



ICC WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SUMMIT

Cultural Sustainability, Food Security and Conservation Through Use

November 6 to 8, 2017
Albert at Bay Suite Hotel, 435 Albert St.
Ottawa, Ontario



SUMMIT STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alaska	Verna Angnaboogok, Vera Metcalf
Canada	Tom Sheldon, Natasha Latreille, Pitseey Moss-Davies
Greenland	Mads Faegteborg, Rena Skifte

BACKGROUND

Hunting, gathering and fishing are critical to Inuit culture and economy and the foundation of Inuit food security. The overall goal of the Circumpolar Inuit Wildlife Management Summit is to examine the influence that policies, environmental change, public perceptions, and changing social and economic conditions in the Arctic are having on Arctic wildlife and Inuit food security. The Circumpolar Inuit Wildlife Management Summit will bring Inuit together from Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and Chukotka, which will further strengthen hunting, gathering and fishing culture as a core part of Inuit unity and identity.



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MANDATE

The Summit will deliver on the commitment made in Article 40 of the Kitigaanuyit Declaration, as adopted at the 2014 ICC general assembly in Inuvik, which:

► “Directs ICC to plan and host an Inuit summit on Wildlife Management”, the ICC Wildlife Management Summit goal is to examine the influence policies (international, regional, national instruments), environmental change, public perceptions, and changing social economic conditions in the Arctic is having on Arctic wildlife and Inuit hunting culture, subsistence utilization and harvesting rights.”

► The Summit is further directed by the Alaskan Inuit Food Security Conceptual Framework: How to Assess the Arctic from an Inuit Perspective. The report, which reflects the views and knowledge of Alaskan Inuit, emphasizes the need to build stronger co-management structures in order to support food security.

PRIMARY FOCUS AREAS

1. To affirm Inuit rights to the use of Arctic wildlife resources, the protection and promotion of Inuit culture, traditional practices and the management of these resources.
2. To share wildlife management practices employed within each country by identifying challenges and opportunities for self-determination, greater well-being, access and overall food security at all scales (local, national and international).
3. To develop common and collaborative Inuit positions and strategies that demonstrate and utilize Inuit knowledge and traditional management practices, which support and often exceed an ecosystem approach to wildlife management (nationally and across borders), including Inuit-led management and monitoring areas.

PRODUCTS OF THE SUMMIT

- A strengthened international Inuit Wildlife Management network.
- An ICC Wildlife Management Strategy that ensures a sustainable future for wildlife harvesting in Inuit Nunat next steps necessary to address Circumpolar Inuit Wildlife Management at all geographic scales (local, national, and international).
- An ICC Inuit Wildlife Management Summit Report.

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AGENDA

Summit Chair **Duane Smith**, Chair and CEO, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

DAY 1

8:30 – 8:35 AM

Welcome by Okalik Eegeesialk, Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council

Welcome delegates, open the Summit and articulate the Summit objectives.

8:35 – 8:45 AM

Introduction by Duane Smith, CEO and Chair Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

Overview of the importance of access to wildlife and recognition of the deep connection that sustains Inuit traditional hunting practises based on rights and robust management practises that support Inuit food security.

8:45 – 9:45 AM

Country Statements

Each Country will outline their challenges, successes and gaps in regulation, recognition of rights, knowledge etc. regarding wildlife management in their jurisdictions. A holistic approach to management of Arctic wildlife across borders will be highlighted as best practice. 15-20 minutes each country (Alaska, Greenland, Russia, Canada) plus questions.

Greenland

Amalie Jessen, Head of Department, Ministry of Fisheries and Hunting, Government of Greenland

Alaska

Jim Stotts, President, ICC Alaska

Canada

Natan Obed, President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Chukotka

TBC

9:45 – 10:30 AM

Plenary Discussion with the above panelists

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 – 12:00 AM

The State of Arctic Wildlife Management

The State of Arctic Wildlife Management and existing approaches to management utilizing Inuit knowledge and science. What works, what does not, why? Short presentations by panelists followed by panel discussion.

Greenland

Bjarne Lyberth, Biologist, KNAK

Alaska

Vera Metcalf, Director, Eskimo Walrus Commission

Canada

The Nunavut Experience: **James Eetoolook**, Vice-President, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

Chukotka

TBD

DAY 1

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Plenary Discussion

What is influencing management structures, Inuit management practices, self-determination, and how to move forward.

2:00 – 2:15 PM

Pikialasorsuaq Commission Report, Okalik Eegeesialk, Chair of ICC, Pikialasorsuaq International Commissioner

2:15 – 3:15 PM

Bilateral Agreements: Management of shared stocks or management areas (beluga, polar bear, etc.)

Models of Inuit-led management and monitoring:

Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Mary Petola, Interim Executive Director, Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

US-Russia Wildlife Management Agreement

Chukotka (TBC)

Greenland-Canada Joint Commission on Polar Bear

Amalie Jessen, Head of Section, Ministry of Fisheries and Hunting, Government of Greenland

Inuvialuit-Inupiat Polar Bear Management Agreement

Taqulik Hepa, Director, NSB Department of Wildlife Management
John Lucas, Jr., Chair, Inuvialuit Game Council

UPCART Management Strategy

Adamie Delisle-Alaku, Makivik Vice President, Resource Development Department
Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Resources, Nunatsiavut Government

3:15 – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 – 5:00 PM

Plenary discussion

Collective challenges, collaborative opportunities—framing the foundation for the way forward.

DAY 2

8:30 – 8:40 AM	Morning Welcome, Duane Smith, Chair and CEO Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
8:40 – 8:55 AM	How Canadian Inuit participate nationally/internationally collectively despite differing regional regimes John Cheechoo , ITK Director of Environment and Wildlife
8:55 – 9:55 AM	Co-management through Land Claim Agreements – a working management system Makivik Corporation Gregor Gilbert , Senior Resource Development Department Coordinator, Resource Development Department Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Paul Ingaugut , Director of Wildlife and Environment Department, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (Inuvialuit Game Council – Fisheries Joint Management Committee) Larry Carpenter , Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Committee, NWT Nunatsiavut Government Carl McLean , Deputy Minister of Lands and Resources, Nunatsiavut Government
9:55 – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Canadian examples of a state process: Inuit/Indigenous and stakeholder engagement Environment Canada (TBC)
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Plenary Discussion—Working with Partners
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Human Rights and Inuit: UNDRIP as a foundational document to influence other international bodies that manages Arctic wildlife. How Inuit can exercise rights under various international instruments (both positive and challenge to rights). Are Inuit using these instruments to full potential to support collective Inuit Rights? Are there other instruments Inuit should be using? What support do Inuit hunters need to exercise rights? How can Inuit use these instruments to better collaborate on management Arctic wildlife. Dalee Samboorough , PhD, Associate Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, University of Alaska, Anchorage (Via Skype)

DAY 2

1:30 – 2:30 PM	International: Relevant Instruments Related to Arctic Wildlife (CITES, IWC, NAMMCO, etc.) Assessment of various instruments and their impact on Inuit harvesting rights. Alaska: International Whaling Commission (IWC) Greenland: North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO) Canada: Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) Chukotka	Arnold Brower Jr. , Executive Director, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission Amalie Jessen , Head of Department, Ministry of Fisheries and Hunting, Government of Greenland Jim Goudie , Wildlife Manager, Department of Lands and Resources, Nunatsiavut Government TBC
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Plenary discussion: Inuit Rights and Relevant International Instruments What pressures exist that help or hinder Inuit access to wildlife, food security and culture? Governance & regulation, inappropriate management regimes, impact of climate change.	
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 – 4:10 PM	What is our vision of wildlife management? How does this lead to collaborative and coordinated circumpolar management by Inuit? Participants from Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and Chukotka to discuss.	
4:10 – 5:00 PM	Plenary Discussion	
5:00 – 9:00 PM	Supper/feast in partnership with Tungasuvvingat Inuit in celebration of Inuit Day, 30th Anniversary of Tungasuvvingat Inuit, 40th Anniversary of ICC We are pleased to invite our ICC Wildlife Management Summit participants to the Ottawa Inuit community event at 414 Sparks Street (Christchurch Cathedral). Doors open at 4:00 PM.	
DAY 3		
9:30 – 9:40 AM	Morning Welcome, Duane Smith, Chair and CEO Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	
9:40 AM – 12:00 PM	Draft strategy/ work plan development: Line by Line Review of DRAFT	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 – 3:00 PM	Facilitated discussion on next steps towards international collaboration and cooperation in relation to wildlife management Presentation and discussion of draft strategy and action plan, including draft article for 2018 General Assembly.	

