

**INUVIALUIT GAME COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT 1998\99**

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**INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Inuvialuit Game Council (I.G.C.) was established in 1978 and incorporated under the Society Act in 1983 to represent the six Inuvialuit communities of the Western Arctic on wildlife management issues. When the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (I.F.A.) was signed in 1984 and proclaimed through the promulgation of the Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act, the I.G.C. acquired a legislated mandate for its activities.

The first few years of I.G.C. operations were devoted largely to organizational matters; support staff were hired in 1987. Details of the early operations of the Council are summarized in their first Annual Activity Report (1987/88).

This eleventh Annual Activity Report summarizes the activities of the I.G.C. during the 1998/99 fiscal year (April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999). Financial information is reported separately and is included in the financial statements for the Joint Secretariat - Inuvialuit Renewable Resources Committees.

## **ROLE OF THE INUVIALUIT GAME COUNCIL**

Under the I.F.A., the Inuvialuit Game Council represents the collective Inuvialuit interest in wildlife and environmental matters. The Council derives its mandate from Section 14 (74) of the I.F.A. (see Appendix). The I.G.C. is one of the major Inuvialuit organizations established to implement the I.F.A., and works in parallel with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (I.R.C.). The I.G.C. is responsible to uphold and administer Inuvialuit harvesting rights acquired under the IFA. The Council also has the mandate to represent the Inuvialuit in all matters related to renewable resource management in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (I.S.R.) (Figure 1).

I.G.C. appoints Inuvialuit representatives to all of the joint wildlife and environmental management committees established under the I.F.A. and, with the consent of the Inuvialuit Game Council the Government selects the Chairpersons for these groups.

In addition to its responsibilities under the I.F.A., the Game Council acts as the regional representative of Inuvialuit hunters, trappers and fishermen.

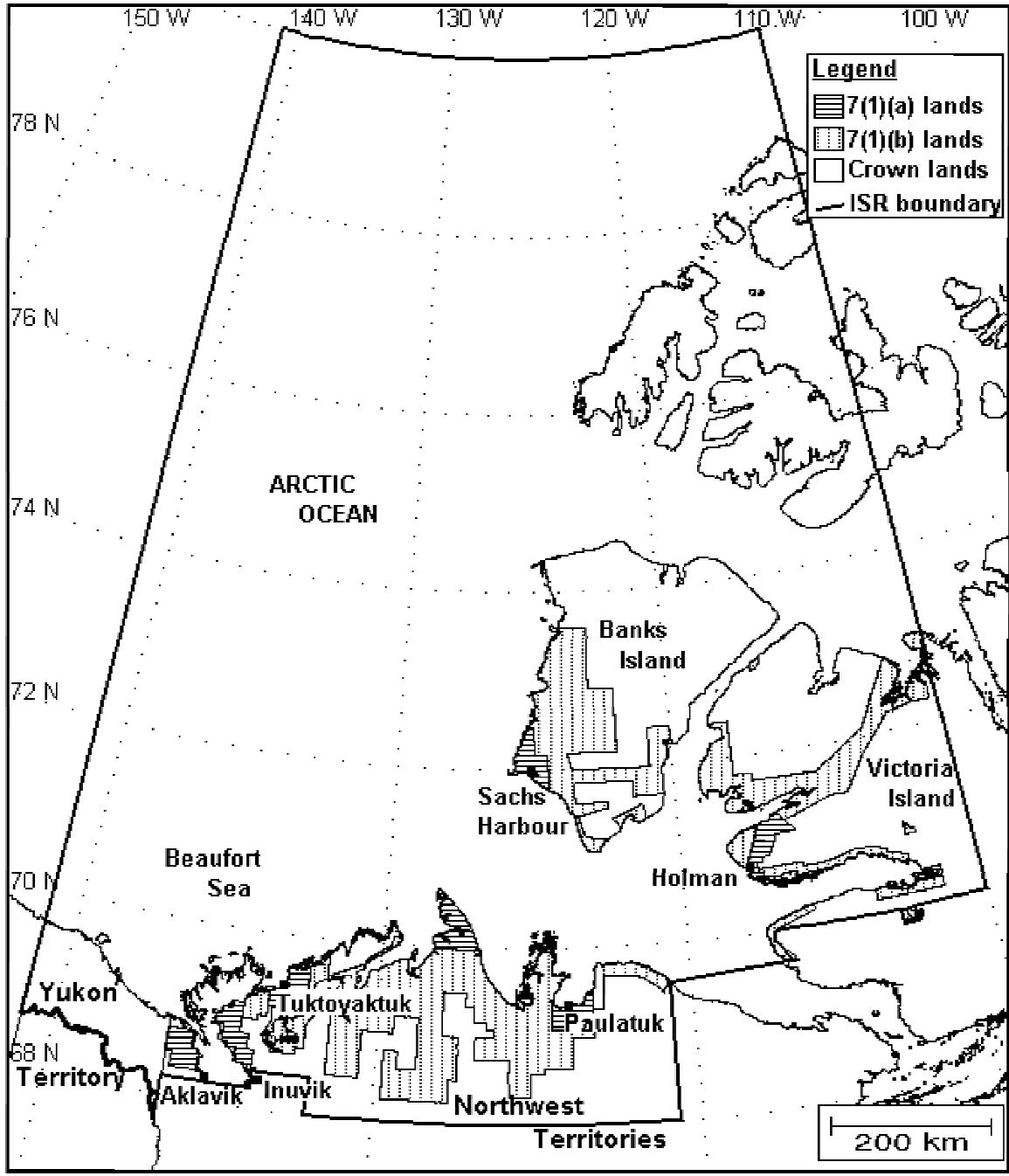


Figure 1 Inuvialuit Settlement Region

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## **STRUCTURE**

The I.G.C. is made up of two representatives from each of the six Inuvialuit Hunters and Trappers Committees (H.T.C.'s). Each H.T.C. elects a Director from its' board (voting member) and an Alternate from its' membership to the I.G.C.

Both Directors and Alternates attend all regular and special meetings of the I.G.C. Alternates may vote on behalf of a community if the Director is absent.

The Chairman of the Council is elected by the six I.G.C. Directors from the active membership of the H.T.C.'s. The Vice- Chairman and Treasurer must be elected from among the H.T.C.'s appointed director or alternate. The I.G.C. Secretary is not required to be a member of a Hunters and Trappers Committee.

### **Membership During 1998/99,**

During the 1998/99 fiscal year, the membership of the I.G.C. was as follows :

COMMUNITY	IGC MEMBERSHIP		
Inuvik	Duane Smith	Chair	April 98-March 99
Aklavik HTC	Dennis Arey	Director	Feb.99-March 99
	Billy Archie	Director	April 98-Jan. 99
	Danny C. Gordon	Alternate	April 98-March 99
Olokhaktomiut HTC (Holman)	Dan Klengenber	Director	April 98-March 99
	John Alikamik	Alternate	April 98-March 99
Inuvik	Johnny Lennie	Director	April 98-March 99
	Billy Day	Treasurer-Alt	April 98-March 99
Paulatuk HTC	Nelson Green	Director	April 98- Dec. 98

	David Ruben	Alternate	April 98 - Jan. 99
	David Ruben	Director	Jan. 99 - March 99
	John Max Kudlak	Alternate	Jan. 99 - March 99
Sachs Harbour HTC	John Keogak	Director	April 98-March 99
	Eli Nasogaluak	Alternate	April 98-June 98
	Desmond Nasogaluak	Alternate	June 98-March 99
Tuktoyaktuk HTC	Frank Pokiak	V\Chair	April 98-March 99
	Chucky Gruben	Alternate	April 98-March 99

### **Officers and Staff**

The I.G.C. is incorporated as a Society under the N.W.T. Societies Act, and is therefore required to elect officers. The Officers of the I.G.C. during the 1998/99 fiscal year were :

Chairman - Duane Smith, Inuvik ( April 1998 - March 1999)

Vice Chairman - Frank Pokiak, Tuktoyaktuk ( April 1998 - March 1999)

Treasurer - Billy Day, Inuvik ( April 1998 - March 1999)

Secretary - Richard Binder, Inuvik (April 1998 -June 1998)

Secretary - Joey Amos, Inuvik, (April 1998 - March 1999)

Support staff for the I.G.C. is provided by the Joint Secretariat in Inuvik. The Resource Person for the I.G.C. is Richard Binder. The Joint Secretariat hired Joey Amos on strength in April of 1998 as the Executive Secretary to the Inuvialuit Game Council. Richard Binder resigned after the June, 1998 meeting . Financial administration and clerical support during the 1998/99 was provided by Peggy Madore, Judy Gordon, and Angela Hunter. Norm Snow,

Executive Director of the Joint Secretariat, served as a technical and administrative advisor throughout the fiscal year.

## **ACTIVITIES DURING 1998/99**

### **Regular Members and Meetings**

The Directors members' meeting is attended by the appointed Directors and Alternates. They meet after the regular IGC scheduled meeting which is open to the various joint management committees, government departments and others that wish to address the IGC. The following is a summary of the IGC meetings for this fiscal year.

The Schedule meeting dates for the IGC during 1998/99 fiscal period is as follows :

June 10-12/98	- Tuktoyaktuk , N.W.T.
September 23-26/98	- Whitehorse, Y.T.
December 9-11/98	- Inuvik, N.W.T.
March 10-13/99	- Inuvik, N.W.T.

### **Other Meetings Attended by I.G.C. Members or their appointees**

Representatives from the Game Council attended the following meetings and workshops during 1998/99:

#### **April 1998:**

Billy Day - International Association for Impact Assessment, Christchurch, N.Z.  
Johnny Lennie - Development in Caribou Calving Grounds, Tele-conference  
William Day / Johnny Lennie - 8<sup>TH</sup> North American Caribou Workshop, Whitehorse, YT

#### **May 1998:**

Nelson Green / Eli Nasogaluak - Sustainable Development, Whitehorse, YT

**June 1998:**

Nelson Green - NWT Protected Areas Strategy, Yellowknife, NWT

**July 1998:**

Johnny Lennie - participated in two tele-conference meetings with regards to N.W.T. Protected Areas Strategy.

Frank Pokiak - Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Nuuk, Greenland

**August 1998:**

Billy Day / Frank Pokiak - Community Development From The Inside Out, Calgary, AB.

Frank Pokiak - Partners in Flight, Montana, USA

Johnny Lennie - N.W.T. Protected Areas Strategy, Tele-conference

Johnny Lennie - Caribou Calving Grounds, Tele-conference

Nelson Green, Yukon Wildlife Act Amendments, Whitehorse, YT

**September 1998:**

Frank Pokiak / David Ruben - Coastal Zone Conference, Victoria, BC.

Duane Smith / Larry Carpenter - NAMMCO, Oslo, Norway.

William Day - PCMB, Whitehorse, YT

Frank Pokiak - Beaufort Sea Regional Trappers Workshop, Inuvik, N.W.T.

**October 1998:**

Frank Pokiak / Nelson Green, Yukon Director's Meeting, Inuvik, N.W.T.

**November 1998:**

Duane Smith / Frank Pokiak - IFA Implementation Coordinating Committee, Edmonton, AB.

Frank Pokiak - Mackenzie Valley Impact Monitoring Program Workshop, Inuvik, N.W.T.

**December 1998:**

Frank Pokiak - Canadian Endangered Species Protection Act Meeting, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Richard Binder - Eastern Arctic Contaminants Workshop, Iqaluit, N.W.T.

**January 1999:**

John Keogak - Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network, Victoria, B.C.

Duane Smith, Frank Pokiak, Norm Snow and Joey Amos - Minerals Management Service, Anchorage, Alaska,

Duane Smith and Norm Snow - Inuvialuit Implementation Coordinating Committee, Inuvik, NWT.

**February 1999:**

Johnny Lennie - NWT Protected Areas Strategy (Tele-conference)

Frank Pokiak - Renew, Peary Caribou Recovery Team Meeting, Edmonton, AB.

Frank Pokiak/Larry Carpenter - Polar Bear Technical Committee, Edmonton, AB.

**March 1999:**

Frank Pokiak, Andy Carpenter and Joey Amos, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Inuvialuit - Inupiat Polar Bear Joint Commission, Nome, Alaska.

Billy Day - World Council of Whalers, Reykjavik, Iceland.

**SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING 1998/99**

Over the years, a number of committees were established to implement various provisions of the I.F.A. and on going issues related to co-management of certain wildlife species, international issues and other matters that would directly or indirectly affect the Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic. These groups are separate from the Joint Management structures established under the I.F.A.

Below is a list of the committees to which the I.G.C. has appointed members including the joint management committees established under the I.F.A. This is followed by a brief summary of the activities for each committee during the 1998/99 fiscal year, except for those that provide their own annual report.

All the appointments were in effect from April 1996 to September 1999, at which time, the Inuvialuit Game Council conducted a thorough review of their appointments to the various committees. In some cases, they did not re-appoint their members because the committee was either dysfunctional or no longer in existence.

In most cases, all the appointments are for a two year term with the exception of the Environmental Impact Screening Committee and the Environmental Impact Review Board members, who's terms are for three years , as per provisions in the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

### **I.G.C. Committee Appointments**

#### **Inuvialuit - Inupiat Beluga Management Committee**

In September 1997, the IGC Appointed Duane Smith, Herbert Felix and Nelson Green to this Committee . FJMC appointed Billy Day  
In March 1999, the IGC appointed Dennis Arey to replace the late Nelson Green for the duration of the term that expires in September 2000.

#### **Environmental Impact Screening Committee**

Appointees:	Fred Wolki	(September 1996 - September 1999)
	Billy Day	(September 1996 - September 1999)
	Alex Kaglik	(September 1996 - September 1999)

To be evaluated in the September 1999 IGC meeting and appointments done at this time.

### **Environmental Impact Review Board**

Appointees:       Joey Amos                       (September 1996 - June 1998)\*  
                  Noel Green                       (September 1996 - September 1999)\*\*  
                  Herbert Felix       (September 1996 - September 1999)  
                  Richard Binder   (June 1998 - September 1999)  
                  Eddie Okheena   (March 1999 - September 1999)

To be evaluated in the September IGC meeting and appointments done at this time.

\* Replaced in June, 1998.

\*\* Replaced in March, 1999.

### **Fisheries Joint Management Committee**

Appointees:       Billy Day                       (September 1998 - September 2001)  
                  Pat Ekpakohak   (September 1996 - September 1998)\*  
                  Max Kotokak Sr. (September 1998 - September 2000)

\* Replaced in the September 1998 meeting.

### **Herschel Island Park Technical Committee**

Appointees:       Donald Aviugana       (September 1996 - September 1998)  
                  Richard Gordon\*       (December 1998 - September 2000)  
                  Billy Day\*\*           (December 1998 - September 2001)

\* Appointed in December 1998

\*\* Re-appointed in December 1998

### **Inuvialuit Final Agreement Implementation Working Group**

Appointees:       Duane Smith



## **Mackenzie River Basin Committee-Transboundary Water Agreements**

No appointments

## **Mackenzie Valley Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program Working Group**

Appointees: Johnny Lennie (M) March 1999  
Dennis Arey (Alt) March 1999

## **Tuktut Nogait National Park Management Board**

Appointees: Nelson Green (M) March 1997 - January 1999  
Arnold Ruben (M) March 1999 - September 1999  
John Max Kudlak (Alt) December 1998 - September 2000

## **Porcupine Caribou Management Board**

Appointees: William Day (M) (Sept. 1997 - Sept.1999)  
Danny A. Gordon (Alt) (Sept. 1996 - Sept. 1999)

## **Regional Environmental Review Committee**

No appointments

## **Steering Committee Management of Development Activities in Caribou Calving Grounds**

Appointees: Frank Pokiak (M) (March 1998 - March 1999)  
Johnny Lennie (Alt) (March 1998 - March 1999)

## **Wildlife Management Advisory Council (N.W.T.)**

Appointees: Andy Carpenter (M) (Sept. 1996 - Sept. 1998)  
Frank Pokiak (M) (Sept.1996 - Sept. 1998)  
(M) (Sept.1998 - Sept. 2001)  
Herbert Felix (M) (Sept.1996 - Sept. 1998)  
(Alt) (Sept.1998 - Sept. 2000)  
Renie Arey (Alt) (Sept.1996 - Sept. 1998)  
John Keogak (Alt) (Sept.1996 - Sept.1998)

William Day (M) (Sept.1998 - Sept. 2000)  
Ricky Joe (M) (Sept.1998 - Sept. 2000)  
Arnold Ruben (Alt) (Sept.1998 - Sept. 2000)

### **Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope)**

Appointees: Danny C. Gordon (M) (Sept. 1998 - Sept. 2001)  
Nelson Green (M) (Sept. 1996 - Dec. 1998)  
Chucky Gruben (M) (March 1999 - June 1999)  
Carol D. Arey (Alt) (Sept. 1998 - Sept. 2000)  
Billy Archie (Alt) (Sept. 1998 - Sept. 2000)

### **World Council of Whalers**

Appointees: Billy Day (M) (December 1998 - December 2001)  
Herbert Felix (Alt) (December 1998 - December 2000)

### **Yukon Wildlife Act Amendments Review Committee**

Appointees: Duane Smith (December 1997 - December 1999)  
Nelson Green (December 1997 - December 1999)  
Herbert Felix (December 1997 - December 1999)  
Richard Gordon (March 1999- December 1999)

### **Committee Summaries:**

The following Committees provide their own Annual Report, which is available upon request:

1. Environmental Impact Screening Committee

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO

2. Environmental Impact Review Board

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO

3. Fisheries Joint Management Committee

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO

4. Inuvialuit - Harvest Study Management Committee

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO

5. Porcupine Caribou Management Board

35 Harbottle Road, Whitehorse YT Y1A 5S2

6. Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)

P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik NT XOE OTO

7. Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NS)

P.O. Box 5928, Whitehorse YT Y1A 5L6

### **Other Committees**

There have been limited oil and gas related activity in the Delta/Beaufort for several years now. As a result, the following Committees did not meet, there are no anticipated activity reports for 1998/99.

1. Arctic Regional Environmental Emergency Team

2. Arctic Waters Advisory Committee

3. Beaufort Regional Environmental Assessment and Monitoring

4. Beaufort Region Ocean Dumping Advisory Committee

The IGC appointed Herbert Felix to the committee, however they did not meet this year.

5. Regional Environmental Review Committee

No activities.

The following is a summary of activities for the other committees.

1. Inuvialuit - Inupiat Beluga Management Committee

Duane Smith, Chair of the IGC, Frank Pokiak, Vice Chair of the IGC, Bob Bell, Chair of the FJMC, Billy Day of the FJMC, Norm Snow, Executive Director of the Joint Secretariat, Joey Amos, Executive Secretary of the IGC, William Hurst, Resource Biologist for the FJMC attended a Minerals Management Service, OSC workshop in Anchorage, Alaska in January, 1999, in addition to finalize the signing of the Inuvialuit - Inupiat Beluga Management Agreement. Due to unforeseen reasons beyond the control of this Committee did not meet during this fiscal year.

2 Herschel Island Technical Committee

The IGC appointed Billy Day for a three year term to expire in September 2001.

The IGC appointed Richard Gordon for a two year term to expire in September 2000.

This Committee did not meet during this fiscal year due to the Yukon Territorial Government not appointing their appointees until late in the fiscal year. The IGC is still in discussions with Renewable Resources Minister on the Herschel Island Technical Committee membership.

3. Inuvialuit Final Agreement Implementation Working Group

The IGC appointed three people to represent the Inuvialuit on this committee, they are Duane Smith, Nelson Green and Norm Snow. This Committee did not meet this fiscal year as the Yukon Wildlife Act Amendments only received

Yukon Legislative approval late in the fiscal year. In January 1999, Nelson Green passed away.

4. Inuvialuit Harvest Study Management Committee

The Inuvialuit members on this Committee are Herbert Felix , Eli Nasogaluak and Danny C. Gordon. Sheila Nasogaluak was hired on as the co-ordinator in April 1998. A modified harvest study data collection program will be implemented by December 1999.

5. Polar Bear Technical Committee/Implementation Committee

Frank Pokiak and Larry Carpenter attended the Edmonton Polar Bear Technical Committee meeting to discuss issues such as : Polar Bear Authority in the N.W.T., Polar Bear Biologist for the Western Arctic region, jurisdictional issues and polar bear agreements.

6. International Union Conservation of Nature- Arctic Sustainable Use Specialist Group

Duane Smith was appointed to represent the Inuvialuit on this group. This committee deals with International interests in sustainable use initiatives and provides advise to the IUCN.

7. Legislative Overhaul Committee

The committee did not meet this year.

8. Mackenzie Basin Impact Study

This committee did not meet.

9. Mackenzie River Basin Committee - Transboundary Water Agreements

Little has happened to date with the exception of one meeting in Whitehorse to review the N.W.T./Yukon Transboundary water agreement which Duane Smith attended .

10. Tuktut Nogait National Park Management Board

This Board replaced the Paulatuk Park Management Committee and shall be monitored by the Inuvialuit Game Council, the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and the federal and territorial governments through appointing members to this board. It will function the same as the Paulatuk Park Management Committee and will oversee and implement the management arrangement.

Arnold Ruben was appointed to replace the late Nelson Green at the March 1999 Directors' meeting. The Inuvialuit Game Council appointed John Max Kudlak as the Alternate member.

11. Steering Committee for the Management of Development Activities in Caribou Calving Grounds

The IGC appointed Frank Pokiak and Johnny Lennie as the alternate member to represent the Inuvialuit on this Committee, Norm Snow provides technical advise. They are in the planning stages to develop and organize a workshop that would involve all interested parties. This will be held sometime in the fall of the next fiscal year. Johnny Lennie attended a workshop in August at Cambridge Bay for a planning session. Johnny Lennie, Richard Binder and the late Nelson Green attended a workshop in November 1998 in Yellowknife, N.W.T. to continue ongoing discussions on the proposed workshop.

12. World Council of Whalers

Billy Day was appointed by the IGC and is presently the North American representative. Herbert Felix was appointed as the Alternate.

Billy Day attended the World Council of Whaler's Annual General Assembly that was held in Reykjavik, Iceland in March 1999.

13. Yukon Wildlife Act Review Committee

The Game Council appointed Duane Smith, Nelson Green and Herbert Felix to represent the Inuvialuit on this committee. Along with the WMAC(NS) Chairman, Lindsay Staples and YTG representatives, they have reviewed the Yukon Wildlife Act to the extent of any inconsistencies with the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and

revised as necessary. The work this Committee completed was proclaimed in the Yukon Territorial Government in December 1998. This Committee became dysfunctional after the proclamation.

#### 14. NWT Protected Areas Strategy Committee

The Inuvialuit Game Council members, Nelson Green and Johnny Lennie provided valuable input into the design of the NWT Protect Areas Strategy throughout the fiscal year. The final draft was completed in December 1998 and sent out to government department(RWED) for tabling at the NWT Legislative Assembly and as well as aboriginal organizations for discussion purposes.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1998/99 FISCAL YEAR**

#### **AKLAVIK Hunters and Trappers Committee**

The Aklavik HTC held six regular meetings, four special members meetings and an Annual General Meeting, along with an Open House. AGM to reconvene in July at Shingle Point.

The AHTC started a Trapper Training Program that would involve a ten day training component and geared towards Muskrat trapping. Three Inuvialuit trappers were hired

and trained students ages 16 - 30. Funds were provided by Brighter Futures and administered by the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation.

The AHTC reviewed their community conservation plan throughout the winter and participated in a regional workshop in March at Inuvik.

The AHTC submitted a proposal to DIAND's Northern Contaminants Program for a garbage clean up project at Shingle Point and Running River and received verbal commitment. It is expected that the work will commence in July. The AHTC is in the process of beginning a major educational program to keep and maintain the summer camps clean after the clean up is complete.

The AHTC has met with the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NS) to discuss the ongoing concern of Musk-Ox populations in the Yukon North Slope.

AHTC has met with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and Hycal to discuss AHTC's concern on the low level contaminants that are being proposed to be stored at Shingle point.

When Avery-Cooper will complete the AHTC's audit and it shall be presented at the Special Members meeting at Shingle Point in July. A revised constitution and by-laws will be presented at this meeting for the members consideration.

H.T.C. Board of Directors and Staff (as of March 1998\99 Fiscal Year):

Carol Arey - President (Resigned March 99)	Jacob Archie - Director
Dennis Arey - President (as of March 99)	Billy Archie - Director(resigned Jan.99)
Ricky Joe - Vice-President	Flora Elanik - Director
Mary-Anne Stewart - Sec\Treasurer	Agnes Tardif - Director
Donald Aviugana - Director	Dennis Arey - Director(up to Feb.99)

Resource Person: Mary Ruth Meyook (Resigned February 99)  
Billy Archie (February 99)  
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Field Worker: Reviewed next fiscal year.

IGC Appointees: Billy Archie - Director \* Resigned in March 1999.  
Dennis Arey - Director\*\* as of March 1999  
Danny C. Gordon - Alternate

### **OLOKHATOMIUT (Holman) Hunters and Trappers Committee**

The Olokhaktomiut (Holman) HTC overcame their financial burdens in December of 1997 and now have their financials accurate and now they are up and operational and are able to meet on a regular monthly basis to deal with daily operations of the HTC.

Some of the projects that the OHTC was involved with throughout the 1998-99 fiscal year are as follows:

April 1998 - Regular office operations

May 1998 - Caribou Land Base Survey

June 1998 - Seal Monitor Project

July 1998 - Regular Daily Operations

August 1998 - Kuujjua Fish Project

September 1998 - Kuuk River Fish Project and cabin improvements.

October 1998 - Fish Lake Project

November 1998 - Kuuk Fish Tracking, Kagloryuak Fish Project, Caribou Public Meeting with RWED.

December 1998 - Fish Lake Project

January 1999 - Community Caribou Harvest by Kugluktuk HTO for HTC of Holman. Re-appointed members for the amending of the Community Conservation Plan for Holman.

February 1999 - Olokhaktomiut HTC's Annual General Meeting (Feb. 24, 1999), four directors elected for a two year term, Musk-Ox harvest underway, Caribou land Base Survey. Hauled fuel to cabins at Halahikvik, Kuuk, Ivatalik and Kagloryuak Rivers.

Board of Directors and Staff: (as of March 1999)

Adam Inuktalik - President

George Okheena - Director

Sadie Joss - Vice President

Joseph Kitekudlak - Director

Donald Inuktalik - Secretary/Treasurer

Dan Klengenber - Director

John Alikamik - Director

Resource Person - Agnes Egotak (Resigned December 1998)

Bessie Inuktalik ( December 1998 - March 1999)

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Holman NT XOE OSO

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Harvest Study Field Worker: David Kuptana

IGC Appointees: Dan Klengenber - Director  
John Alikamik - Alternate

### **INUVIK HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS COMMITTEE**

The Inuvik Hunters & Trappers Committee has been quite busy this fiscal year, this including Regular Monthly Meetings to deal with ongoing issues, land use applications, and general information and assisting the public and other organizations.

During the winter the IHTC conducted two caribou hunts, one of which was held in November and the other held in April – May. The hunts were very successful, and provided meat to a large number of beneficiaries and to the Hospital . This year the hunts provided a great opportunity for the harvesters to hunt with students, and give them some hunting skills.

The Beluga Harvest went great last summer, the successful monitors have done a great job. IHTC has assisted a great number of beneficiaries with muktuk and fish.

The 1999 Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program has been working out quite fine. This year we have approved 10 applicants, out of approximately 40 applications which is including 1998 applicants that were to be reviewed. Approved applicants are now in the process of buying outboard motors and boats for the summer.

Tumitchiat has also been very busy. The monitors for Ikhil, Douglas Creek and Japex have been very successful. Employment was available for approximately 15 beneficiaries.

HTC Board of Directors and Staff.

Johnny Lennie – Chairperson  
Richard Binder – Vice Chairperson  
Esther Price – Sec- Treasurer  
Duane Smith – Director  
James Day – Director  
Maria Hansen – Director

Hank Rogers – Director

Resource Person (as of March 1999)

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IGC Appointees: Johnny Lennie - Director

Billy Day - Alternate

### **PAULATUK Hunters and Trappers Committee**

Apart from their regular duties, the Paulatuk HTC and guides provided sport hunts for Polar Bear, Grizzly Bears and Musk-ox during the spring. During the summer the HTC and members were involved in the Beluga monitoring and sampling program. The HTC's Resource Person was granted a two month leave of absence from his duties from January 1999 - March 1999. Brian Kudlak filled in for Noel Green during this time.

Andy Kudlak was hired as the Beluga Monitor for the Paulatuk HTC during the beluga harvesting season.

Several meetings were held in Paulatuk to discuss implementing the Tukturnogait National Park by the Tukturnogait National Park Management Board and staff of Parks Canada. Members appointed by the HTC attended to steer the implementation of the park accordingly to the best interests of the Inuvialuit as a whole.

Additional meetings were held to discuss the issue of Darnley Bay Resources Limited (DBRL) and to hire members to do work that DBRL was involved within the park.

Board of Directors and Staff: (as of March 1999)

David Ruben - President

John Max Kudlak- Vice Chairman

Fred Thrasher - Director

Joe Illisiak Jr. - Director

Ruben Green - Secretary\Treasurer  
Tony Green - Director

Bobby Ruben - Director

Resource Person: Noel Green (Brian Kudlak)    Office Manager: Ruby Ruben  
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IGC Appointees: Nelson Green - Director - Deceased - January 1999  
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John Max Kudlak - Director - March 1999

### **SACHS HARBOUR Hunters and Trappers Committee**

The Sachs Harbour HTC was able to conduct HTC business as per usual, scheduled meetings were held throughout the fiscal 98-99 fiscal year. They dealt issues that are of interest to the Sachs Harbour HTC such as:

- RWED on Management Plan for Caribou, Musk-Ox, Wolf, Geese and Small Herbivores on Banks Island, compared the current Polar Bear Management Agreements. The SHHTC assisted RWED with the collaring of 10(ten) Peary Caribou for satellite telemetry. The SHHTC was able to catch up to the financial reporting for the fiscal years of 95\96, 96\97, and 97\98.
- Canadian Heritage on Aulavik Park management issues, such as, MOU's on Green Cabin and Guides & Helpers.
- Canadian Wildlife Service to discuss stabilizing the growth of the Lesser Snow Geese on Banks Island
- DFO and FJMC on projects specific for Sachs Harbour such as: Beaufort Sea 2000 and the Shell-Fish Study.
- WMAC (N.W.T.) for research projects specific to Sachs Harbour, the SHHTC was involved with amending their Community Conservation Plans with the

assistance of the WMAC (N.W.T.) and Joint Secretariat staff and attended a workshop to finalize the Community Conservation Plans in the month of April 1999 in Inuvik.

- EISC and other co-management bodies under the IFA.

The SHTTC established a numbered company to conduct a harvest of 2000 Musk-Oxen and scheduled to harvest in the fall of 1998. It was re-scheduled due to bad weather for the fall of 1999.

The SHHTC appointed Geddes Wolkie Sr. and John Lucas Jr. to Inuvik in September to attend a Regional Trappers Workshop to discuss trapper education, humane trapping methods, fur handling methods and other related issues.

The SHHTC held their Annual General Meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1999 and the highlight of the AGM was to vote on privatizing sport hunting and it was defeated.

The SHHTC had staff turn over twice since the last reporting requirement, Donna Keogak resigned last September and was replaced briefly by Larry Carpenter. Margaret Lennie was hired on strength in December as the Resource Person.

Board of Directors and Staff: (as of March 1998)

John Lucas Jr. - President*	Peter Esau Sr. - Director
John Keogak Sr. - Vice President**	Ryan Lucas - Director
Margaret Lennie - Secretary/Treasurer***	Darcy Gordon - Director
James Harry - Sec\Treasurer	
Desmond Nasogaluak - Director	

\* President in February 1999

\*\* Replaced as President in February 1999

\*\*\*Resigned in January 1999 to apply for Resource Person Position

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IGC Appointees: John Keogak - Director  
Eli Nasogaluak - Alternate (Replaced in June of 1998)  
Desmond Nasogaluak - Alternate

### **TUKTOYAKTUK Hunters and Trappers Committee**

Apart from their regular meetings the HTC and members were involved in a number of projects. These include the following;

The Beluga Whale monitoring program began on June 23, 1998 and was completed on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1998. Jimmy Komeak was hired to monitor Hendrickson Island and Noah Felix for Tuktoyaktuk Harbour.

Three Board members inspected the clean-up at McKinley Bay that Amoco was cleaning up, Debris and equipment was removed from the island. James Pokiak went on August 16<sup>th</sup> and Veryl Gruben and Fred Wolkie went out on August 26<sup>th</sup> and a final inspection will be conducted in 1999.

The Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program Committee reviewed 44 applications and approved 12 applicants for the 1998 fiscal year.

The HTC was involved with the Cisco Herring Project and completed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1998.

The board met with John Nagy and Marsha Branigan to work out plans for a traditional knowledge study on grizzly bears, it involved interviewing traditional harvesters of grizzly bears. The board hired Donna S. Gruben to conduct the interviews. The project was completed in December of 1998.

The community conservation plan working group was re-established by the board appointing Dennis Raddi Sr., James Pokiak, Chucky Gruben, Billy Emahok, Rex Cockney and Fred Wolkie. Meetings were held by the working group in October to review the plan for Tuktoyaktuk and make amendments where necessary.

The HTC met with the Fisheries Joint Management Committee's Community Tour on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1998 to discuss issues of common interest such as:

- Beluga Monitoring
- Marine Protected Areas
- Cisco Herring Project

Board of Directors and Staff: (as of March 1999)

Frank Pokiak - Chairman	Fred Wolki - Director
Max Kotokak Sr.- Vice-Chairman	Vera Ovayuak - Director
Veryl Gruben- Secretary/Treasurer	Chucky Gruben - Director
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IGC Appointees: Frank Pokiak - Director  
 Chucky Gruben - Alternate

**INUVIALUIT GAME COUNCIL**

As mentioned in past reports, the Inuvialuit Game Council continues to strive to meet the demands and expectations of local, regional, national and international organizations and governments. The costs of conducting a Game Council meeting is approximately 40K per meeting. In order to meet those demands, and stay within budget, the IGC reduced the number of times it meets each year from five meetings to four. They have also had to conduct several tele conferences to deal with matters of urgency.

Other issues that were dealt with at the local level was the development of the criteria for the Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program. The GNWT matched the Inuvialuit dollar for dollar to create a permanent source of funds that could be accessed by the Inuvialuit Harvesters' while maintaining the initial investment by accessing only a portion of the interest each year.

They were also involved in the development of a curriculum that would introduce wildlife management and related issues to all grade levels in schools within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR).

Other matters that were dealt with related to the Yukon portion of the ISR. These included the Yukon Development Assessment Process and the Yukon Wildlife Act amendments.

A considerable amount of time was dedicated to National and International matters. These included participation at the following:

- Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species
- World Council of Whalers
- Polar Bear Joint Commissioners and Technical Committee
- International Wildlife Law
- North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission
- Arctic Goose Joint Venture
- Transboundary Water Agreements
- Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Response

A notable event was the signing of the Agreement in Principle for the Management of Beaufort Sea Beluga whales with the Inupiat of Alaska.

Duane Smith, the Chair of the IGC was also nominated as the Co-Chair of the IUCN Arctic Sustainable Use Specialist Group.

Duane Smith, Chair of the IGC was also nominated and elected executive council member for Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Canada.

This is a clear indication of the Game Councils' commitment and willingness to participate at all levels to demonstrate sound management practices.

## CONCLUSION

Since the signing of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement in 1984, which enabled the Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful partners in Environmental and Wildlife Management through a co-management process, demands on the Inuvialuit Game Council has gone far beyond anyone's expectations. The Federal and Territorial Governments are attempting to make changes to various acts, regulations and other legislations to accommodate provisions negotiated through the land claim process.

As evident in the summary more and more time is spent on issues at the National and International levels. In many instances, the Inuvialuit Game Council requires the participation of the co-management committees for advice and expertise. This co-management process which has been around for 15 years, is recognized throughout Canada and now Internationally, the concept is gaining world wide recognition.

The Inuvialuit Game Council will continue working with the Joint Co-management Committees, both levels of Governments and other claimant groups to achieve the Wildlife and Renewable Resources Management objectives of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

## **Appendix A - Role of the Inuvialuit Game Council**

### **Under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement**

- Section 14 (73) The Inuvialuit Game Council shall be established and shall have a Chairman and at least one representative from each of the Hunters and Trappers Committees referred to in subsection (75).
- 14 (74) For the purposes of this Agreement, the Inuvialuit Game Council shall represent the collective Inuvialuit interest in wildlife. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Inuvialuit Game Council shall, among its other activities:
- (a) appoint Inuvialuit members for all joint government/Inuvialuit bodies having an interest in wildlife, including those referred to in Sections 11, 12 and 14;
  - (b) advise the appropriate governments through the Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (N.W.T. and North Slope) or otherwise as appropriate on policy, legislation, regulation and administration respecting wildlife, conservation, research, management and enforcement;
  - (c) assign community hunting and trapping areas within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region for the purposes of Inuvialuit wildlife harvesting where appropriate;
  - (d) review and advise through the Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (N.W.T. and North Slope) or otherwise as appropriate, the appropriate governments on existing or proposed wildlife legislation;
  - (e) review and advise the government on any proposed Canadian position for international purposes that affect wildlife in the Inuvialuit Settlement region;
  - (f) where appropriate, allocate Inuvialuit quotas among the communities;

- (g) appoint members whenever possible or appropriate for any Canadian delegation that deals with international matters affecting wildlife harvesting by the Inuvialuit.
- (h) appoint members for any committee or group whose purpose is to investigate any aspect of wildlife usage in the Inuvialuit Settlement region; and
- (i) on request, assist the Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (N.W.T. and North Slope) in carrying out their functions.

## **APPENDIX B - THE ROLE OF THE HTC'S**

### **INUVIALUIT HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS COMMITTEES**

**14.(75) Each Inuvialuit Community Corporation shall establish a community Hunters and Trappers Committee and determine the qualifications for membership therein. In determining those qualifications, regard shall be had to any agreements between the Inuvialuit and other native groups.**

**As amended January 15, 1987**

**14.(76) A Hunters and Trappers Committee shall, among its other activities:**

**(a) advise the Inuvialuit Game Council on all local matters within the Committee's area of responsibility;**

**(b) advise the Inuvialuit Game Council on the division of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region into community hunting and trapping areas;**

**(c) advise the Inuvialuit Game Council on the requirements of subsistence users in regard to fish and the animals referred to in paragraph (6)(a) within its area of responsibility;**

**(d) sub-allocate the subsistence quota allocated for animals referred to in paragraph (6)(a) within its area of responsibility;**

**(e) sub-allocate any Inuvialuit quota set for fish and the animals referred to in paragraphs (6)(a), (b) and (c);**

**(f) make by-laws, subject to the laws of general application, governing the exercise of the Inuvialuit rights to harvest referred to in paragraphs (6)(a), (b), (c) and (d);**

**(g) encourage and promote Inuvialuit involvement in conservation, research, management, enforcement and utilization in relation to the wildlife resources in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region;**

**(h) assist in providing harvest data on request by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council [sic] (NWT and North Slope) or by the Fisheries Joint Management Committee; and**

**As amended January 15, 1987**

**(i) on request, assist the Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (NWT and North Slope) in carrying out their functions.**

**As amended January 15, 1987**

**14.(77) By-laws made under paragraphs (76)(f) shall be enforceable under the Wildlife Ordinance of the Northwest Territories.**

**14.(78) Local Hunters and Trappers Committees shall be responsible for the sub-allocation of community shares of subsistence and other quotas among individuals and shall participate in the regulation of the subsistence harvest and the collection of harvest information as determined from time to time by the Fisheries Joint Management Committee and Wildlife Management Advisory Councils (NWT and North Slope).**

**As amended January 15, 1987**

**14.(79) The administrative and operational costs of the Inuvialuit Game Council and the Hunters and Trappers Committees shall be borne by the Government of the Northwest Territories.**