



# NIRB Mandate and Expertise

- The Nunavut Impact Review Board is established in Articles 10 and 12 of the Nunavut Agreement
- Part of integrated resource management process envisioned by the Nunavut Agreement
- NIRB's impact assessment process may only commence following NPC's land use conformity process
- NIRB's mandate: conduct pre-development impact assessment, gauge project-specific ecosystem and socioeconomic impacts, and monitor the effects of approved projects





# 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan - General Comments

- NIRB has encountered challenges with clearly defining project-specific impacts where:
  - The acceptability of the project type and land uses are unclear,
  - No authoritative definition of important land use areas, and
  - Unduly strains capacity of all agencies involved in impact assessment process to handle issues that should be determined prior to the initiation of an environmental assessment.
  - Broader issues remain unclear such as acceptability of uranium, nuclear power, transportation corridors, oil and gas development, and development in caribou calving grounds and should be applied regional or territorial-wide.
- Therefore the NIRB is supportive of the NPC's efforts to establish a Nunavut-wide land use plan as well as to further revise such a plan following approval, to ensure it remains current and effective.







# 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan - Consistency with Policy Context

- Clarity required where management strategies have changed significantly between the previously approved regional plans and the current 2016 DNLUP



(Reference issued NIRB Final Written Submission Sections 3.4 –*Polar Bear Denning*, 3.5-*Ice Floe Edges* and 3.11- *paleontological resources below*)







## 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan - Quality of Planning Process

- No issues remain outstanding from previous submissions.



## 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan - Incorporation of Input in Planning

- NIRB has identified challenges related to co-management of Heritage Rivers and watersheds, where rivers are completing the nomination process or co-managed by transboundary jurisdictions.



(Reference 3.6 – *transboundary (Great Bear Lake)*, 3.7-*heritage rivers*, and 3.12 *incorporating community comments*)





# 2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan - Other

- NIRB's ability to have confidence in impact predictions for caribou has been limited by
  - lack of clear information on caribou population health
  - lack of designated protection for important caribou habitats, and
  - no clear an appropriate limitations or accepted best-management practices for development on these areas
- clear guidance is need through land use planning to address the broader issues of conservation and measures for protection of caribou habitat and development for various project types on a regional scale





