

Written Submission No. 32

2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Proposed Land Use Designation:

Community Area of Interest – Multiple Values:

Coastal Meta incognita Peninsula

To: The Nunavut Planning Commission

From: The Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board (QWB), and
the Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) of Kimmirut

Background Information:

Multiple resources that are highly valued by the Inuit of Kimmirut occur on the coastal areas of Meta Incognita Peninsula (i.e., a Multiple Value Area, MVA). These areas extend from the shoreline inland up the many valleys mainly to where elevations reach 300 m (1000 ft) above sea level (asl) (see boundary description for details).

Throughout the year, this MVA is an important community harvesting area for wildlife and fish, including but not limited to: caribou, polar bears, Arctic char, waterfowl and other species. Polar bears den within this area.

The protection of this MVA is critically important to maintain the health, culture and heritage of the Inuit of Iqaluit. Industrial development in or near these areas would degrade the value of the area. Such development must be prohibited.

Without protection of this area, plus others near Iqaluit, the Nunavut Land Use Plan will fail in its goal to protect and promote the well-being of all of Nunavut's residents and communities as a primary purpose of land use planning under Article 11 of the Nunavut Agreement.

Source of information: Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit.

Proposed Designation: Protected Area

Proposed Restrictions:

Prohibited Uses: The following uses are prohibited:

- Oil and Gas Exploration and Production;
- Mineral Exploration and Production;
- Obnoxious Land Use;
- Quarries;
- Hydro-electrical and related infrastructure;
- Linear Infrastructure; and
- Related research except Non-exploitive Scientific Research

Conditions:

- Regulatory Authorities, where appropriate, must incorporate the setbacks in Table 2 (as amended based on WS-14 from the QWB and member HTOs) for all seabirds, and coastal waterfowl and sea ducks during the issuance of permits, licences, and authorizations.
- Any project in Nunavut that would violate these conditions is prohibited.

Proposed Boundaries of the Community Area of Interest – Multiple Values Area: Meta Incognita Peninsula:

The coastal areas of Meta Incognita Peninsula from McKellar Bay east to East Bluff and then north to the mouth of Hendersen Inlet, and extending from the shoreland inland to about 300 m asl, as per the attached map and associated shp file. Note that we generally limited the designated area to valleys where 300 m contour lines are greater than 2 km wide, but we did include “islands” of land that may be higher than 300 m when surrounded by lower land (e.g., butte, monadnock, inselberg, etc.).

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