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WMAC(NS) Holds Meetings with Aklavik HTC Directors

The Chair of WMAC(NS) met with the Board of Directors of the Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee in February. They discussed ways to improve the HTC's involvement in Yukon North Slope research planning as well as how to improve their participation in the implementation of projects. The AHTC has an active interest in participating in the Ivvavik National Park Management Plan Review and the Herschel Island Territorial Park Management Plan Review. Among other activities, the HTC is working with the Aklavik community to better manage garbage and waste at Shingle Point.

WMAC(NS) also met with HTC Directors during the Council's last quarterly meeting held in Aklavik in May. Topics discussed included the HTC's Yukon North Slope research priorities and concerns. The research that Ivvavik National Park and the Yukon Government have planned for the summer was reviewed. Updates were given on the Muskox Management Plan and on the results of surveys recently completed for moose and muskox. Dave Ladret, from the Yukon Government's Parks Branch, updated the Directors on activities related to the upcoming summer operations of Herschel Island Territorial Park. He also provided information on the review of the Herschel Island Management Plan.

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Muskox Management Meeting

A meeting was held in Anchorage in December to discuss the management of muskox on the North Slope. Canadian participants included representatives of the Inuvialuit Game Council, the Yukon's Dept. of

Renewable Resources, Parks Canada and the WMAC(NS). The Alaskan contingent consisted of federal and state wildlife and park officials, and Inupiat representatives from Barrow and Kaktovik.

Coming Events:

WMAC(NS) Quarterly Meeting

July 8-10, 2000, at Herschel Island

Yukon North Slope Conference

September 18-20, 2000, in Whitehorse

The meeting was an important step for coordinating efforts around North Slope muskox management, such as the sharing of harvest information, integrating survey methodology and working together on co-management plans that would be useful for both jurisdictions.

Workshop Held on Long-term Research



The Yukon North Slope Long Term Research Plan has been completed, and an Implementation Workshop was held in Whitehorse in January. Over 50 people attended the workshop, representing various federal, territorial and state government agencies, the communities of Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk, and northern research institutions. Participants met in working groups to review the many action items identified in the Plan. The working groups discussed topics including research and monitoring of coastal ecosystems and wildlife, human use and impacts as well as land and freshwater ecosystems and wildlife. Data management, traditional knowledge and contaminants were also discussed. The groups identified priority actions and strategies for implementing this far-reaching Plan. *Photo by Catherine Kennedy*

In Other News:

WMAC(NS) members have recently participated in a number of additional workshops and conferences. These included the Arctic Borderlands Ecological Knowledge Co-operative Fifth Annual Gathering, the ISR Grizzly Bear Research and Management Workshop in Inuvik, the Marine Ecosystem Health Workshop



in Aklavik and the Parks Canada consultations on Ivvavik National Park. The Council was also represented at two workshops related to northern climate change. The Chair attended meetings of the Inuvialuit Game Council, the Joint Secretariat Board of Directors and the Inuvialuit Harvest Study Working Group.

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