

Master Comments from Baffinland

Comment ID	Organization Name	Date of Submission	Document Referenced	Section Referenced	Theme of submission or Location /ID# Referenced	Comment	NPC Response
BIMC-1	Baffinland	14-Feb-14	DNLUP	Definitions	Shipping	Marine shipping is an essential component of the development of the Mary River Project. While the definition of “transportation corridor” includes marine shipping routes, it is not currently clear how these areas are meant to be addressed in the DNLUP. Generally, further clarity with respect to the issue of marine shipping is required.	The revised DNLUP Land Use Designations clarify how marine shipping will be managed. There is limited information that may be used to determine “where” shipping should occur. Instead at this time the Plan identifies where year round shipping would be prohibited. Accessory Uses allows for open water shipping and related ports and winter roads to occur in all land use designations.
BIMC-2	Baffinland	14-Feb-14	DNLUP	3	ECP	Baffinland has reviewed and agrees with the specific comments made by the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines relating to Section 3.1.1.3 (“National Marine Conservation Areas – Lancaster Sound”) and Section 3.1.1.2. (“Migratory Bird Sanctuaries”).	General comment noted.
BIMC-3	Baffinland	14-Feb-14	DNLUP	4.2.1	BHC	Baffinland has reviewed and agrees with the specific comments made by the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines relating to this section.	General comment noted.
BIMC-4	Baffinland	14-Feb-14	DNLUP	7.2	Cumulative Impacts	In this section, the NPC has noted that as per the NLCA, generally activities identified in Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA are exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”), unless the NPC refers such applications to the NIRB where the NPC has concerns with respect to the cumulative impacts of a Project Proposal in relation to other development activities. This section would be enhanced if it provided more detail with respect to NPC procedure and considerations relating to such determinations.	The Cumulative Impacts referral section of the Plan has been revised to reflect when and when NPC may refer a project proposal for cumulative impacts concerns.
BIMC-5	Baffinland	14-Feb-14	DNLUP	7.8	Legal Non-Conforming Uses	Baffinland suggests that activities that are covered by an existing permit or approval, as that may be amended or renewed from time to time, should be deemed to be an “existing use of land”.	Existing rights are outlined under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act. The Implementation Strategy has been updated.
BIMC-6	Baffinland	14-Feb-14	DNLUP	Table 1 – Land Use Designations	ESED	Baffinland suggests that for areas in the ESED-1 Designation, no distinction need be drawn between production mines and advanced exploration projects.	The NPC agrees and the plan has been revised to simplify the designation.