

SUMMARY REPORT

NIRB Public Scoping and EIS Guideline Development Workshop Baker Lake, Nunavut November 5-7, 2008



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) would like to thank all those who participated in the recent Public Scoping and Guideline Development Workshop held in Baker Lake as part of the NIRB's review of Uravan Minerals Inc.'s Garry Lake project proposal. The workshop was well attended by local organizations, community members, government and non-governmental agencies. Special thanks to the many Elders who actively participated, sharing their concerns about the project and their knowledge about the Garry Lake area with the NIRB staff and other workshop participants.

The NIRB would also like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Baker Lake for the warm hospitality offered to its staff during their recent visit.

Sincerely,

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

THE NUNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) was created through Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). The Board is mandated to protect and promote the existing and future well being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area, and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement Area with respect to proposed development projects and activities. This is done through the NIRB's environmental impact assessment process. An important part of this process is to inform potentially affected communities about proposed development projects and activities, and to promote public awareness and participation at Hearings.

URAVAN MINERALS INC.'S GARRY LAKE PROJECT PROPOSAL (FROM PROJECT APPLICATIONS)

The proposed project is located in the Garry Lake area of the Kivalliq Region. The nearest community is Baker Lake, approximately 235 kilometres (km) to the Southeast. The project is also located approximately 65 km East-northeast of the Thelon Game Sanctuary, within the Caribou Protection Area (as designated by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) and the traditional caribou calving area of the Beverly caribou herd.

Uravan Minerals Inc.'s (Uravan or Proponent) intends to conduct exploration activities for uranium on both Inuit Owned Lands and Crown Lands, including: constructing and operating permanent and temporary camps; diamond drilling; prospecting; mapping; and ground geochemical sampling. The Garry Lake exploration camp would be a permanent camp used during the summer to fall field seasons and late winter (mid March to mid June), then temporarily shut down. Uravan also proposes to use a mobile camp to accommodate winter drilling. The mobile camp would be brought to the drilling areas using a wide track Sno-Cat type vehicle.

A comprehensive list of project components is provided within the *Draft* Scope of the NIRB's Review of the Uravan Garry Lake project (Appendix A).

CHRONOLOGY

On March 14, 2008 the NIRB received a land use application from the Kivalliq Inuit Association for Uravan's Garry Lake uranium exploration project proposal. On April 1, 2008 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this project. Uravan's project proposal also includes applications for a water license with the Nunavut Water Board and a land use permit with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

The NIRB screened Uravan's Garry Lake project proposal in accordance with Part 4 of Article 12 of the NLCA, and on June 27, 2008 issued a Screening Decision Report to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (the Minister), recommending a review under Part 5 or 6 of

Article 12 of the NLCA. Pursuant to Section 12.4.7 of the NLCA, the NIRB received correspondence from the Minister on September 25, 2008 referring the Garry Lake project proposal to the NIRB for a review of the ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts under Part 5 of Article 12 of the NLCA.

Pursuant to Section 12.5.4 of the NLCA, the Minister asked that "the Board structure the review in a manner that will facilitate a thorough, yet expeditious review of the project". Additionally, the Minister stated his support for focusing the scope of the review on the Garry Lake project's impacts and cumulative impacts on wildlife habitat and Inuit wildlife harvesting. Specifically, the issues that warrant further review include:

- Impacts of the project activities to caribou, with particular emphasis on calving activities;
- Potential impacts to wildlife habitat, particularly the caribou calving grounds of the Beverly herd;
- Potential cumulative impacts of this project, in relation to other similar projects in the region, to caribou, caribou calving grounds, and across caribou ranges.
- Other impacts to wildlife including raptor nesting areas, potential human-carnivore conflicts and aircraft disturbances.

OBJECTIVE OF WORKSHOP

The NIRB Part 5 Review process requires the development of a public participation and awareness program to initiate engagement of the public during the initial stages of the review process in order to facilitate meaningful consultation with those communities potentially affected by the proposed project. The objective of this workshop was to allow NIRB staff to effectively consult with the public and interested parties on the proposed scope of NIRB's assessment, while soliciting their advice on Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs) and Valued Socio-Economic Components (VSECs) that should be addressed by the Proponent's Environmental Impact Statement.

WHAT IS SCOPING AND GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT?

SCOPING

The first step in the NIRB's Part 5 Review process is to **scope** the project proposal and the potential impacts associated with developing the project. Scoping is a process that pinpoints significant issues requiring study and analysis. This process aims to identify those components of the biophysical and/or socio-economic environment that may be impacted by the project and for which there is public concern. The NIRB solicits input from the Proponent and interested Parties, including Territorial and Federal Government departments, Regional Inuit Associations, and members of the public, in order to determine:

- Which components of the project to include in the review;
- The temporal and spatial boundaries of the project;
- The issues and concerns to be considered in the review (e.g. different impacts; accidents and malfunctions, etc); and
- Any other requirements for the assessment of the project proposal.

Prior to hosting this workshop, the NIRB distributed a *Draft* Scope of the NIRB's Review of the Uravan's Garry Lake project (Appendix A) and invited all parties to provide comments based on their area of expertise and/or mandate. Comments were provided by parties on or before October 29, 2008.

EIS GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT

Section 12.5.2 of the NLCA directs the NIRB to issue project specific guidelines to the Proponent for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An EIS is a detailed document prepared by the Proponent in accordance with the guidelines issued by the NIRB which identifies, predicts, evaluates, and communicates information about the ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of a project proposal. An EIS also provides for the identification and development of mitigation measures — measures designed to control, reduce, or eliminate potentially adverse impacts of an activity or project.

The NIRB draws on information obtained during scoping and the development of EIS guidelines, and will circulate draft guidelines to interested Parties, offering an opportunity for comment. The NIRB will then integrate those recommendations it considers appropriate, finalize the guidelines, and issue them to the Proponent for the preparation of an EIS.

Section 12.5.2 of the NLCA contains a list of information to be included, where appropriate, in an EIS and grants the NIRB the authority to add, "any other matters that NIRB considers relevant." For more information on the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements and a

list of requirements that Proponents must comply with, please see the NIRB's *Guide 7 – The Preparation of Environmental Impact Statements* (available at http://ftp.nirb.ca/GUIDES/)¹.

Prior to hosting this workshop in Baker Lake, NIRB encouraged the participation of all agencies with jurisdictional authority over the Project and/or with technical expertise to offer regarding the assessment and management of caribou, caribou calving grounds and harvesting in the Project area. These organizations included:

- Uravan Minerals Incorporated
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
- Baker Lake Hunters' and Trappers' Organization

¹ Where any discrepancies are encountered between the NIRB's *Guide 7* and the project-specific EIS Guidelines issued under NLCA Section 12.5.2, the EIS Guidelines shall prevail.

ADVERTISEMENTS

RADIO

Public service announcements in English and Inuktitut were provided to the CKQN Baker Lake radio station one week prior to meetings (Appendix B).

FLYERS

Prior to arriving in the community, local community members were requested to assist with the placement of flyers around town, announcing the NIRB meeting in English and Inuktitut (Appendix B). Additionally, flyer placements were verified once staff arrived in Baker Lake. Additional posters were placed in key business and community locations if they were not present.

NEWSPAPER

Newspaper advertisements in English and Inuktitut were printed in the *Kivalliq News* newspaper one week prior to meetings (Appendix B).

OTHER

Upon arrival in Baker Lake, NIRB staff visited briefly with several local organizations to promote attendance at the workshop, including the Baker Lake Hamlet, Hunters' and Trappers' Organization, Government of Nunavut — Department of Environment and Kivalliq Inuit Association. NIRB staff also attended a community information session hosted by the Nunavut Energy Centre (a division of Qulliq Energy Corporation) at the community hall on November 4, 2008 and made an announcement to further encourage public participation at the NIRB workshop.

AGENDA

<u>Day 1:</u> <u>Wednesday, November 5, 2008</u>

9:00 am - 12:00 am NIRB opening remarks

NIRB presentation: "Ensuring Effective Public Participation in the NIRB

Part 5 Review Process"

NIRB presentation: "Draft Scope for the review of the Garry Lake

project"

Government of Nunavut presentation

Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board presentation

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Break for lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Indian and Northern Affairs Canada presentation

Facilitated discussion: Draft Scope

5:00 pm Break for day

Day 2: Thursday, November 6, 2008

9:00 am - 12:00 pm NIRB opening remarks

NIRB presentation "Revised Scope for the review of the Garry Lake

project"

Facilitated discussion: Cumulative Effects Assessment Working groups exercise: prioritize scoping issues

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Break for lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Facilitated discussion: EIS guidelines

Working groups exercise: develop EIS guidelines

General comments

5:00 pm Break for day

Day 3: Friday, November 7, 2008

9:00 am - 12:00 pm NIRB opening remarks

NIRB presentation "Further Input on Scoping List"

General comments

12:00 pm NIRB closing remarks

MEETING NOTES

The workshop was open to all members of the public, with snacks and refreshments provided, and door prizes raffled. Simultaneous interpretation was also made available in Inuktitut/English. All attendees were asked to sign in during each morning and afternoon session (Appendix C). Many organizations had representatives in attendance at various times, including:

- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Government of Nunavut
- Beverly Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Lutsel K'e Denesuline First Nation
- Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization, Hamlet, and Community Land and Resources Committee (CLARC)

Please note that in a letter dated October 28, 2008 to the NIRB, Uravan Minerals Inc. indicated that it would have a representative attending the workshop to observe and take notes. However, no representative identified themselves at the meeting.

Documents and handouts were provided for public viewing and included:

- NIRB's presentation entitled "Ensuring Effective Public Participation in the NIRB Part 5 Review Process"
- Garry Lake non-technical project summary (English and Inuktitut)
- NIRB Part 1 Form (English and Inuktitut) for the Garry Lake project
- Map of project area
- NIRB screening decision report
- Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada referral letter
- Comment Forms
- NIRB Guides 1-8
- Nunavut Land Claim Agreement
- Contact Information for NIRB
- Contact Information for the Proponent

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES RAISED

Throughout the workshop NIRB staff made written notes on the numerous comments and concerns raised by workshop participants. The following list is not meant to be an explicit recording of everything that was said, but rather a general summary of the key issues discussed which NIRB will take into account while creating the guidelines for this project. Comments or recommendations contained within PowerPoint presentations given by the Government of Nunavut, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board have not been included within this section, though comments resulting from follow up discussions are included. The presentations may be found in their entirety in Appendix D.

Please note that all comments have been grouped under general headings that will correspond to topics that are covered within the Environmental Impact Statement guidelines for this project.

1. The Garry Lake project

- a. Community has not been consulted previously about this project.
- b. The project area has been used historically by caribou for calving.
- c. It is not clear how many square kilometres would be used for exploration.
- d. Maps need to clearly identify which areas would be used for prospecting/exploring.
- e. If the project is approved, no activities should be allowed until a long time after the calving and post-calving season
- f. Uravan's camp is not located as indicated on the map. Would like to know exactly where the camp is located, where they are exploring and how close they would be to the calving areas.
- g. Concern over effects to the caribou migration because of the project activities in the Garry Lakes area.
- h. The purpose of the project needs to be better defined. Will it lead to future development?

2. Consideration of additional VECs and VSECs

a. Burial sites are extremely important to the people originally from the Garry Lakes area. Sites in the project area should be identified and protected prior to exploration.



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- b. Vegetation is impacted by helicopter landings. Lichen in particular is important to caribou, and needs to be protected.
- c. Soil and impacts to the tundra caused by ground transportation should be addressed.
- d. Need to monitor and identify fish in lakes in the surrounding Garry Lakes area.

3. Aircraft disturbances

- a. Low flying aircraft scare caribou. This has been seen often by local hunters.
- b. In the spring time, helicopters and related activities scare the caribou and this might cause them to lose their calves, which might be one cause of the caribou decline.
- c. Air traffic causes caribou herds to change their movements and the direction of migration.
- d. Caribou are scared by air traffic all animals are.
- e. Other animals are also affected by air traffic.
- f. How much caribou are impacted depends on the altitude of the aircraft.
- g. Caribou may habituate to aircraft disturbances. For example, caribou around the Baker Lake airport appear to have adjusted to the air traffic and sometimes must be chased off the runway.
- h. It is getting difficult to hunt caribou in the spring or summer because they are scared away from the traditional hunting places by aircraft.
- i. Caribou are more sensitive to aircraft disturbances early in the mornings.
- j. Airborne surveys are affecting caribou, stressing them and even causing them to die
- k. Caribou conditions have changed in the past ten years; caribou appear to be leaner now which might be due to helicopters and low-level flights.
- 1. Caribou react differently to disturbances at different times of the year, and appear to be more skittish during the spring and summer.
- m. Helicopters frequently land on the tundra during surveys. This might affect the lichen, the vegetation that caribou need.
- n. Suggest altitudes for low-flying aircrafts be incorporated into terms and
 - conditions or project certificate. 500 feet (ft) is too low. 1000 ft might still be too low.
- o. Helicopters are not the best transportation for surveys other transportation. Helicopters should not fly lower than 1000 ft, need flight restrictions. It has been seen that 500 disturbs wildlife (from search and rescue activities).



- p. Helicopters disturb hunters.
- q. Helicopters are equipped with satellite tracking devices and these devices can be used to determine which helicopter flew when.

4. Current status of the Beverly herd

- a. The Beverly herd is in an extremely poor and vulnerable state. The cause for its decline and current levels is not completely clear, though impacts from exploration are expected to play a significant role.
- b. Caribou herds have not come near Baker Lake for the past 4 years, and to a lesser extent for the past 10 years.
- c. There are disagreements between hunters and surveyors on the location and amount of caribou in the area.
- d. There needs to be a better definition in Inuktitut for decline. It is not always interpreted correctly.
- e. A decline is seen in the caribou; there has to be a reason for this decline.
- f. In the past 10 years, the people have seen a decline in the Beverly caribou, but little has been done about it. Why has nothing being done about it? Why is this only being discussed now?
- g. It took more than 10 years to convince the Saskatchewan Dene to put collars on the caribou. However, it was noticed that there were behavioural changes after the collars were put on.



- h. Different herds from above and below the tree line come into the area. These herds need to be properly identified.
- i. There is too much drilling in the calving area.
- i. Should consider historical events to determine decline in animals.

5. Ensuring adequate consultation

- a. The community needs to be kept informed of what is happening in their area, before it happens, while it happens and after it happens.
- b. Effective consultation with Elders may require visiting in their homes where they are more comfortable talking.
- c. Former Garry Lakes area residents are now living in Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove. They need to be consulted about this project.

 NOTE: A list of names of former Garry Lakes area residents and people having a known connection to the area is provided in Appendix E.

- d. Exploration companies should speak to Elders about the caribou. They should go to their homes.
- e. Traditional knowledge should be shared between aboriginal people that depend on caribou to compare important issues. More funding is needed for this sharing.
- f. Need to have a liaison between the community and the camps. This person should also be a local person.
- g. Global warming is changing the land. Have especially noticed this during the summer times. Need to seek out Inuit knowledge and use it with scientific knowledge for global warming.

6. Effectiveness of Caribou Protection Measures

- a. Agree with NWT that there should be protected areas with no exploration.
- b. Exploration should not be allowed for certain periods, especially during the calving period.
- c. May 15 to June 15 is about the time calving occurs and no exploration should not be permitted during this time.
- d. CPM need to be consistently implemented.
- e. The area needs better designation with uses prioritized clearly.

7. Research methods used to study caribou in the region

- a. Research and collaring can have negative impacts on caribou.
- b. Government of Nunavut conducts demographic studies in order to have a complete survey of the caribou. One flight is used for the surveys to minimize impacts to the caribou.
- c. Local people should be used to help with the demographic studies or surveys.
- d. Proper surveys are needed during the calving season.
- e. Surveys appear to change the caribou migration patterns. Caribou avoiding traditional migration areas because of surveys.

8. Impacts on caribou and caribou habitat

a. The current amount of exploration in the Kivalliq region has impacted negatively on caribou.

- b. The community should be informed on how many square kilometres are being used for exploration.
- c. Research surveys and collaring have impacts on caribou.
- d. The local wolf population has increased. They have been seen killing caribou and this is affecting the caribou population.
- e. Exploration companies



- have affected caribou migration patterns in the region.
- f. Caribou are sensitive to noise.
- g. Many areas of caribou habitat should be protected, especially the traditional areas.
- h. Cold springs can cause caribou to lose their calves.
- i. There might be contaminants in the traditional caribou areas and this would affect the caribou.
- j. Caribou die when the winter season is extended, they may die when they cross water, especially when wolves are also attacking caribou. Local hunters have seen wolves attack, especially when the caribou cross the rivers.
- k. Roads affect caribou since they avoid the roads.
- 1. Caribou are attracted to mining sites. Caribou have not migrated towards Baker Lake since Meadowbank went into construction. They seem to be hanging around the mine sites because they are not hunted there they feel protected.
- m. Muskox population is increasing and overtaking caribou habitat. This is causing a disruption to caribou migration and traditional habitat.
- n. Caribou should be treated with respect.
- o. There is a lack knowledge on caribou and their habitat, with most of what we know coming conservation from monitoring and enforcement. There is disjointed information with lack of consistent research. Need more information on local caribou health, the health of the Ahiak herd, and



information on behavioural issues and historical cycles.

9. Inuit and Aboriginal harvesting

- a. The Garry Lakes area is used by local people primarily in the spring and winter months, with travel by snow machine as it's too far for ATVs.
- b. Local people harvest only what they need as they have always done. It is getting much harder to even get this much.
- c. The taste of caribou changes when they have been harassed by aircraft or researchers.
- d. How will the people/communities survive if the caribou goes extinct? How will the Inuit culture survive without caribou?
- e. Hunting has changed because of increased access. Now cows can be hunted in the spring.
- f. Hunters now have to travel greater distances with the use of ATVs to find caribou. Need to ensure protection of the land and the use of trails.

10. Caribou Migration

- a. Hunters have noticed caribou migration patterns have been changing. This has impacted hunters of the Qamanirjuaq herd tremendously in the last 4 years.
- b. It is important to protect caribou, their habitat and traditional migration routes.
- c. Many of the exploration camps are within the caribou migration corridor.
- d. Hunters follow strict hunting rules and won't leave carcasses behind on paths used by caribou which would affect the migration of caribou. Exploration companies should not interfere with paths used by caribou.
- e. Caribou will stop to rest periodically in traditional areas along their migration routes.
- f. Surveys in 2007 have indicated that there have been incidents with regards to low-level flying within the caribou migration corridors. Low-level flying has moved caribou away from these corridors.
- g. Caribou are no longer always found where hunters expect to find them, where they have traditionally been found.
- h. Exploration camps have suggested putting fencing around their camp sites to prevent wildlife from coming near. This will cause a disturbance to the caribou migration.
- i. Need to monitor wolves. They are having an effect on caribou and to the migration pattern.

11. Caribou Monitoring

- a. Formerly monitoring was done by KIA, now monitoring is being done only by exploration/mining companies. The companies only monitor a small area with their own monitors, while protecting their own interests. Would like to see regional monitoring again.
- b. Recommend that local people are used for the surveys/monitoring.
- c. Can the results from monthly caribou surveys conducted by the mines be made available to the public? Can these results be incorporated with this review?
- d. Indicators need to be developed for improved monitoring.
- e. Mines have an agreement to protect the land and wildlife and this is done by monitoring. Community is not being informed on the monitoring that is conducted at the site, especially related to fish, water, land and wildlife.
- f. Better indicators need to be developed for monitoring.

12. Sustainable development

a. Need to find a balance



between caribou and mining exploration as both are important for the people and the community. Caribou are important as traditional food, exploration is important for jobs

- b. What happens once uranium is found in the caribou calving grounds? Will exploration stop?
- c. Caribou are very important to the community, but people have become used to



having non-traditional foods. Also, people don't live off the land as much since they are now employed. Need to take the opportunities as they come along, and exploration and mining have provided these opportunities. Have to be careful not to blame the mining companies for the decline of the caribou without knowing for sure that they are the cause.

- d. Do not wish to stop exploration as long as it does not affect the traditional way of living or affect the traditional food sources.
- e. Exploration impacts might not be very big, but what happens when the company finds uranium?
- f. Traditional foods, including caribou, are extremely important to this community, especially for those that don't have jobs. It cannot be allowed to get to the point where there are no caribou.
- g. There is now an increased reliance on non-traditional food.
- h. People live of traditional foods (caribou, fish) and do not want to see any effects to the traditional food sources.

13. Culture/Heritage

- a. The Garry Lakes area is very special to the Inuit. Many Elders were born there and always think about the land that they were raised on. There are many burial sites in the area and people still go to the area to visit the sites in the spring. Do not want exploration in this area.
- b. Exploration and mining companies should use traditional place names used by the people in the community. These names are important and are used by the Elders.
- c. The Garry Lakes area has traditional significance (special place) to the Inuit. There are many traditional camping sites.
- d. Archaeological sites need to be identified and protected.
- e. Concerned with disturbance to human remains and/or removal of human remains from the site. Do not want remains to be removed and would like to see monitors put in place to ensure burial sites are protected.
- f. No drilling or exploration activities within a safe zone (area) around burial sites.

g. There are some burial sites that are over 1000 years old or more in the area. Even though human remains might not be found, the area is important and should not be disturbed.

14. Employment

- a. There are impacts to the youth and the Elders, especially for families that have family members working at the mine or camps on the two week shifts. Would like to have a counsellor in town to deal with the problems this creates for these families.
- b. Mining is important as it provides employment to young people.
- c. Would like exploration/mining companies to hire someone locally to monitor/observe the activities that are occurring at the mine sites.

15. Cumulative Impacts on Caribou and Caribou Habitat

- a. Many factors cause impacts on caribou, including: noise; contamination of vegetation; exploration and mining; research; predators; competing species (muskox); climate change and global warming; freezing rain; forest fires; sport hunters; low-flying aircraft; winter roads; all season roads; and disruption to migration.
- b. There are inconsistent levels of protection for caribou habitat, different designations such as the Thelon Game Sanctuary, Caribou Protection Areas, etc.
- c. Global warming needs to be considered. There have been historical events of animals dying due to high temperatures (1955, 1991).

16. EIS Guidelines Recommendations

- a. Identify and protect burial and archaeological sites prior to exploration. Consult with Elders that grew up in the area on locating and identifying burial sites. Burial sites should be marked with crosses once identified. No remains shall be removed from the burial sites. No exploration or any other activities within a safe zone around the burial sites.
- b. Discuss/explain how Uravan will monitor caribou during calving season to ensure
 - there are no disturbances from exploration activities including helicopters.
- c. Hire local monitor for monitoring programs at the site.
- d. Explain how Uravan will avoid low-flying activities during migration and calving season. No flying allowed over caribou herds.
- e. Provide information on the monitoring/surveys conducted to the



- community (especially Elders). Information to include current migration routes. Consult with Elders on historical migration routes and discuss any significant changes to current monitoring results. Consultation/updates should be in the form of face-to face meetings.
- f. Discuss how Uravan would minimize scarring to the tundra and minimize landings of helicopters during surveys. No surveys between calving periods. No surveys between May September.
- g. Companies should provide information updates to the public (especially Elders) on current activities occurring at the site.
- h. Provide a discussion on muskox population impacts on caribou and habitat. There should be an unlimited hunting quota for muskox and no protected areas or legislation for muskox.



- i. Exploration activities that require low flying aircrafts require frequent public community meetings involving the HTO. No activities should be permitted during the calving season and post calving season, near water crossings during extreme hot weather, or near herds of caribou.
- j. No use of hazardous chemicals or equipment that could cause environmental damage.
- k. Traditional knowledge should be obtained by providing funding for intercommunity meetings, consulting with Elders and hunters on cultural knowledge, visiting individually, in their homes.
- 1. Impacts of predators on caribou need to be discussed. Conduct research/surveys on predators, e.g. wolves, wolverines, eagles. Discuss commencing a wolf and wolverine control project.
- m. Discuss impacts research on caribou, particularly from conducting surveys and collaring.
- n. Bears are becoming a problem in the more northern communities which was not seen before. Do not want bears to be protected because they are too dangerous to people and to cabins. Shoot on site.
- o. Regular monitoring of surface and groundwater. Regular reporting of results to the community, especially on any changes to the water.

NEXT STEPS

The NIRB will draw on information obtained during the Public Scoping and Guideline Development Workshop, as it develops the EIS guidelines for the Garry Lake project. Draft guidelines will be circulated to interested parties, offering an opportunity for comment. The NIRB will then integrate those recommendations it considers appropriate, finalize the guidelines, and issue them to the Proponent for the preparation of an EIS for this project.

APPENDIX A

Draft Scope of the NIRB's Review of the Uravan Garry Lake project

Based on the applications received and the requirements of the NLCA, the following list comprises the *Draft* Scope of the NIRB review (as of October 8, 2008):

1. Nunavut Land Claims Agreement – Section 12.5.2, (items a - j)

- a) Project description, including the purpose and need for the project;
- b) Anticipated ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of the project;
- c) Anticipated effects of the environment on the project;
- d) Steps which the Proponent proposes to take including any contingency plans, to avoid and mitigate adverse impacts;
- e) Steps which the Proponent proposes to take to optimize benefits of the Project, with specific consideration being given to expressed community and regional preferences as to benefits:
- f) Steps which the Proponent proposes to compensate interests adversely affected by the Project;
- g) The monitoring program that the Proponent proposes to establish with respect to ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts;
- h) The interests in land and waters which the Proponent has secured, or seeks to secure;
- i) Options for implementing the proposal; and
- j) Any other matters that NIRB considers relevant.

2. Garry Lake project components

The following is a description of the physical works and undertakings that constitute the Garry Lake project proposal. These components have the potential to cause significant adverse effects on the ecosystem, wildlife, or Inuit harvesting activities, and are therefore included in the scope of the project.

- Exploration for uranium mineralization, including; airborne geophysical surveys geological prospecting; ground geochemical sampling; mapping; and diamond drilling;
- Construction and operation of camp sites, including: permanent exploration camp and mobile temporary camp;
- **Ground transportation**, including: Sno-Cat type vehicle (mobile camp and equipment transport for winter drilling); and snow machines and all terrain vehicles (use around camp, maintenance of landing area);
- Airborne transportation, including: fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters;
- Transport and storage of fuel, including: diesel; gasoline; aviation fuel; and propane;
- Water usage, including: drill activities; and camp usage;
- Disposal of wastes, including: sewage; greywater; combustible wastes; and non-combustible wastes.

3. Scoping List

The scope of the environmental assessment is intended to address the potential impacts of the Project components listed in Section 2 above, (items a-f) on the environmental components, considering both a spatial and temporal scale.

As such, the scoping list and resulting analysis shall address the effects of the construction, operation, modification, decommissioning, abandonment, and reclamation of each of the Project components on the environmental factors listed below.

- a) Biophysical environment, including hydrology and hydrogeology; groundwater quality; surface water and sediment quality; atmosphere (including climate change, air quality, and noise factors); landforms and soils; and vegetation;
- b) Caribou, with particular emphasis on caribou calving activities;
- c) Caribou habitat, particularly the caribou calving grounds of the Beverly herd;
- d) Human/carnivore interactions;
- e) Raptor nesting areas;
- f) Cumulative effects of the project in relation to other similar projects in the region, to caribou, caribou calving grounds, and across caribou ranges;
- g) Inuit harvesting;
- h) Transboundary effects;
- i) Traditional knowledge; and
- i) Other factors

APPENDIX B Advertisements for Scoping Workshop

RADIO ADVERTISEMENTS (ENGLISH AND INUKTITUT)

Announcement:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) will be holding a Public Scoping and Guideline Development Workshop related to Uravan Minerals Incorporated's Garry Lake project and the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Environmental Assessment Process.

The NIRB invites members of the public to attend this Workshop to talk about:

- Who is the NIRB?
- What is Uravan Minerals Inc.'s Garry Lake project?
- What is the SCOPE of the Project?
- What GUIDELINES are required for Uravan's submission to the Board?
- How can YOU participate in the NIRB's Environmental Assessment Process?

The NIRB will be hosting this workshop from 9 am to 5 pm daily, Wednesday November 5th to Friday November 7th, at the Community Hall. All interested persons are encouraged to attend! Snacks and refreshments will be provided!

If you have any questions, please call Ryan Barry at NIRB, 1-866-233-3033.

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NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT (ENGLISH AND INUKTITUT)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is an Institution of Public Government with responsibilities for the environmental assessment of projects in Nunavut as described in Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

The NIRB is holding a Public Meeting to discuss the NIRB, Uravan Minerals Inc.'s Garry Lake project, and YOU.

- What is the NIRB?
- What is the Garry Lake project?
- What is the SOOPE of the Project?
- What GUIDELINES are required for Uravan's submission to the Board?
- How can YOU participate in the Review process?

This is your chance to ask questions and give your input. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

> Baker Lake – Community Hall November 5 – 7 9 am – 5 pm

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THE NUNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY NOV. 5 TO FRIDAY, NOV. 7

9 AM - 5 PM DAILY

AT THE

COMMUNITY HALL

ABOUT:

NIRB, THE GARRY LAKE PROJECT, AND YOU

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- ⇒ WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT?
- → What GUIDELINES SHOULD BE REQUIRED OF URAVAN BY
 THE BOARD?
- ⇒ How Can You Participate in the Review Process?

YOUR CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE INPUT

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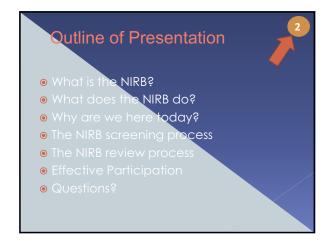
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NIRB Opening Remarks Thank you all for being here! Please be sure to sign in! also pick up a comment form and a ticket for door prizes! A few housekeeping matters Comment forms Simultaneous interpretation





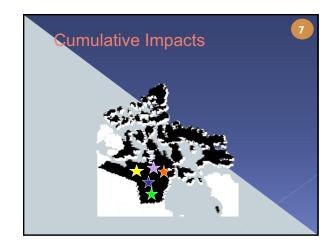








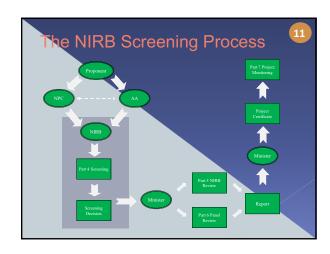


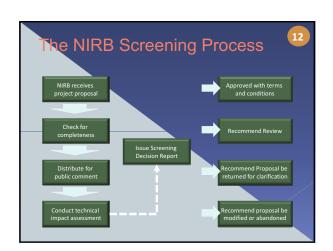


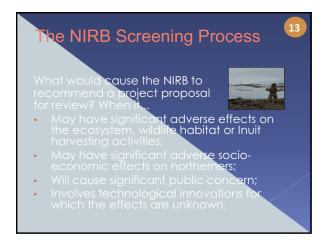


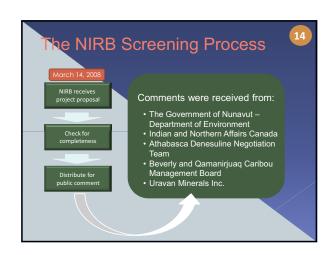


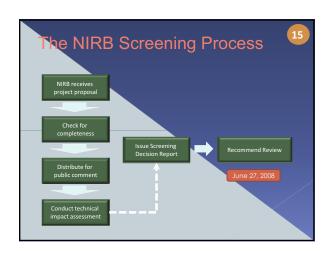




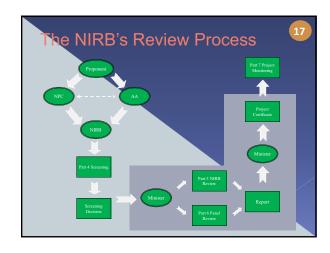


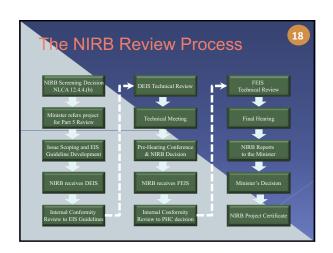








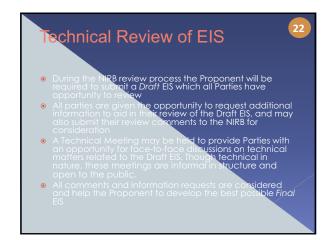






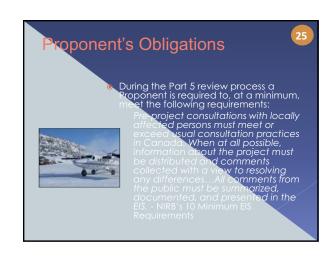








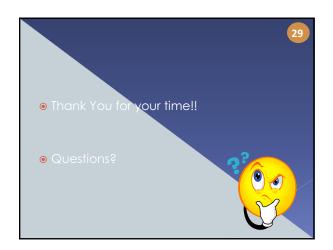




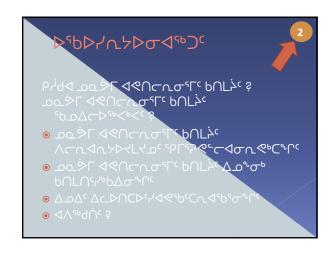


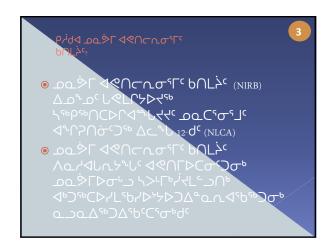
















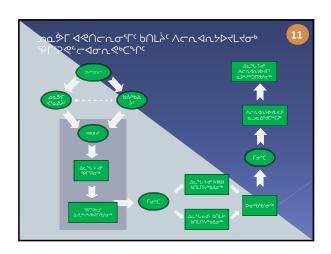


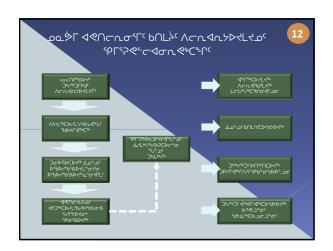




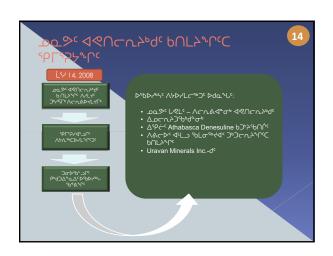


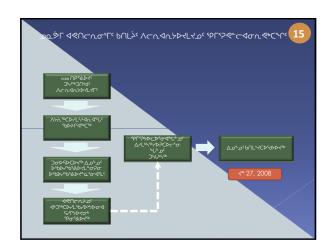




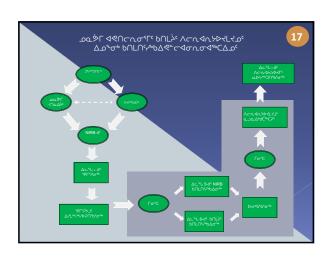


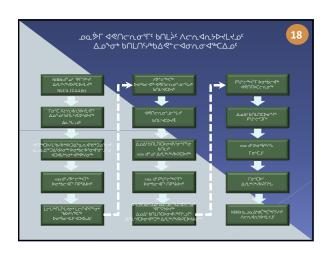




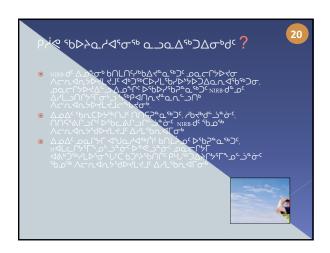




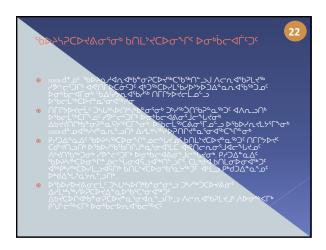






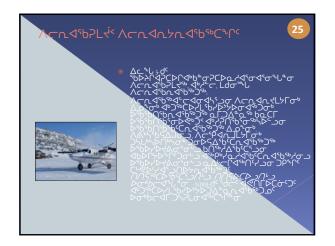






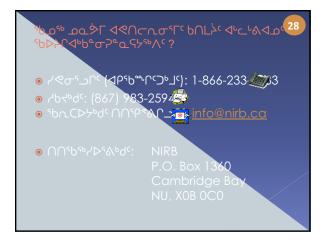


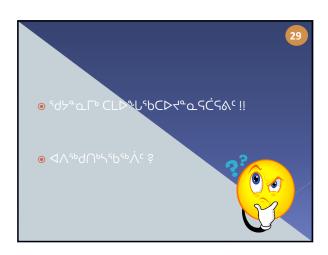








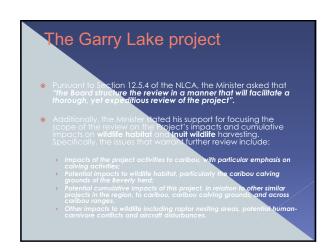




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- Construction and operation of camp sites, including: permanent exploration camp and mobile temporary camp;

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- Ground transportation, including: Sno-Cat type vehicle (mobile camp and equipment transport for winter drilling); and snow machines and all terrain vehicles (use around camp, maintenance of landing area);
- Traffic frequency

Garry Lake project components

- Airborne transportation, including: fixedwing aircraft and helicopters;
- Traffic frequency

Garry Lake project components

- Transport and storage of fuel, including: diesel; gasoline; aviation fuel; and propage;
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Garry Lake project components

- Disposal of wastes, including: sewage; greywater; combustible wastes; and non-combustible wastes.
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- Ust and resulting analysis shall address the ne construction, operation, modification, stoning, abandonment, and reclamation the Project components on the ntal factors listed next.
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- a) Biophysical eqvironment, including hydrology and hydrogeology; groundwater quality; surface water and sediment quality; atmosphere (including climate change, air quality, and noise factors); landforms and soils; and vegetation;

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- ob) Caribou, with particular emphasis on caribou calving activities;
- b) Ͻ⁰Ͻ⁰, Λ₂Δ⁰⁰, ¹Δ⁰, ¹
- Impacts at the individual and herd level

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- Local study area = the Beverly caribou herd
- Regional study area = the entire range of
- Consider calving and post-calving a

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- e) Raptor nesting areas;
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- Migratory birds and their habitat,

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- relation to other similar project in relation to other similar projects in the region, to caribou, caribou calving grand across caribou ranges;

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- g) Inuit harvesting;
- Aboriginal harvesting
- Direct and cumulative impacts of project activities on the local and community livelihoods, incl

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- h) Transboundary effects;
- Impacts outside of Nunavut

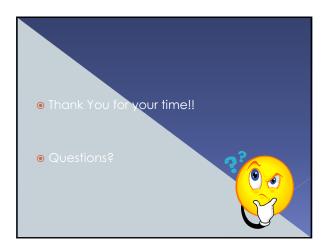
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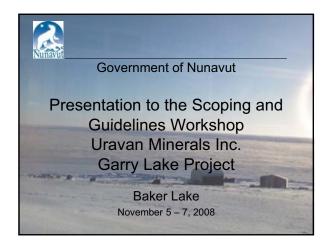
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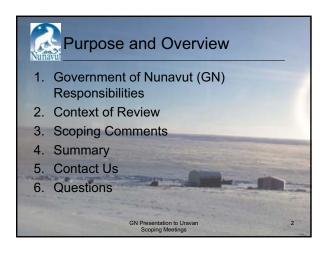
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- j) Other factorsj) o j) o j)
- Species at risk or under consideration for designation
- Socio-economic and health concerns, particularly local country food consumption
- Local food security food chain contamination and the availabilit caribou for harvesting
- Alternate means of carrying out the pro



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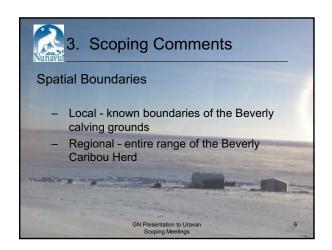






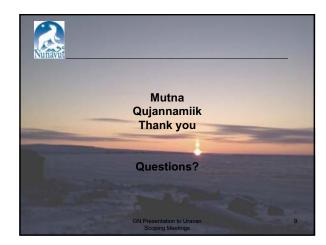


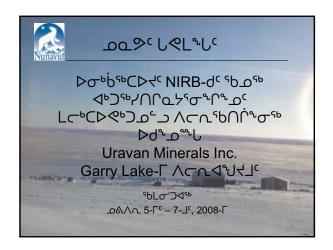




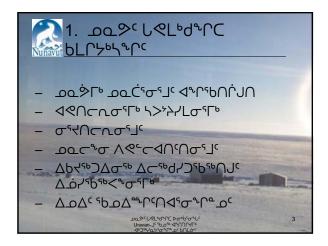
























BEVERLY AND QAMANIRJUAQ CARIBOU MANAGEMENT BOARD PRESENTATION:

"NIRB'S URAVAN-GARRY LAKES SCOPING AND GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOP PART A AND PART B"



Beverly & Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board



Presentation to: NIRB's Uravan-Garry Lakes Scoping and Guideline Development Workshop

5 November 2008, Baker Lake NU

Presented by: Ross Thompson, BQCMB Secretary-Treasurer

Presentation Outline



Part A:

- 1) Background on BQCMB
- 2) Information about Beverly caribou and caribou range

Part R

BQCMB's concerns and recommendations regarding mineral exploration and the Uravan-Garry Lakes proposal

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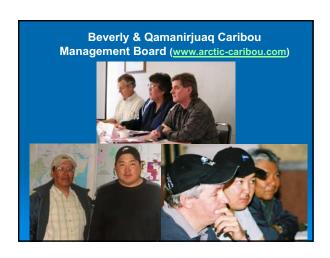
(1) Beverly & Qamanirjuaq Caribou Mgmt Board

What is the BQCMB?

- Cooperative partnership between 20 communities and 5 governments
- Co-management advisory board established more than 25 years ago (in 1982)

Chair: Jerome Denechezhe, Lac Brochet, Manitoba Vice-chair: Daryll Hedman, Manitoba Conservation

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(1) Beverly & Qamanirjuaq Caribou Mgmt Board

Why is the BQCMB participating in this review process?

BQCMB Mandate:

 To advise governments and communities on conservation and management of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq caribou herds

BQCMB Goal:

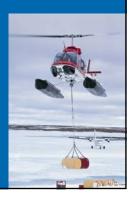
Caribou for the future!

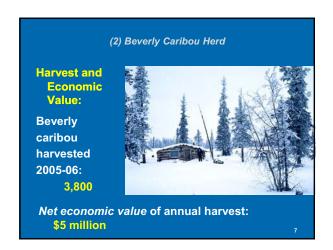
and their ranges.

(1) Beverly & Qamanirjuaq Caribou Mgmt Board

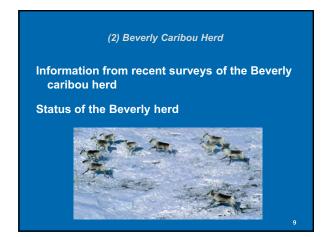
The BQCMB is *not* against mining

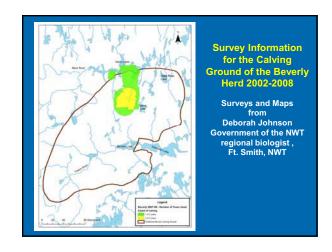
The BQCMB believes that we should work together to protect the caribou herds and their ranges.

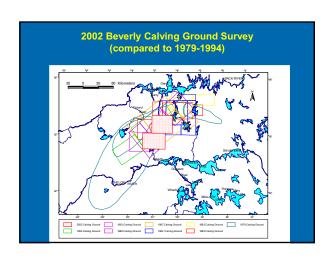


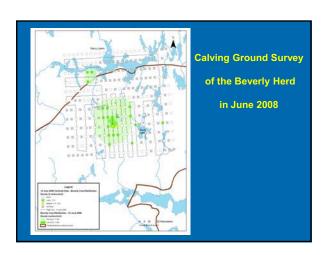


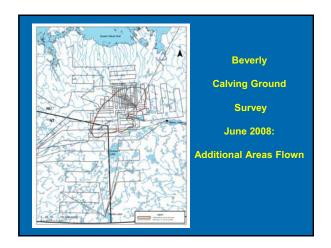


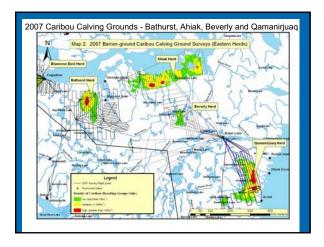


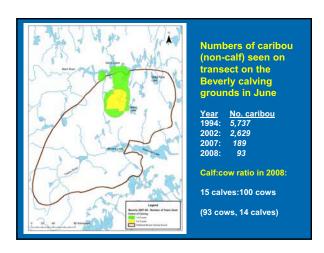


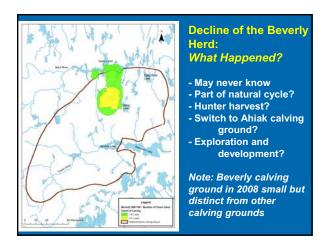












(2) Beverly Caribou Herd Low ecological resilience in the Beverly herd: Iow and declining numbers few calves part of herd may have already abandoned its traditional range We need to give the Beverly herd the opportunity to recover.

BQCMB Presentation



Part B:

- 1) BQCMB concerns about potential mineral exploration impacts on Beverly caribou
- 2) BQCMB position and recommendations for protecting Beverly caribou
- 3) Specific recommendations for NIRB regarding the Uravan-Garry Lakes proposal

(1) Mineral Exploration and Beverly Caribou

The BQCMB is very concerned about the potential impacts of ongoing and proposed mineral exploration on:

Beverly caribou

Important Beverly caribou habitat

People that depend on Beverly caribou (traditional hunters in NU, NWT, SK).

(1) Mineral Exploration and Beverly Caribou

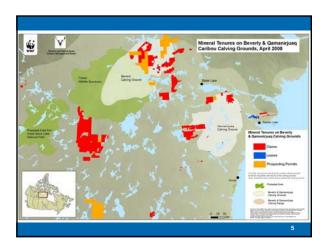
Why are we concerned?

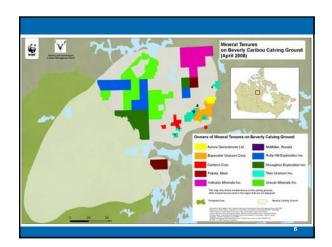
- The Beverly herd is in an extremely vulnerable state.
- Human land use
 activities are increasing
 across the Beverly
 caribou range,
 especially mineral
 exploration and roads.



Land Use Activities on Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Ranges

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(1) Mineral Exploration and Beverly Caribou

What are we concerned about?

- 1) Effects of mineral exploration and other land use activities, particularly at times when caribou are most vulnerable.
- 2) Cumulative impacts of land use activities on:
 - · individual caribou and
 - caribou herds.



(1) Mineral Exploration and Beverly Caribou

What do we mean by "cumulative impacts"?

- Combined environmental impacts from a series of similar or related activities that accumulate over time and space.
- The combined effect of many small impacts can be serious.



(2) BQCMB Position Paper

Main messages:

- Activities that could harm caribou or their important habitats should not be permitted.
- 2) It is especially important to protect areas needed for:
 - calving
 - taking care of young calves



Why are we concerned about the Uravan-Garry Lakes project proposal specifically?

Uravan is proposing to:

- increase its mineral exploration activities on the core Beverly calving ground
- operate during periods when the caribou are extremely vulnerable to disturbance (spring migration, calving, post-calving)
- request release from the Caribou Protection Measures

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(3) Specific Recommendations

BQCMB recommendations to NIRB:

 Due to the drastic decline of the Beverly herd and concerns about cumulative effects, a precautionary approach must be applied.



(3) Specific Recommendations

BQCMB recommendations to NIRB:

- 2) Uravan's permit application should be denied.
- 3) No further mineral exploration should be permitted on the traditional Beverly calving ground.



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(3) Specific Recommendations

BQCMB recommendations:

- 4) The Thelon Sanctuary **Management Plan** should be implemented.
- 5) The Beverly calving ground should receive long-term legislated protection.



Protecting the Beverly Calving Ground: Recommendations from Others

NWT Barren-ground Caribou Summit (January 2007.) # 1 ranked priority:
 Protect caribou calving grounds in NWT &



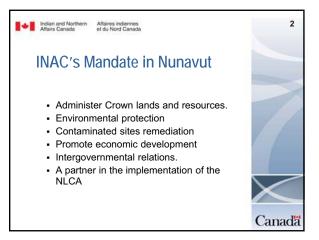
- Caribou calving grounds "must be protected from any impacts that will affect the herd during calving season" 3) DeBeers Commitment (October 2008) to not
- operate on caribou calving grounds.
- Canada (federal govt) has urged the U.S.
 Congress repeatedly for many years to protect the Porcupine caribou herd's calving grounds.

Actions required to help rebuild the Beverly caribou herd

- 1) Apply precautionary principle
- 2) Reject Uravan's permit application
- 3) Prohibit further mineral exploration and development on the calving ground
- 4) Implement Thelon Game Sanctuary **Management Plan**
- 5) Establish long-term protection for the Beverly calving ground in legislated protected areas

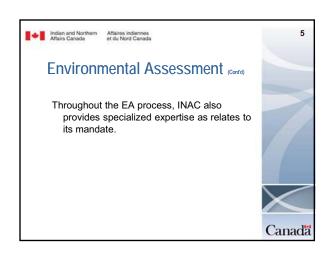
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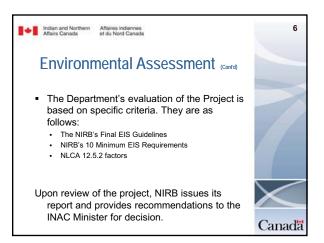


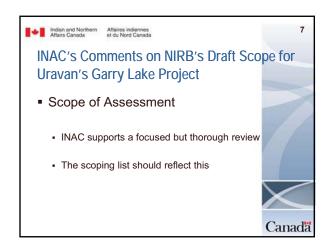


















APPENDIX E

Former Residents of Garry Lake Area

People associated with the Garry Lakes area, either as former residents or with recognized family ties to the area, separated by the community they are currently residing in.

Baker Lake

Annie Taipana
Jacob Kinilik
Winnie Kinilik
Mary Iqqaat
John Avaala
Silas Aitauq
Hattie Mannik
Pam Mannik
Philippa Martee
Vivian Joedee
Samuel Itkilik
Simon Tookoome

Chesterfield Inlet

Theresa Kukkiak

Rankin Inlet

Thomas and Monica Ugjuk Simon and Violet Twyee

Mary Anawak

Madeleine Makkigak and Mr. Makkigak

(late)

Adele Angidlik (late) and Joachim Angidlik

Guita Anawak Jackie Iguptak

Anthony Manernaluk (late) and Lucy

Manernaluk

Tony Manirnaaluk

Whale Cove

Agnes Turner Susie Kritterdlik

Agnes Teenar (late) and Simon Teenar

Phillip Sheetoga

Monika and John Adjuk