at the population level
- The Project should not have a significant adverse impact on the continued opportunity for traditional and non-traditional use of marine resources in the region

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