

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD



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ABOUT THE EIRB

The EIRB conducts environmental impact reviews for proposed developments in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region that have the potential for adverse environmental effects.



EIRB Members from left, Roland Kikoak, Jim Umpherson, Catherine Cockney, Jon Pierce, Crystal Lennie, Herbert Felix and Bruce Chambers

Staying current and informed on the EIRB



Greetings!

On behalf of the Environmental Impact Review Board I am proud to release the first issue of the EIRB newsletter. I hope that the newsletter will help you to follow us in our activities and the latest on our current reviews.

In this first issue, the Board introduces itself and provides an overview of its review process. We've also included some links to our social media pages. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the board, please give Richard Binder, the EIRB Coordinator a call.

Kind Regards,

Jon Pierce
Chair, EIRB

WHO IS THE EIRB?

The Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) is a major component of an integrated wildlife co-management process established under the *Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA)*. This co-management system, which the EIRB is part of, works towards the *IFA* goals.

In this role, the EIRB carries out detailed environmental impact assessments and public reviews of development projects referred to it by the Environmental Impact Screening Committee.

The EIRB decides whether a project should proceed and, if so, under what specific terms and conditions. In making its decision, the EIRB considers the need for wildlife compensation, mitigation, and remedial measures.

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GOALS OF THE INUVALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT

Established in 1984, the *IFA* has three goals:

- Preserving the Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society;
- Enabling Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society; and
- Protecting and preserving Arctic wildlife, the environment and biological productivity.



EIRB REVIEW PROCESS OVERVIEW

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Developer submits a Project Description to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC).

EISC REVIEWS PROJECT

The EISC reviews the Project Description and determines if the proposed project could have significant environmental impacts to the region or significant negative impacts on Inuvialuit harvesting.

EISC PROJECT REFERRAL

If the EISC identifies that the proposed project could have significant impacts, it refers the proposed project to the EIRB. This starts the EIRB review process.

EIRB TERMS OF REFERENCE (Public Involvement)

The EIRB develops a draft Terms of Reference with the help of the public. The Terms of Reference outlines what the Board needs from the Developer to review the project.

DEVELOPER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

With the Terms of Reference, the Developer creates the EIS, which aims to provide the information the Board requested to perform its review.

EIRB REVIEWS THE EIS (Public Involvement)

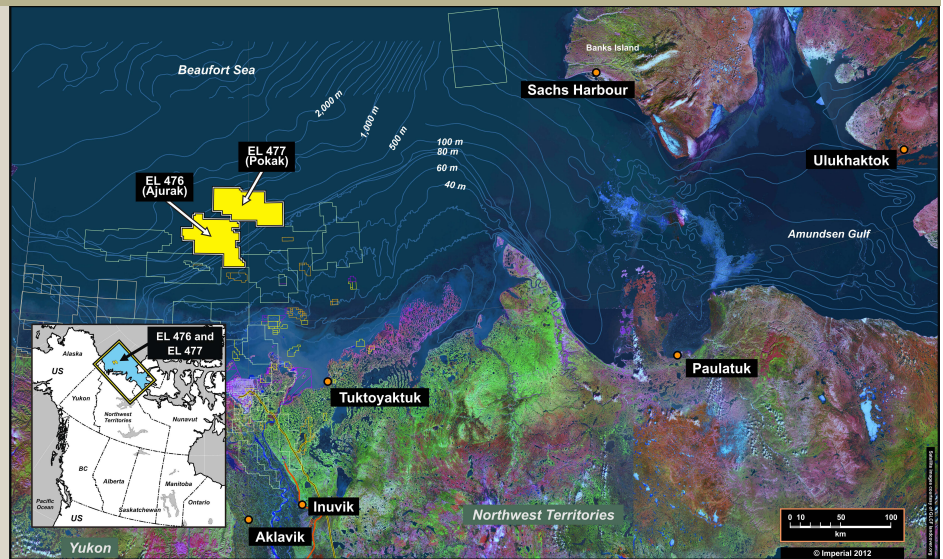
The Panel, Proponent and public examine, discuss and expand on material previously filed to the Panel's Public Registry.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Public Involvement)

Presentations are made to introduce new information and facilitate discussions on the potential impact of the proposed project.

EIRB DECISION

The EIRB makes its decision on whether the project should proceed or not.



BEAUFORT SEA EXPLORATION JOINT VENTURE DRILLING PROGRAM

CURRENT REVIEW

Developer: Imperial Oil
Resources Ventures Limited
(IORVL)
Project Name: Beaufort Sea
Exploration Joint Venture
Drilling Program

On December 11, 2013, the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) received a decision letter from the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) referring the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program for environmental impact assessment and review as set out in the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA).

The developer, Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (IORVL), is proposing a program and associated support activities that would result in the drilling of one or more exploration wells within EL 476 (Ajurak) and EL 477 (Pokak) in the Beaufort Sea.

EIRB VISITS ISR COMMUNITIES

As part of the review process, the EIRB board and staff made a tour of the six communities in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in March 2014. During the visits, members went into the schools and spoke to students about their futures and what path they want to follow after graduation.



During the evening public sessions, community members were invited to come and see a presentation by the board. After the presentation, the board heard questions and concerns from the public about the proposed offshore drilling in the Beaufort Sea.

All of the concerns and comments were recorded and used in making the revised Draft Terms of Reference; dated May 30 2014.

EIRB MEMBERS



Jon Pierce, Government of Canada (With Inuvialuit consent)

Jon Pierce was appointed as Chair of the Environmental Impact Review Board in October 2013 by the Government of Canada with the agreement of the Inuvialuit Game Council. He is serving a three-year term. Jon first came to the north in 1973 when he moved from Ontario to the Yukon. Since then, he has worked with various organizations pan-Territorially, in NWT, and Nunavut.



Bruce Chambers, Government of Yukon

Bruce Chambers is the member nominated by the Yukon Territorial Government. He was appointed in September 2008. He is currently serving his second consecutive term with the EIRB. Bruce said his work with the EIRB is important to him, because he is interested in the issues facing the people in the Western Arctic. Born on Vancouver Island in Ladysmith, Chambers was raised in Victoria. He keeps active by taking hikes and cycling. When he is not at home enjoying a good book, he can be found planning travel adventures.



Catherine Cockney, Government of Northwest Territories

Catherine Cockney is the nominated member by the Government of the Northwest Territories. She was originally appointed in December 2006 and is now serving her third consecutive term on the board. "I am involved with the EIRB because I care for the land, environment and the protection of the Inuvialuit right to harvest and to live on the land. The Aboriginal People looked after the land for generations and we owe it to the next generations to protect the land for their enjoyment." said Catherine.



Herbert Felix, Inuvialuit Game Council

Herbert Felix is one of the three members appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council. He is the most experienced member of the EIRB, his first term was in September 1995. He is currently serving his seventh consecutive term. Born and raised in Tuktoyaktuk, Herbert comes from a traditional Inuvialuit lifestyle. Fishing and hunting in the region have been a part of his life since he was a young man.



Roland Kikoak, Inuvialuit Game Council

Roland Kikoak is one of the three members appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council. He was first appointed in September 2008. He is currently serving his second consecutive term on the board. He enjoys watching traditional circumpolar northern games and drum dancing. Roland was the first Inuvialuk certified as an Environmental Monitor. Roland takes pride in his work with the Environmental Impact Review Board. "It can be challenging, but also very rewarding sitting as a EIRB member," said Roland.



Crystal Lennie, Inuvialuit Game Council

Crystal Lennie is one of the three members appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council. She is serving her first term that started in September 2013. Crystal grew up with a traditional Inuvialuit lifestyle, she was raised going to seasonal camps on the delta and Shingle Point. She enjoys cooking traditional foods and helping her family on the land when she can. Being a member of the EIRB is important to Crystal because she is helping to preserve Inuvialuit culture. "I thought it would be good way to be apart of preserving our culture, environment and way of life." said Crystal.



Jim Umpherson, Government of Canada

Jim Umpherson is the member of the board nominated by the Government of Canada. He is serving his first term and was appointed in December 2011. Jim has been working in the Northwest Territories since 1975. Living in Norman Wells, Rankin Inlet and Fort Simpson before settling into Yellowknife in 1985. He is involved with the EIRB to ensure the sustainability of the environment. "I like boating, snowmobiling, fishing and generally being outside enjoying nature, fresh air and the beauty of the natural environment." said Jim.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

The Environmental Impact Review Board can be found in many ways online, at our website www.eirb.ca and now on Facebook and Twitter! Check us out for the latest updates and any information you might need about the board or our reviews.

FACEBOOK – search ‘**Environmental Impact Review Board**’ look for our logo!

TWITTER – ‘**@EIRB_**’ Look for our logo and board photo!

We hope to keep the public updated on our activities and the latest on our current review process by staying active on social media.

THE PUBLIC REGISTRY

When the EIRB reviews a project, all relevant documents, letters, notices and other related files are kept on the EIRB Public Registry.

You can access the registry on the EIRB website. The EIRB website and online registry can be found at www.eirb.ca. Access to the online registry is easy and free.

The EIRB also keeps a hardcopy registry in its Inuvik office. Come-by the office; we will be pleased to help you.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The EIRB has developed Operating Procedures to provide guidance to developers, regulatory authorities, and the public regarding the rules of procedure, which the Board will follow when a development proposal is referred to it for public review. You can view this document on the EIRB website under the Resources: Report and Documents page.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Public involvement is important to the success and accuracy of any EIRB review process. You can have your opinion heard through community visits, technical hearings, and public hearings. If you prefer you can also send in letters or emails to the EIRB.

This newsletter is released quarterly by the EIRB in Inuvik NT.

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