

Written Submission No. 33

2016 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Proposed Land Use Designation:

Community Areas of Interest – Multiple Values:

33A. Roche Bay, Foxe Basin,

33B. Foster Bay, Foxe Basin, and

33C. Hall Lake, Melville Peninsula

To: The Nunavut Planning Commission

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

Background Information:

Multiple resources are highly valued by the Inuit of Hall Beach in three areas (i.e., Multiple Value Areas, MVAs). One of these areas, Roche Bay, (MVA 33A) is a marine area with islands south of the hamlet of Hall Beach. MVA 33B is another marine area with included islands north of the hamlet, and MVA 33C is a terrestrial area west of Hall Beach.

Without protection of these three areas, the Nunavut Land Use Plan will fail in its goal to protect and promote the well-being of all of Nunavut's residents as a primary purpose of land use planning under Article 11 of the Nunavut Agreement.

All of these MVAs are important community harvesting areas for wildlife, including but not limited to: ringed and bearded seals, beluga, caribou, polar bears, Arctic char, Arctic cisco (whitefish), lake trout, Arctic fox, ptarmigan, Arctic hare, snow geese, common eiders, Arctic terns, and other species.

All of these areas are critically important to maintain the health, culture and heritage of the Inuit of Hall Beach.

Industrial development in or near these areas would degrade their value. Such development must be prohibited.

Source of information: Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

Proposed Designation (for all 3 MVAs): Protected Area

Proposed Restrictions for MVA 33A and 33B:

Prohibited Uses: The following uses are prohibited:

- Oil and Gas Exploration and Production;
- Mineral Exploration and Production;
- Quarries;
- Seismic testing;
- Disposal at sea;
- Sonar; and
- All research including but not limited to Non-exploitive Scientific Research.

Conditions:

- Closed to all ship traffic, subject to safe navigation, during Ukiaksaq, Ukiaq, Ukiuq, Upingaksaq and Upingaaq.
- All ice-breaking must be prohibited.
- Regulatory Authorities, where appropriate, must incorporate the aerial, marine and terrestrial setbacks as per a modified Table 2¹ for all migratory birds, all seabirds, and coastal waterfowl and sea ducks during issuance of permits, licences, and authorizations.
- Any project or activity in Nunavut that would violate any of these conditions is prohibited.

Proposed Restrictions for MVA 33C:

Prohibited Uses: The following uses are prohibited:

- Oil and Gas Exploration and Production;
- Mineral Exploration and Production;
- Seismic testing;
- Disposal at sea;
- Sonar
- Quarries;

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- Hydro-electrical and related infrastructure;
- Wind turbines for electrical generation and related infrastructure;
- Linear Infrastructure; and
- Related research except Non-exploitive Scientific Research

Conditions:

- Regulatory Authorities, where appropriate, must incorporate the aerial, marine and terrestrial setbacks as per a modified Table 2² for all migratory birds, all seabirds, and coastal waterfowl and sea ducks during issuance of permits, licences, and authorizations.
- Any project in Nunavut that would violate any of these conditions is prohibited.

Proposed Boundaries of the Community Area of Interest – Multiple Values Areas: 33A, 33B, and 33C:

As per the attached maps and associated shp files

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