Summary of Community Meetings on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan GJOA HAVEN March 24, 2014

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1.1 Context

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) is preparing a land use plan to guide and direct resource use and development in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA). As part of its efforts, the NPC is facilitating discussions in each Nunavut community on land use and resource management issues. Information that is obtained from these discussions will be used to inform decisions regarding the further development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP).

1.2 Purpose

This report presents information obtained during the NPC's visit to the community of Gjoa Haven. The purpose of the report is to inform decisions regarding the further development of the NLUP, ensuring that the plan reflects the priorities and values of residents.

It is important to note that the information contained in the Community Report will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP

1.3 Methodology

Information was presented to and received from participants in Gjoa Haven in accordance with the Nunavut Planning Commission's Community Engagement Strategy (Engagement Strategy). The Engagement Strategy provides for the following methods for presenting and receiving information;

- Open house; information contained in the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP) was presented on 7 multi lingual large format poster boards. Participants were encouraged to review the posters, ask questions and provide feedback.
- Elected Officials Meeting; The NPC Chairperson and • NPC staff met with senior and elected officials in the community. The development process for the DNLUP, its content and next steps were presented. Comments and questions were recorded during the session and are contained in Appendix 1.

• **Public Workshop**; A formal presentation of the Draft Plan content was provided to participants, including a slide overview of its content. Following the presentation, guestions and comments were received from participants. The questions, comments and responses are contained in Appendix 2.

A mapping session followed the presentation of the Draft Plan. The mapping session involved discussions regarding the topics presented in the DNLUP and encouraged participants to identify additional areas and issues important for inclusion in a NLUP. Information received during this session was recorded by NPC staff and is included in Appendix 3.

Areas that participants identified during mapping sessions as important to a particular goal have, in the majority of cases, been included in this report as they were recorded. In instances where participants identified an area that was better suited to another goal, the area has been reclassified to the more suitable goal and has been verified as appropriate to do so by the Community.

A follow-up meeting was held on May 7, 2014 to review a draft version of this report with the Hamlet Council, Hunters and Trappers Organization, and Community Beneficiary Committee. A summary of this meeting is included in Appendix 4.

Public Awareness 1.4

The NPC raised public awareness regarding its visit to Gjoa Haven in accordance with the Engagement Strategy.

The DNLUP and supporting materials were mailed to the Mayor and Council of Gjoa Haven, and the Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) in September 2012. In addition, letters of invitation were sent to the Gioa Haven Mayor and Council and HTO in advance of the NPC's visit to advise of the meetings and to encourage participation. Follow up phone calls were also made.

Public notice of the various events was provided in the following ways:

- Nunatsiag News and Nunavut News/North; notice of community meetings were posted in both newspapers a minimum of 45 days in advance.
- **Co-op cable TV**; notice of community meetings was run a minimum of 45 days in advance for one week and run again for no less than 14 days before the meetings.
- Community radio; notices were read by the hosts and a live interview with the Commission Chairperson was conducted.
- Community bulletin boards; notices were posted on bulletin boards around the community 45 days and again 14 days in advance of the meetings.
- Community mail drop; one page flyers that announced the meetings and their purpose were delivered to the post office in each community for all mail boxes that accept unaddressed ad-mail.
- nunavut.ca; the schedule of community visits, the • Draft Plan, and all supporting information was available on the Commission's website

1.5 Community Population and Participation

Gjoa Haven is a community of approximately 1280 people (Statistics Canada. 2011 Census). It is located on King William Island (see Figure 1).

The Commission visited the community on March 24, 2014. The sessions were attended as follows;

- Elected Officials Meeting; the Mayor and members of the Hamlet Council and HTO attended the elected officials meeting.
- Open house; 0 people attended the open house to review the Draft Plan.

Chapter 1: Introduction

• Public Workshop; approximately 25 people attended the presentation of the DNLUP and facilitated mapping sessions. Information was recorded in two separate mapping groups.

The Wrap Up Session that was planned for March 25 did not occur due to flight scheduling.



Figure 1. Location of Gjoa Haven

Chapter 2: Protecting and Sustaining the Environment

Protecting and Sustaining the Environment was one of five topics presented to and discussed by participants during the Open House, Elected Officials Meeting, Public Workshop and Wrap up Session, collectively referred to in this document as information sharing and gathering sessions.

2.1 Areas presented to participants

During the information sharing and gathering sessions, participants were presented the following areas and issues as important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment.

- Key bird habitat sites
- Caribou Habitat sites
- Atlantic Cod Lakes
- Cumulative Impacts
- Transboundary considerations
- Climate change

The importance of these issues and areas to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment was not disputed by participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

2.2 Areas identified by participants

Additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment during the information sharing and gathering sessions. These additional areas are;

- Hunting and fishing areas
- Whale habitat
- Caribou habitat
- Polar bear habitat
- Bird habitat

- Fish habitat
- Muskox habitat
- Grizzly bear habitat
- Seal habitat

2.3 Areas of importance to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment

Areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment are illustrated on Map 1, including areas identified in the DNLUP and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in Appendix 4.

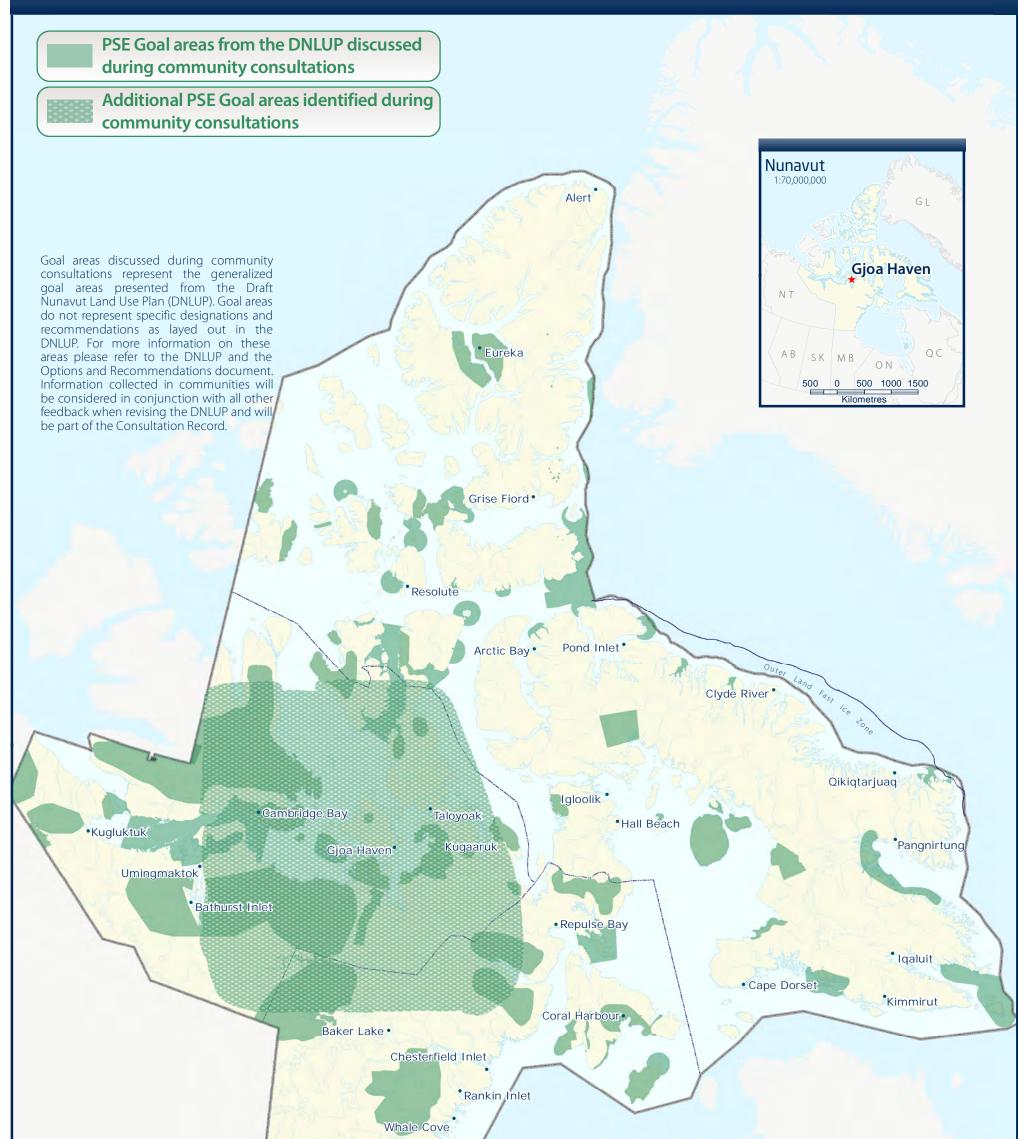
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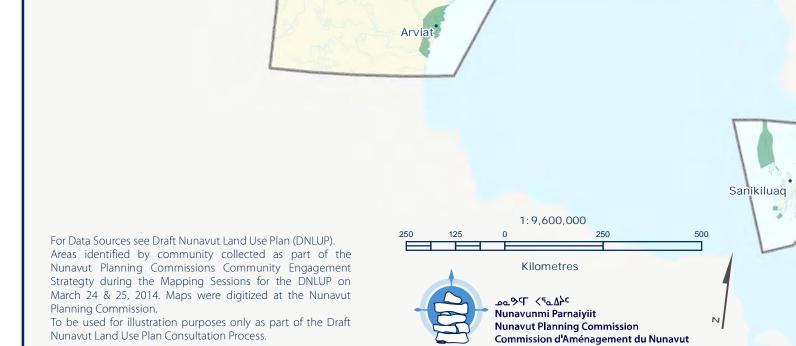
- The areas identified on Map 1 are considered by the Community to be important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP.



PROTECTING AND SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT (PSE) • GJOA HAVEN • MAP 1





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Encouraging Conservation Planning was one of five topics presented to and discussed by the participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

3.1 Areas presented to participants

During the information sharing and gathering sessions, participants were presented the following areas and issues as important to Encouraging Conservation Planning;

- National Parks Awaiting Full Establishment •
- Proposed National Parks •
- National Marine Conservation Areas •
- Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary ٠
- Migratory Bird Sanctuaries •
- National Wildlife Areas •
- National Historic Sites
- Territorial Historic Sites
- Heritage Rivers

The importance of these issues and areas to Encouraging Conservation Planning was not disputed by participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

3.2 Areas identified by participants

Additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to Encouraging Conservation Planning during the information sharing and gathering sessions. These additional areas are.

- Traditional areas for hunting, camping, fishing •
- Polar bear habitat
- Historic sites •

3.3 Areas of importance to Encouraging **Conservation Planning**

Areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Encouraging Conservation Planning are illustrated on Map 2, including areas identified in the DNLUP and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in Appendix 4.

Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

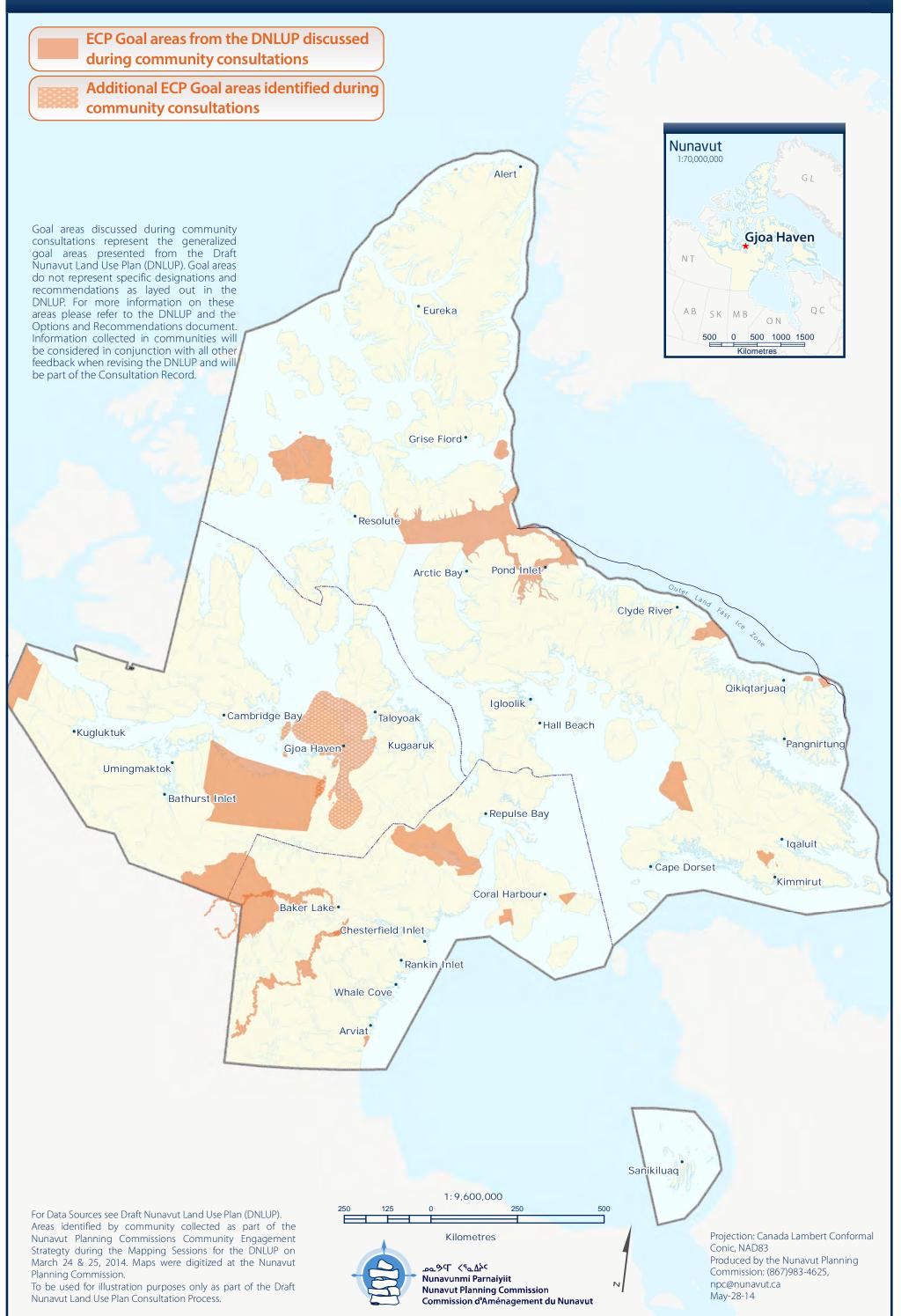
- The areas identified on Map 2 are considered by the Community to be important to Encouraging Conservation Planning.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP.



Chapter 3: **Encouraging Conservation Planning**

ENCOURAGING CONSERVATION PLANNING (ECP) • GJOA HAVEN • MAP 2



Building Healthier Communities was one of five topics presented to and discussed by the participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

4.1 Areas presented to participants

During the information sharing and gathering sessions, participants were presented the following areas and issues as important to Building Healthier Communities;

- Areas of Community Interest
- Community Land Use ٠
- Transportation Infrastructure •
- Unincorporated Communities •
- Alternative Energy Sources •
- Community drinking water supplies •
- Land remediation .
- Northern Contaminated Sites Program
- Aerodromes •
- Canadian Forces Station ٠
- Northern Warning System sites •

The importance of these issues and areas to Building Healthier Communities was not disputed by participants.

Areas identified by participants 4.2

Additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to contributing to the goal of Building Healthier Communities during the information sharing and gathering sessions. These additional areas are;

Drinking water ٠

Contaminated sites

4.3 Areas of importance to Building Healthier Communities

Areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Building Healthier Communities are illustrated on Map 3, including areas identified in the DNLUP and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in Appendix 4.

Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

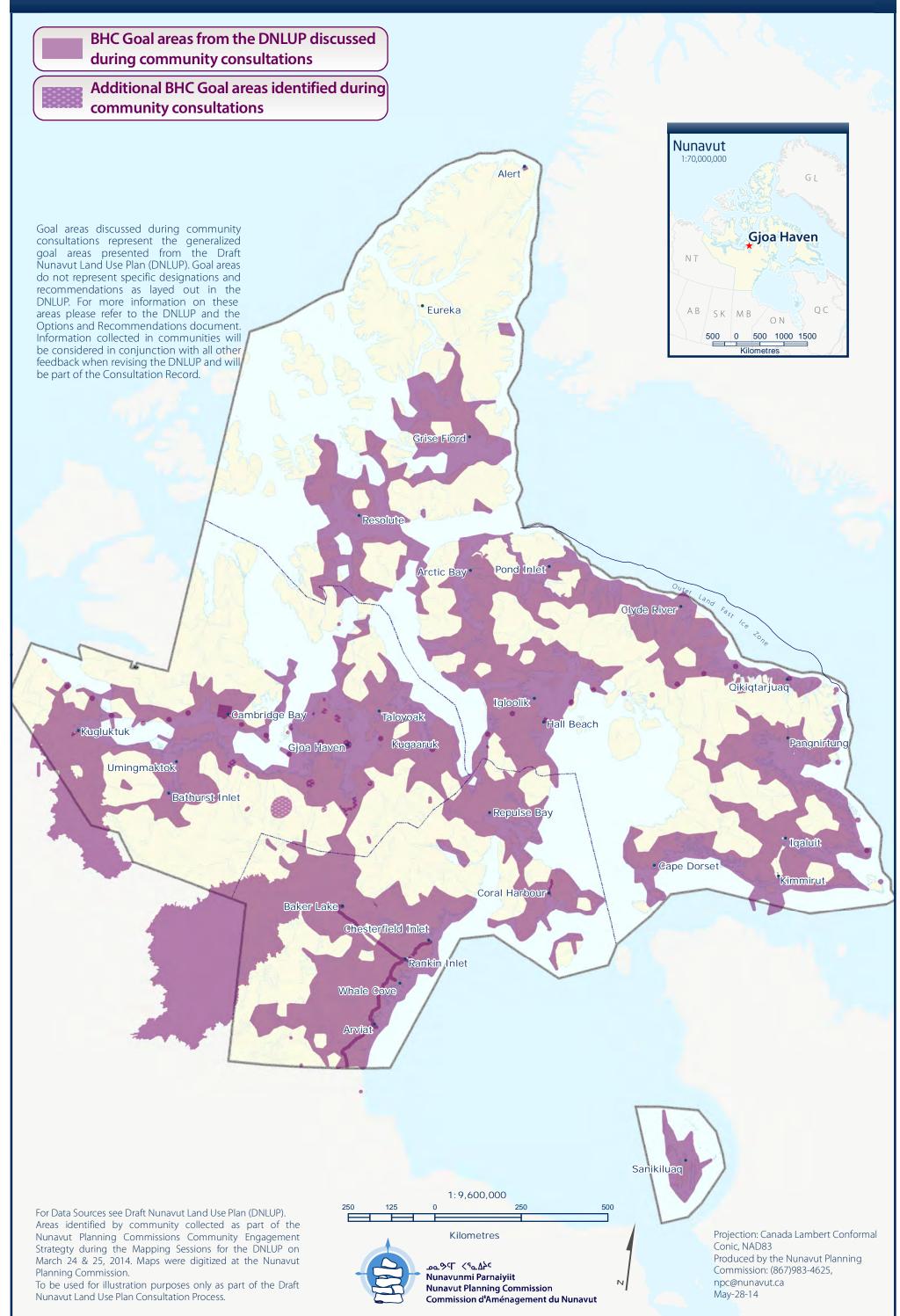
- The areas identified on Map 3 are considered by the Community to be important to Building Healthier Communities.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support community needs and cultural priorities.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP.



Chapter 4: **Building Healthier Communities**

BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES (BHC) • GJOA HAVEN • MAP 3



Chapter 5: Encouraging Sustainable Economic D<u>evelopment</u>

Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development was one of five topics presented to and discussed by the participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

5.1 Areas presented to participants

During the information sharing and gathering sessions, participants were presented with the following areas important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development;

- Mineral Exploration and Production
- Oil and Gas Exploration
- Commercial Fisheries

The importance of these issues and areas to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development was not disputed by participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

5.2 Areas identified by participants

Additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development during the information sharing and gathering sessions. The additional areas identified are;

- Commercial fisheries
- Sports hunting and fishing
- Tourism

5.3 Areas of importance to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development

Areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development are illustrated on Map 4, including areas identified in the DNLUP and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in Appendix 4.

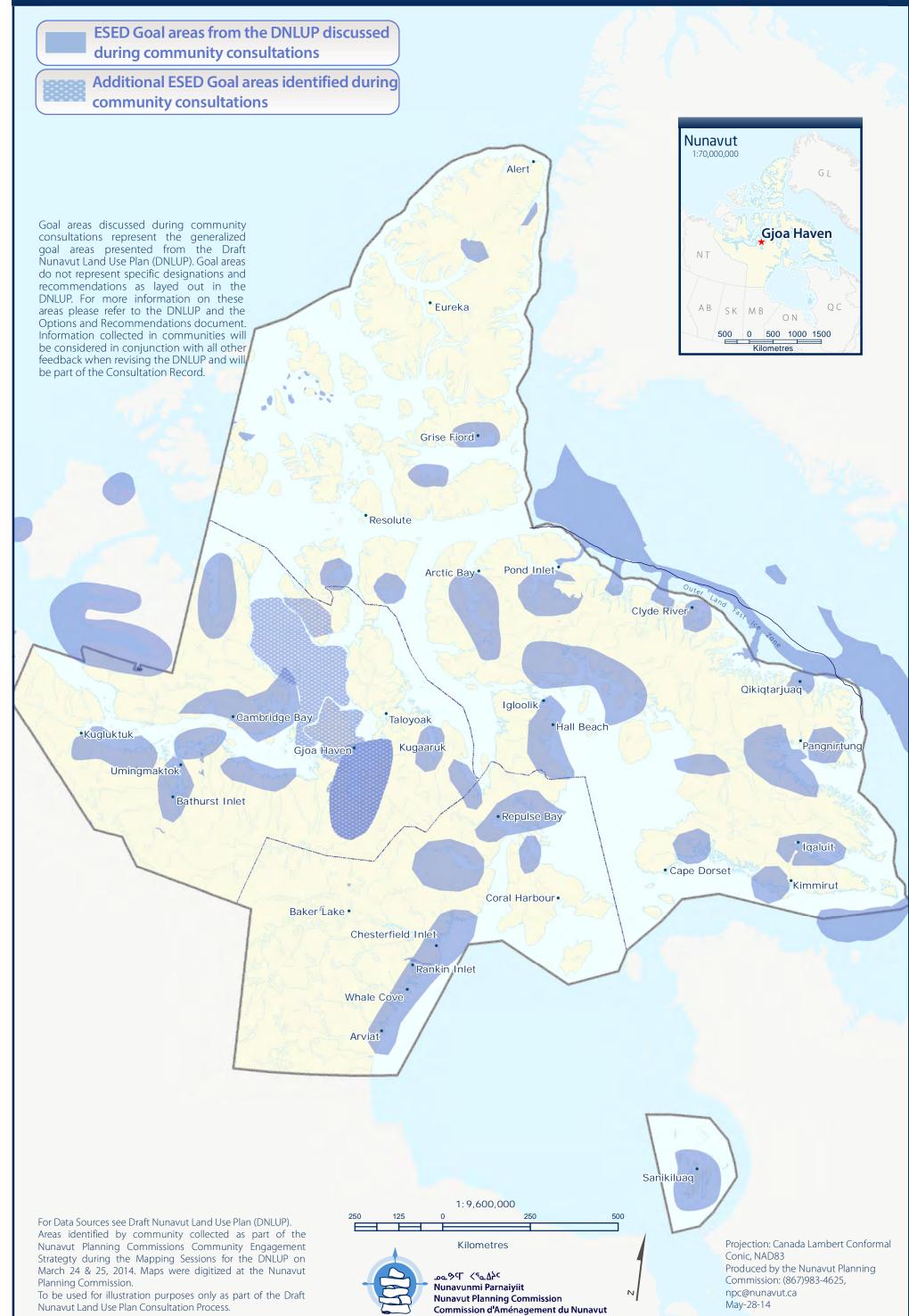
Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

- The areas identified on Map 4 are considered by the Community to be important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support economic opportunities and needs.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP.



ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ESED) • GJOA HAVEN • MAP 4



6.1 Areas identified in the Draft Plan

The DNLUP identifies areas important for a variety of uses. These areas were presented to participants during the workshop as Mixed Use Areas. These areas, as they occur around the community, are illustrated on Map 5.

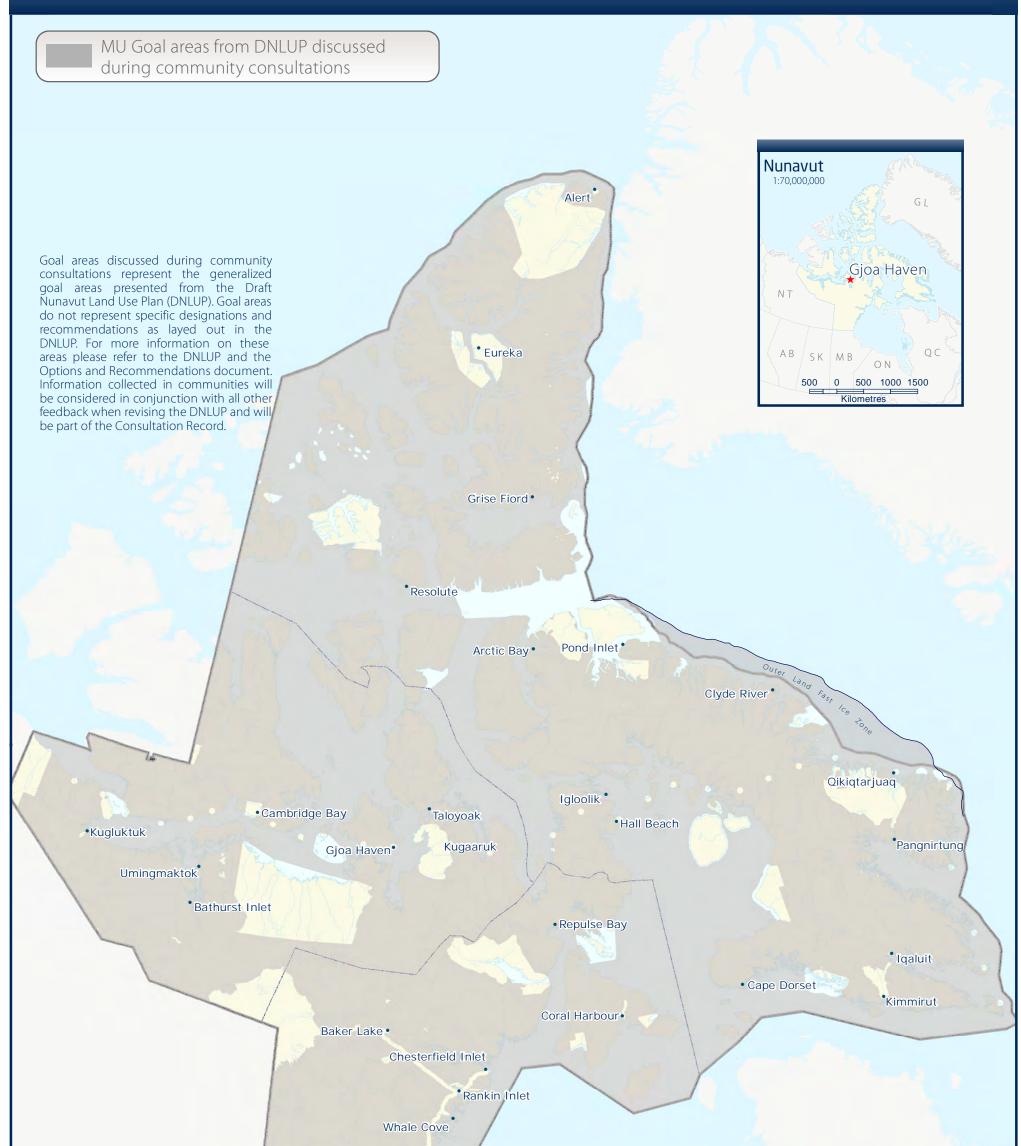
6.2 Areas identified by participants

No additional areas were identified as Mixed Use by participants. However, some areas identified as Mixed Use in the DNLUP were considered by participants to require additional protection because of their particular qualities. These areas and the goals they are important for are identified on Map 6.



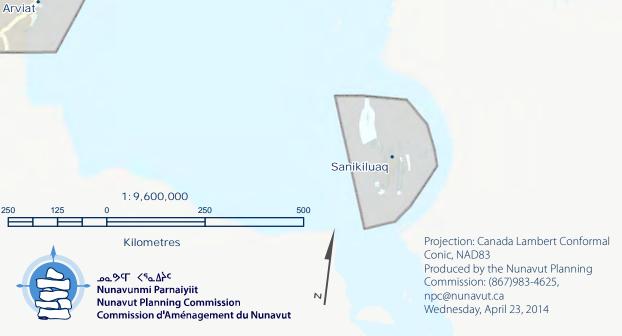
Chapter 6: Mixed Use

MIXED USE (MU) • GJOA HAVEN • MAP 5

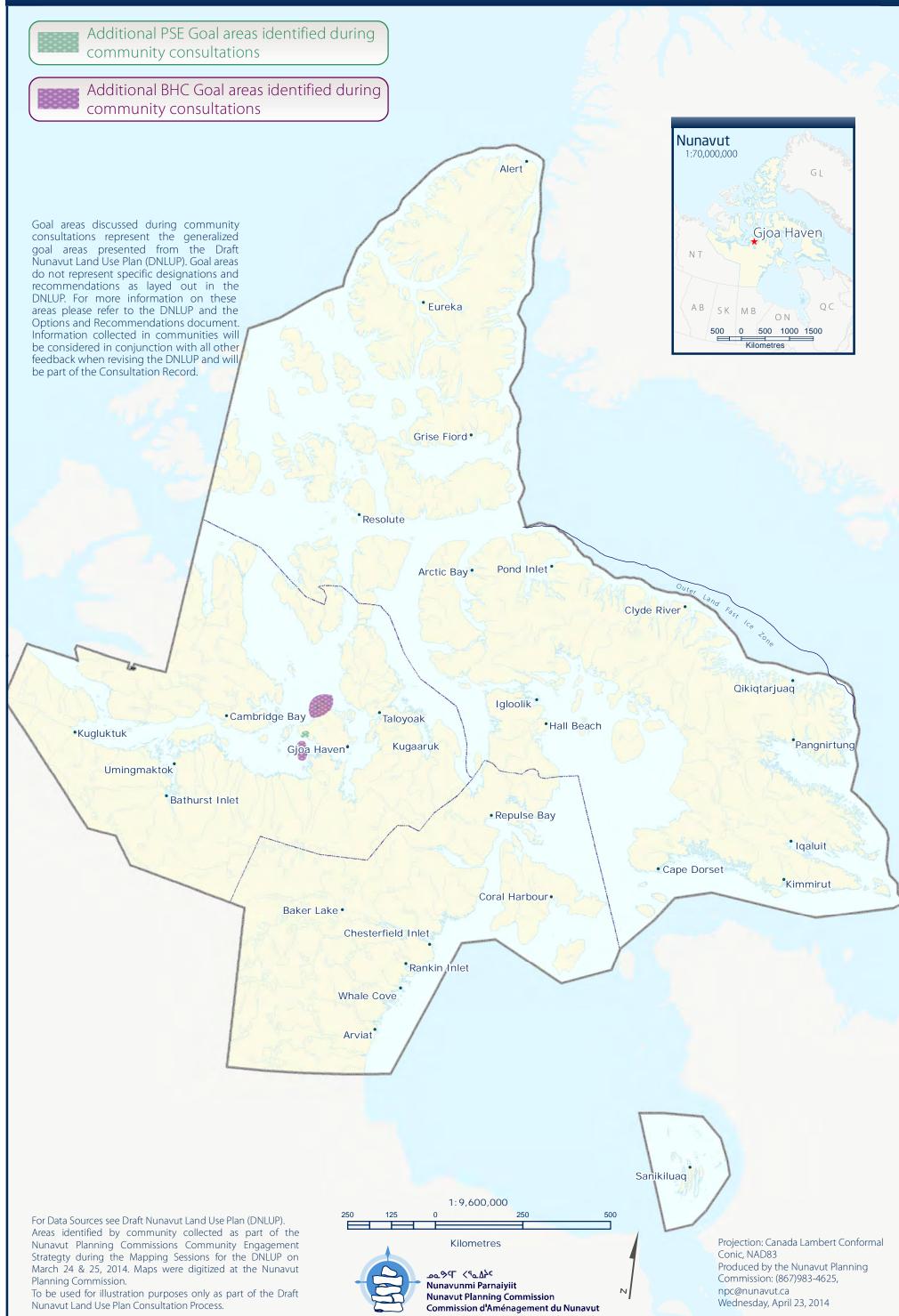




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MIXED USE (MU) • GJOA HAVEN • MAP 6

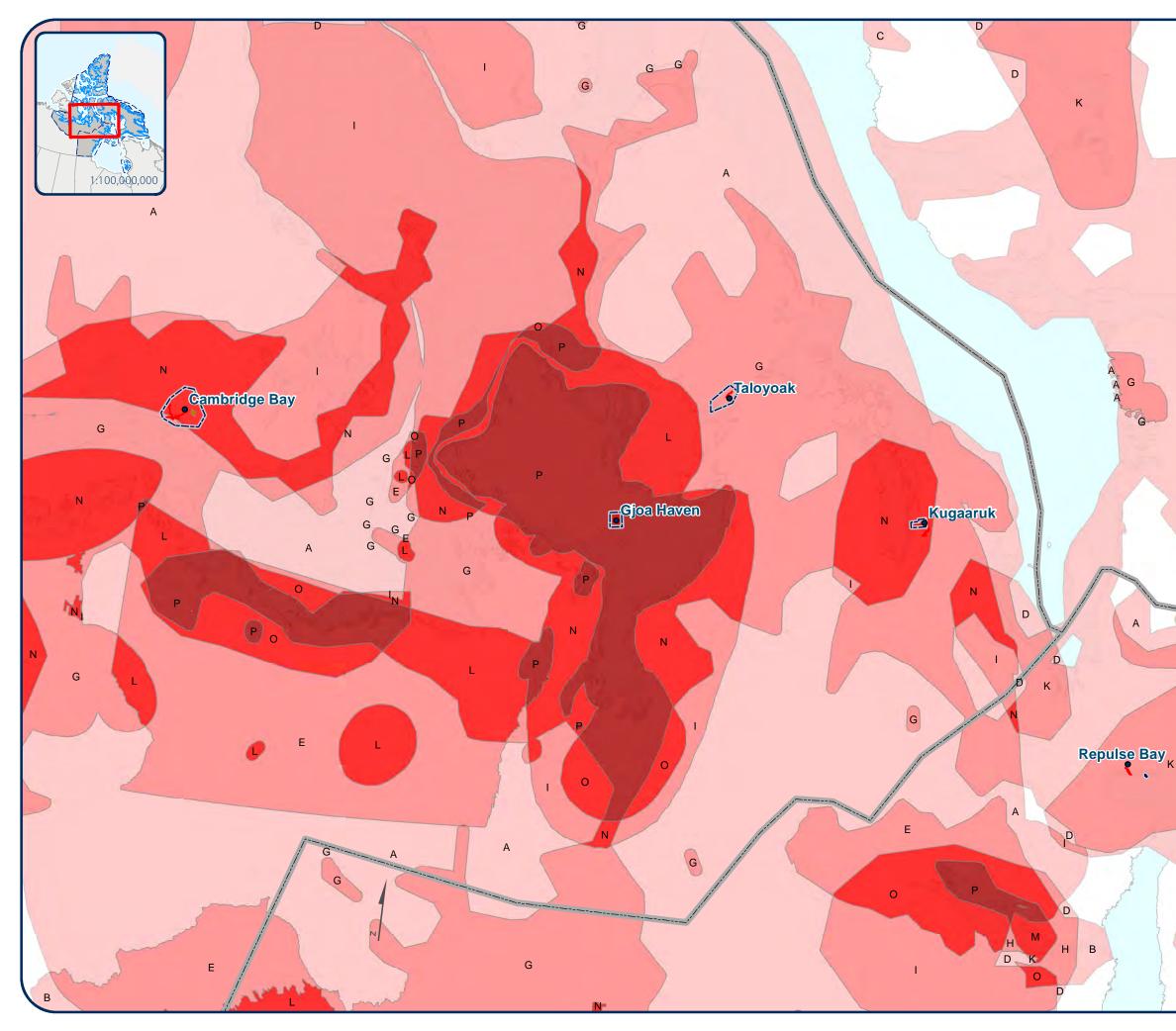


7.1 Areas identified for multiple goals

All areas discussed with the community as important for a particular goal are shown on Map 7. In some instances, areas have been identified as important for multiple goals. These areas, and the specific goals they are important to, are also shown on Map 7. In these areas, the NPC will take all of the identified goals and all other feedback into consideration when revising the DNLUP.



Chapter 7: Overlapping Goals





1 Goal Identified in area 2 Goals Identified in area 3 Goals Identified in area 4 Goals Identified in area

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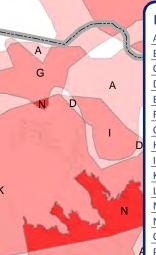
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К	BHC, ESED
L	BHC, PSE, ECP
Μ	BHC, ESED, ECP
Ν	BHC, ESED, PSE
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P	All Goals (BHC, ESED, PSE, ECP)

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The elected officials meeting was attended by the Mayor and members of the Hamlet Council and HTO. During the meeting, participants raised the following issues:

- Question regarding how Inuit will be affected by the plan, specifically for cabins and camping.
 - o The Commission reposed that the plan will not stop people from hunting, fishing, camping or building cabins.
- Concerned about the protection of burial sites.







Appendix 1: Elected Officials Meeting



During the community workshop, there was a question and answer period, which included a discussion of the following topics:

- (Regarding certain areas bird nesting, calving area, Kutaq - the river (?)) Perhaps around the 70s not a lot of migratory birds, but now a lot - has become nesting area. Nesting area spreading to mainland used to be on islands. Perhaps needs to be protected from development, especially mining, exploration, oil and gas.
 - The Commission responded that these areas can be identified during the mapping session that will follow.

Appendix 2: Questions and Answers

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Appendix 3: Community Workshop Scanned Maps

Two groups completed the mapping session to identify important areas. This Appendix contains the maps that were used by participants to identify areas that are important to the following land use planning goals:

- Protecting and Sustaining the Environment
- Encouraging Conservation Planning
- Building Healthier Communities
- Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development
- Mixed Use

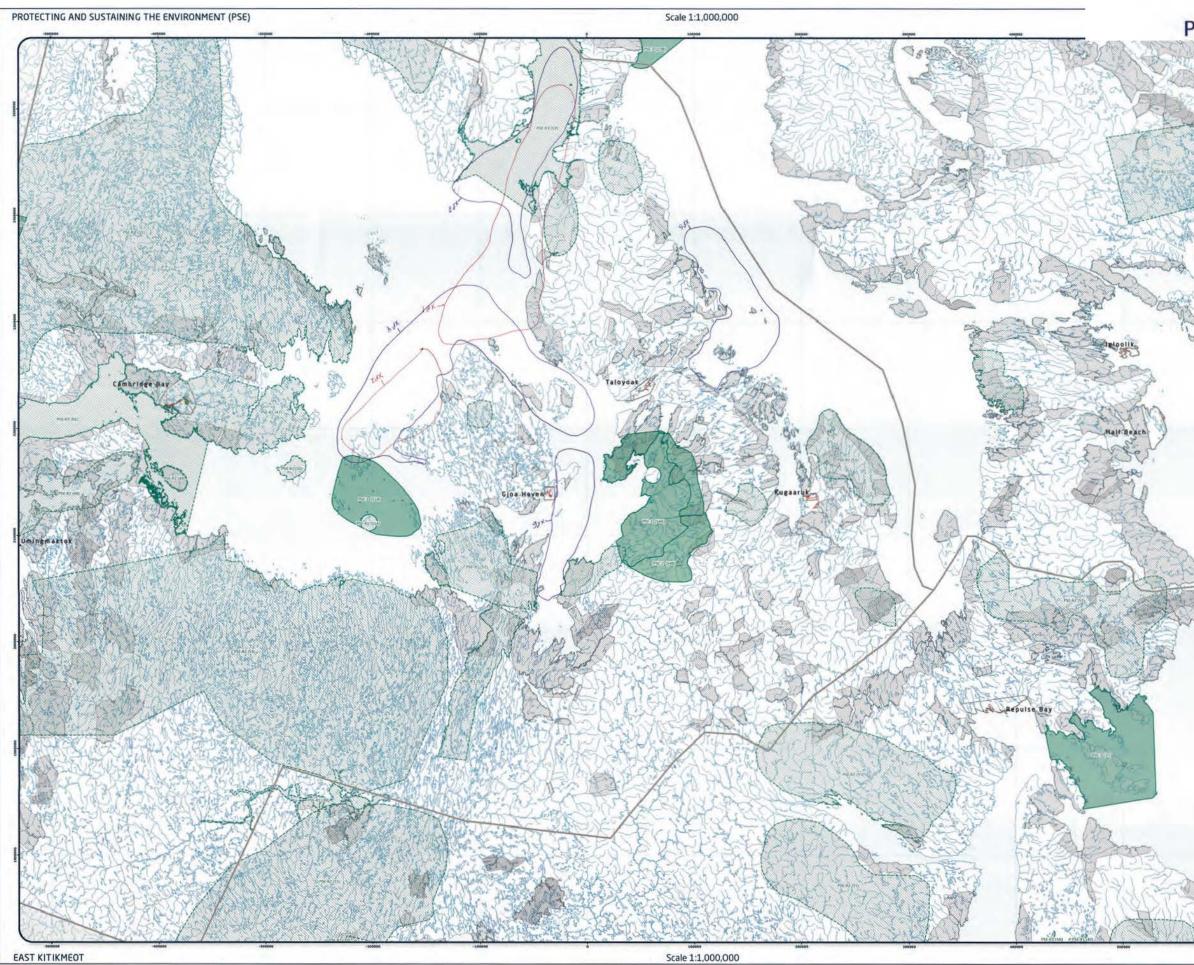
Also included on each map is a reference table that includes the specific values that were identified for the area.

Note: The documented comments for Group 1 were not verified with an audio recording.

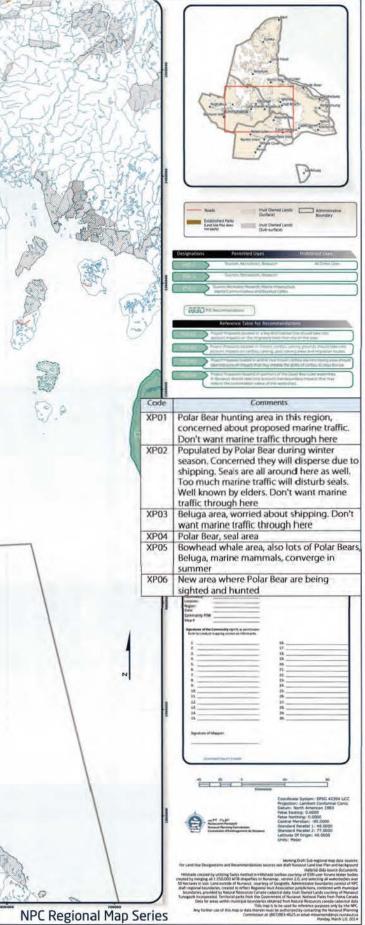
During the mapping portion of the community workshop, the following concerns were raised that did not apply to a specific area that was identified on the maps:

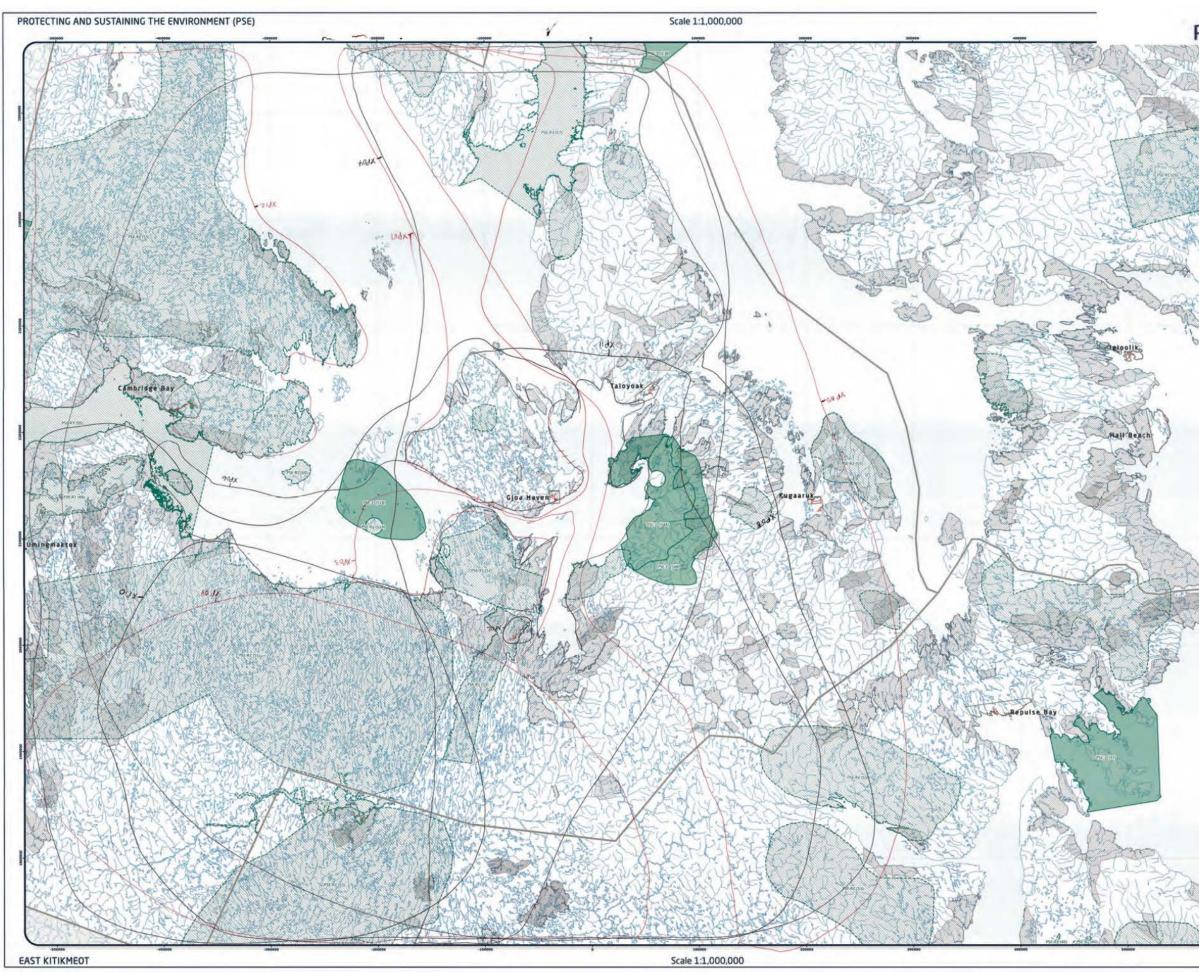
- Proposed port for west. Concerned with marine traffic. Marine shipping route might affect wildlife. Don't want marine traffic through here.
- Marine traffic will be bad for Inuit boaters and hunters in area. Although profitable, the profits will not stay up here and create disturbance. We are being depressed by these projects with no benefit.
- In spring I walk with my son south through eastern edge of Queen Maude Bird Sanctuary looking for caribou.
- I worry about these contaminated sites. Caribou are coming here now. Two disturbing soiled areas. They are contaminated and in prime hunting spots.
- CAM-3 North Warning System Site: They say it has been cleaned up but they did not do a good job.

- We've heard about park that somebody wanted to establish, but it has not happened. If it happens we would like to know.
- Back River outlet to ocean: This area is traditional land. Very important. When people left and dispersed, some came north to Gjoa Haven and some went to Baker Lake.
- Shipping route from Gjoa Haven to west should be mapped because ships run aground and we don't know the shallows. Don't see rocks until you are on them west of Gjoa Haven. Even in Kugluktuk area it is hard to tell where the shoals are. Water is getting lower and lower each year.
- Instead of from warming air I have a theory that global warming heat is coming from the ground to cause water to go lower. All over island lakes have dried up since childhood - now dry lake beds even in spring.

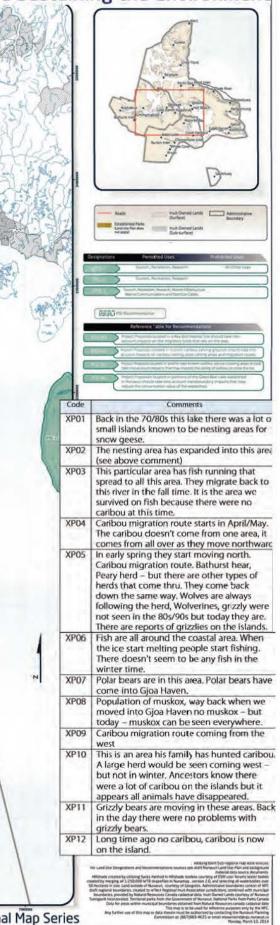


Gjoa Haven - Group 1 Results Protecting and Sustaining the Environment





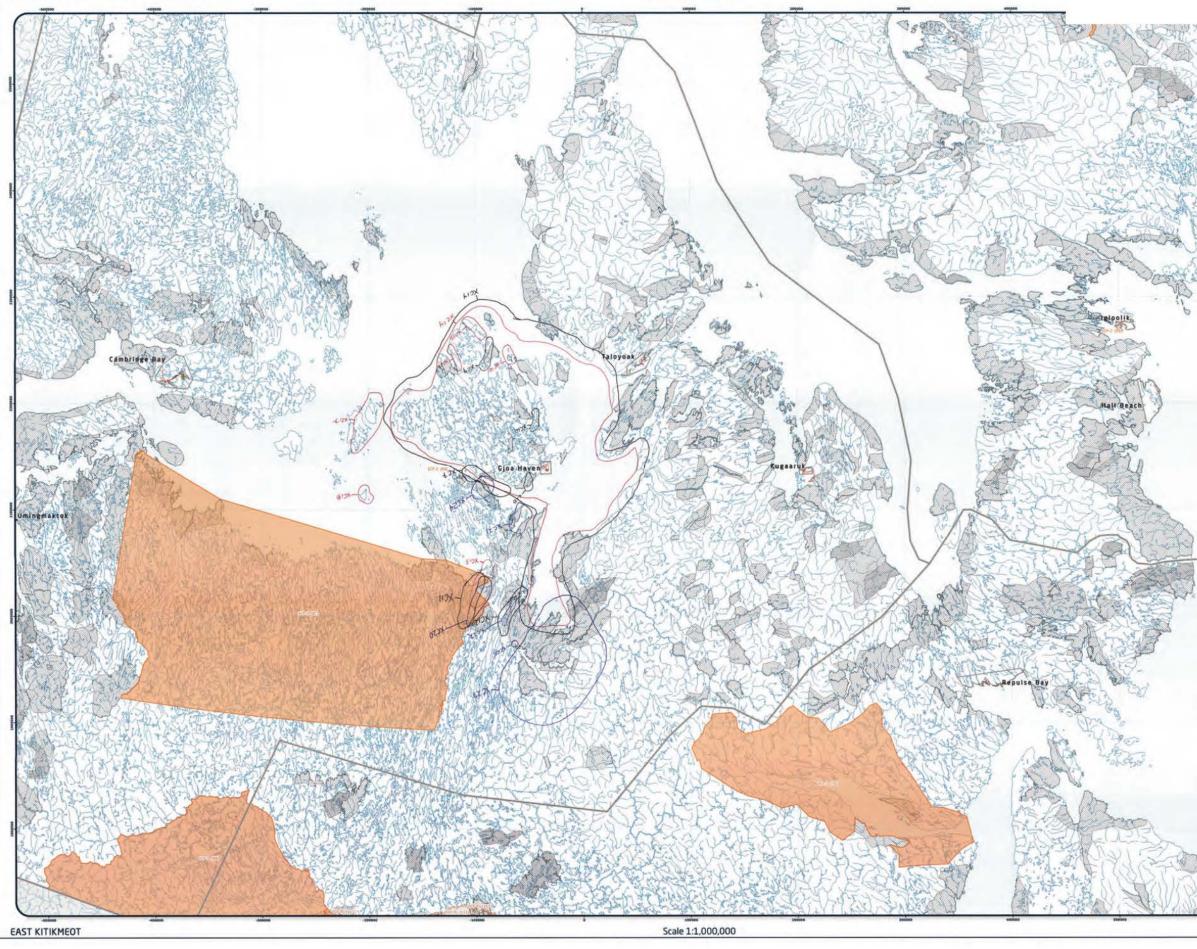
Gjoa Haven – Group 2 Results Protecting and Sustaining the Environment



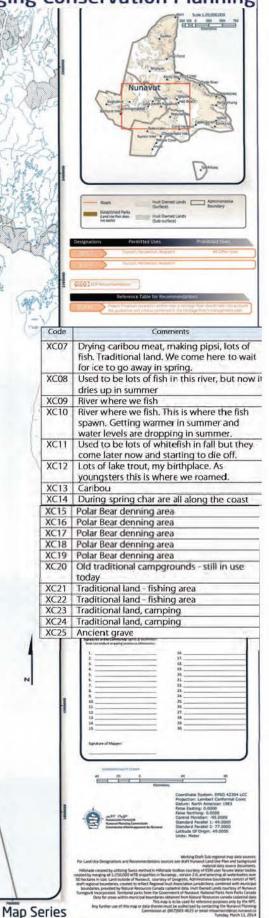
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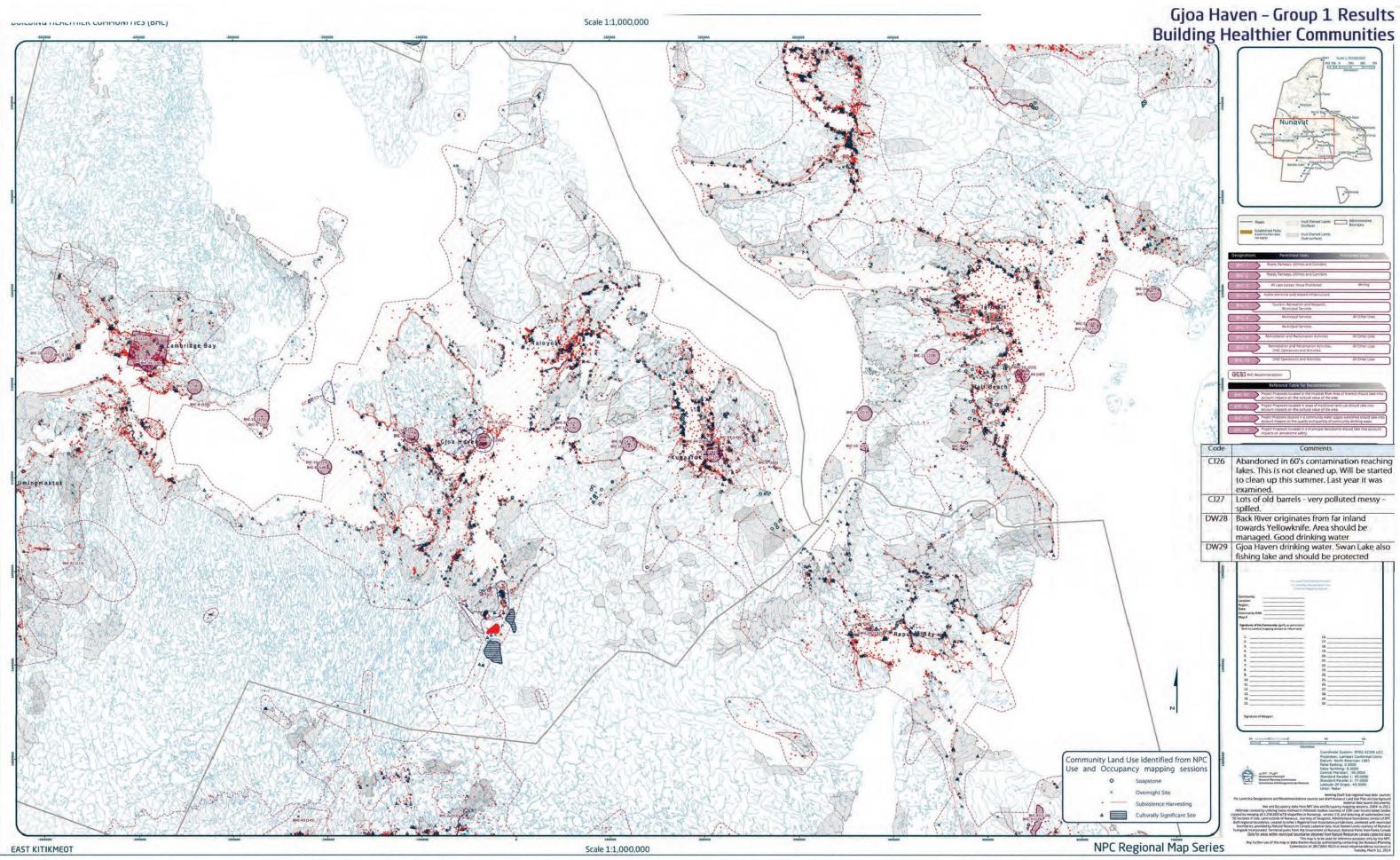
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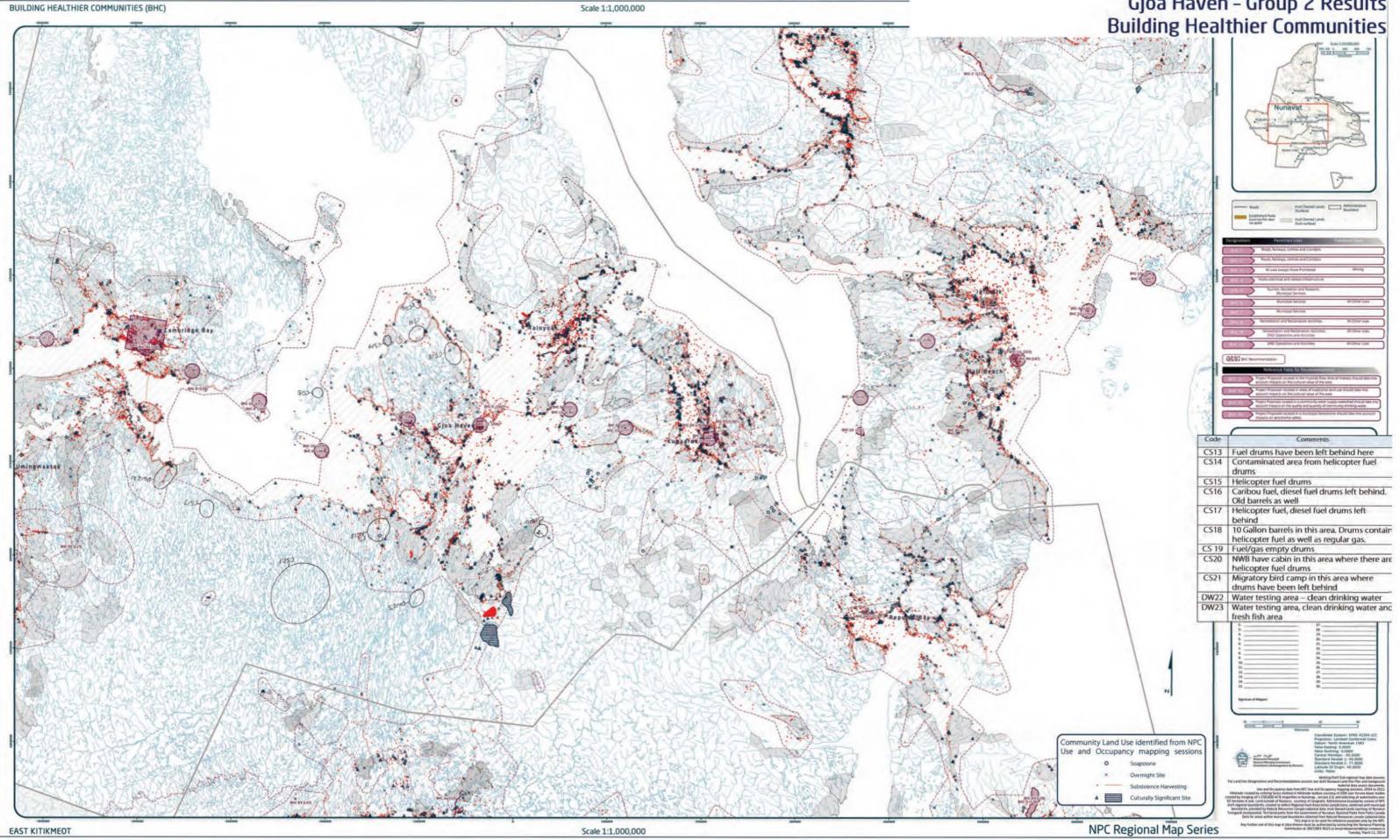


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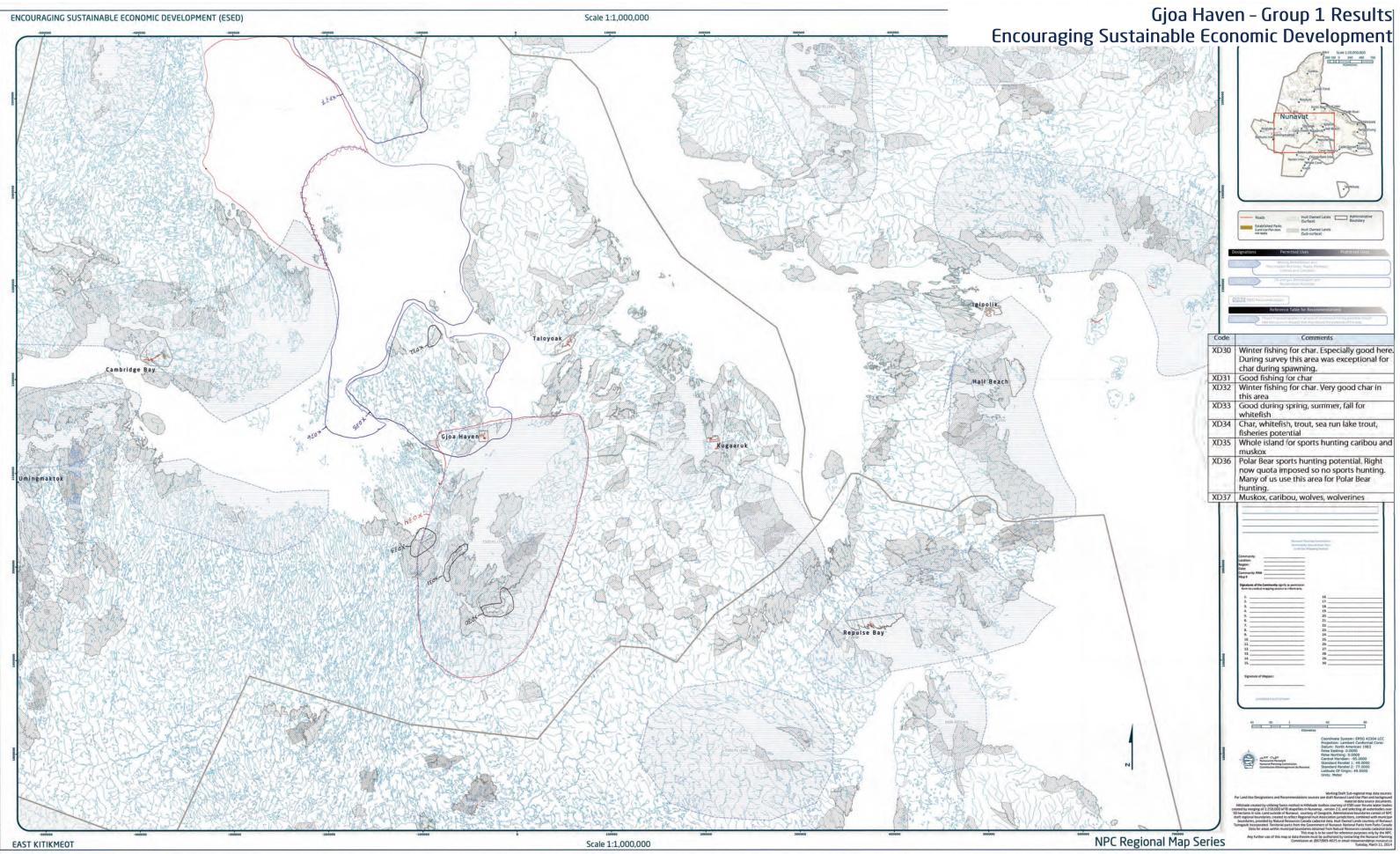
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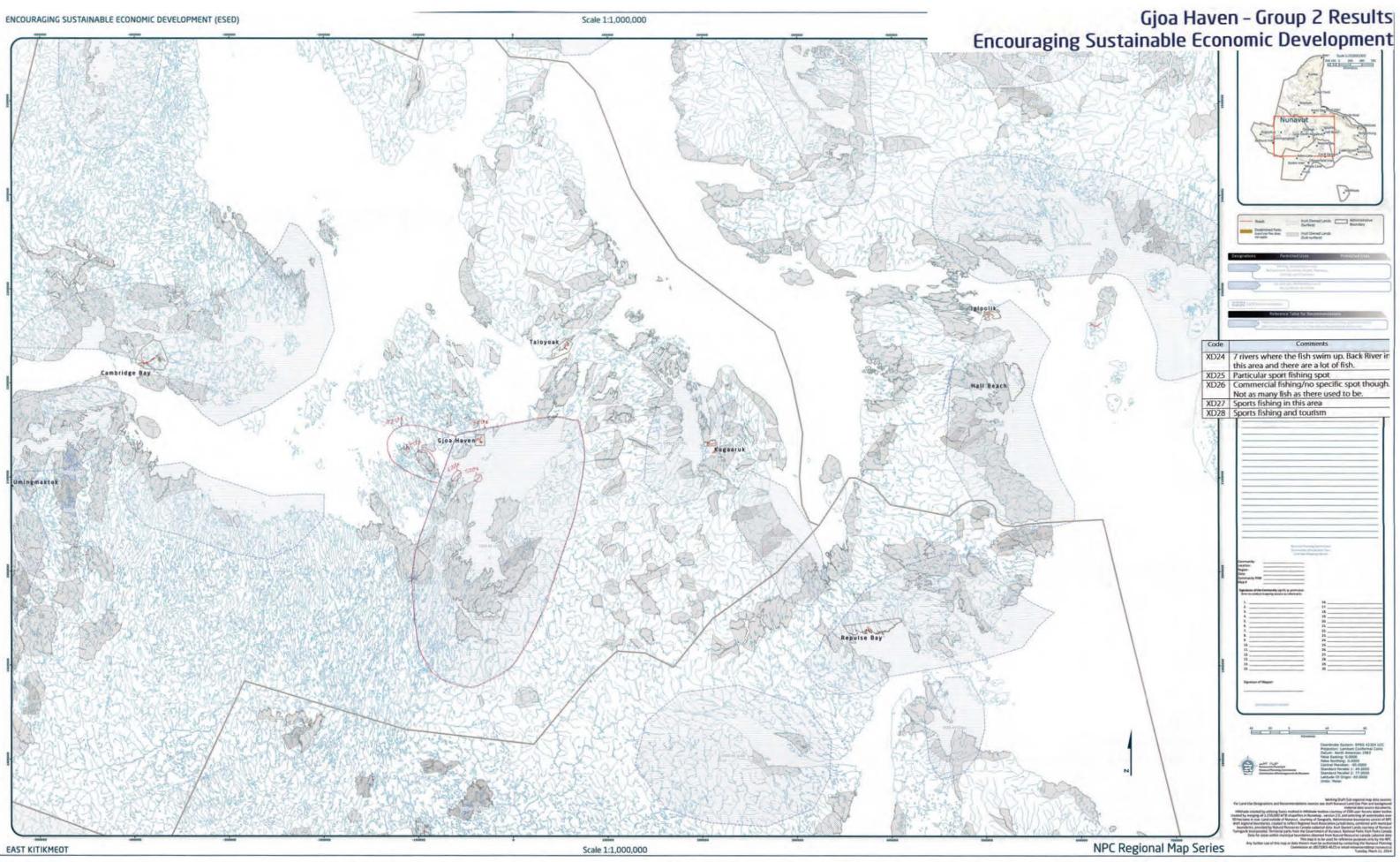
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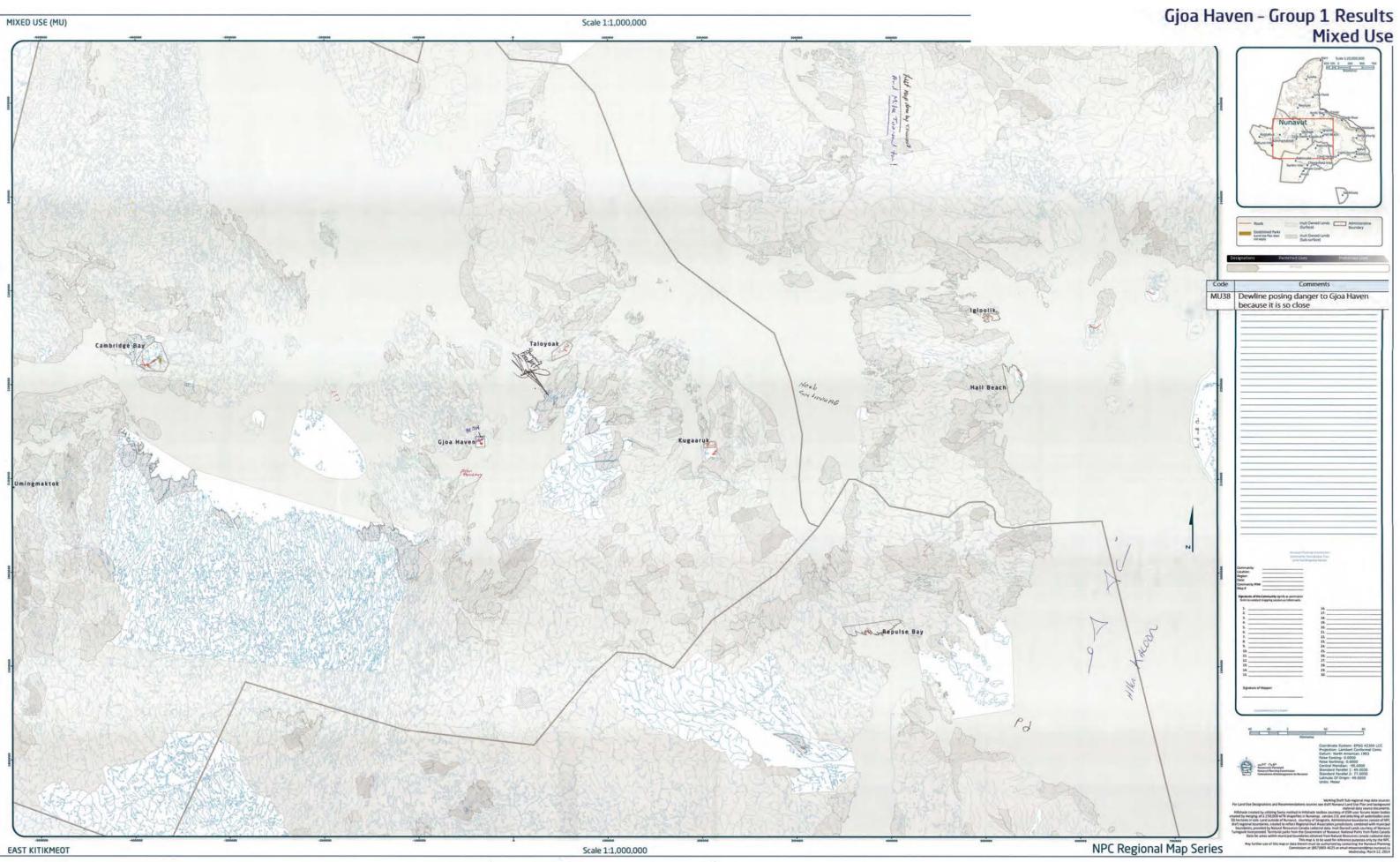


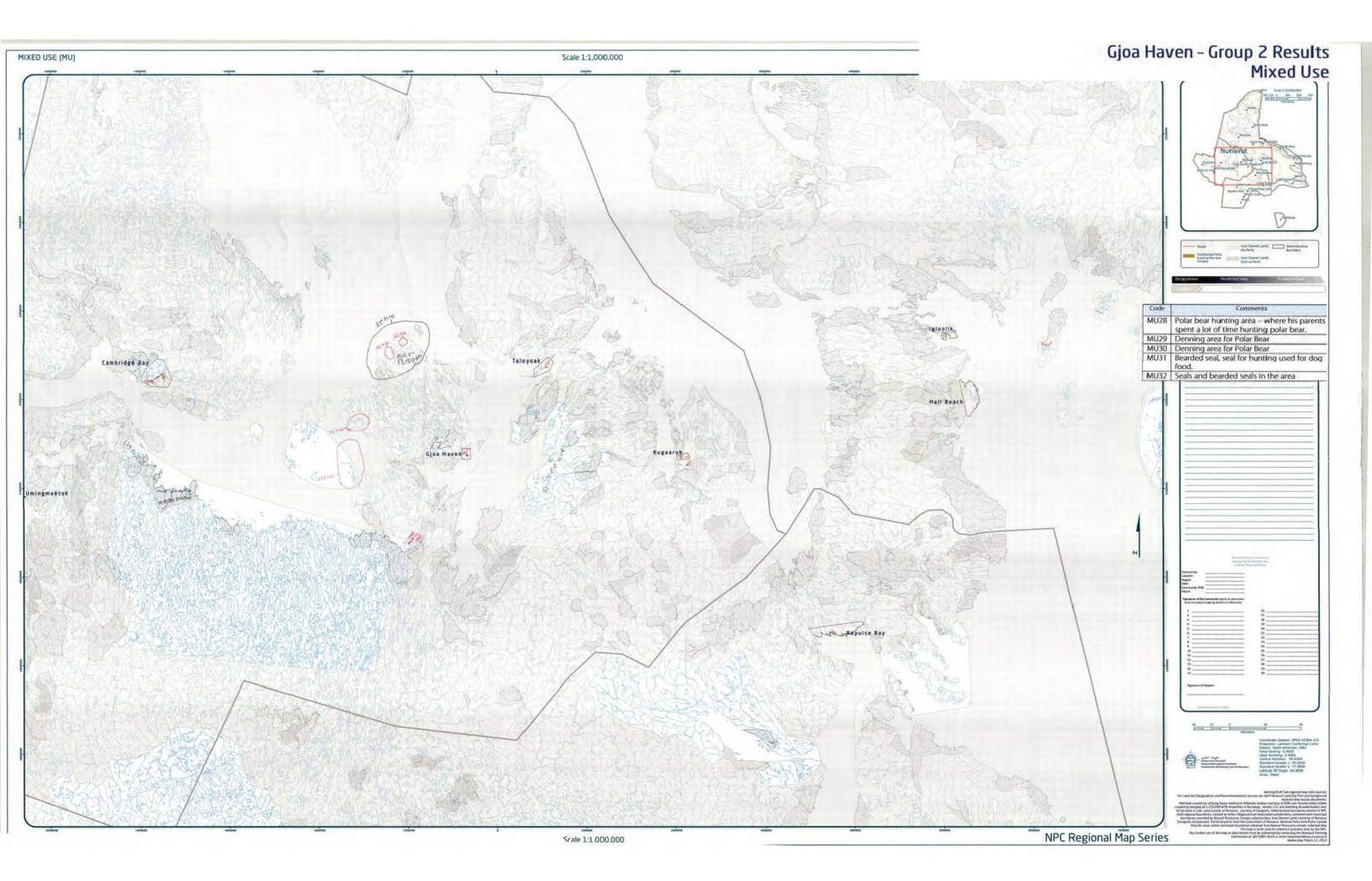
Gjoa Haven – Group 2 Results Building Healthier Communities











The NPC returned to the community and reviewed a draft version of this report with the Hamlet Council, Hunters and Trappers Organization, and the Community Beneficiary Committee. The meeting included:

- A presentation of a draft version of this report
- An overview of the mapped information that was recorded for each topic:
 - o Protecting and Sustaining the Environment
 - o Encouraging Conservation Planning
 - o Building Healthier Communities
 - Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development
 - o Mixed Use
- General discussion and comments including:
 - o Opportunities to provide additional comments.
 - "It is good to have people come into our community and do a proper consultation before decisions are made"
 - "It is good to have Nunavummiut talking to us and looking after our land"

Appendix 4: Follow-up Meeting