Summary of Community Meetings on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan CHESTERFIELD INLET November 21-22, 2013



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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 Chesterfield Inlet. 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 Chesterfield Inlet 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. Comments and guestions were recorded by NPC staff and are contained in Appendix 1.
- 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 2.

• **Public Workshop**; A formal presentation of the Draft Plan content was provided to participants, including a slide overview of its content. Following the presentation, questions and comments were received from participants. The guestions, comments and responses are contained in Appendix 3.

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 4.

• Wrap Up Session; Staff was available to discuss the areas identified during the mapping and identify any additional issues or areas of interest.

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 January 15, 2014 to review a draft version of this report with the Hamlet Council, Hunters and Trappers Organization, and Community Lands and Resource Committee. A summary of this meeting is included in Appendix 5.

#### 1.4 Public Awareness

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

The DNLUP and supporting materials were mailed to the Mayor and Council of Chesterfield Inlet, and the Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) in September 2012. In addition, letters of invitation were sent to the Chesterfield Inlet 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

Chesterfield Inlet is a community of approximately 315 people (Statistics Canada. 2011 Census). It is located on the northwestern shore of Hudson Bay (see Figure 1).

The Commission visited the community on November 21-22, 2013. All events occurred as scheduled. The sessions were attended as follows:

## Chapter 1: Introduction

- Elected Officials Meeting; the Mayor and members of the Hamlet Council and HTO attended the elected officials meeting.
- **Open house;** approximately 15 people attended the open house to review the Draft Plan.
- Public Workshop; approximately 25 people attended the presentation of the DNLUP and facilitated mapping sessions. Information was recorded in two separate mapping groups.
- Wrap Up Session; 0 people attended the wrap up session.



Figure 1. Location of Chesterfield Inlet

## 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.

#### Areas presented to participants 2.1

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 ٠
- Atlantic Cod Lakes •
- Cumulative Impacts •
- Transboundary considerations ٠
- 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;

- Caribou habitat •
- Marine mammal habitat
- Bird habitat •
- Fish 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.

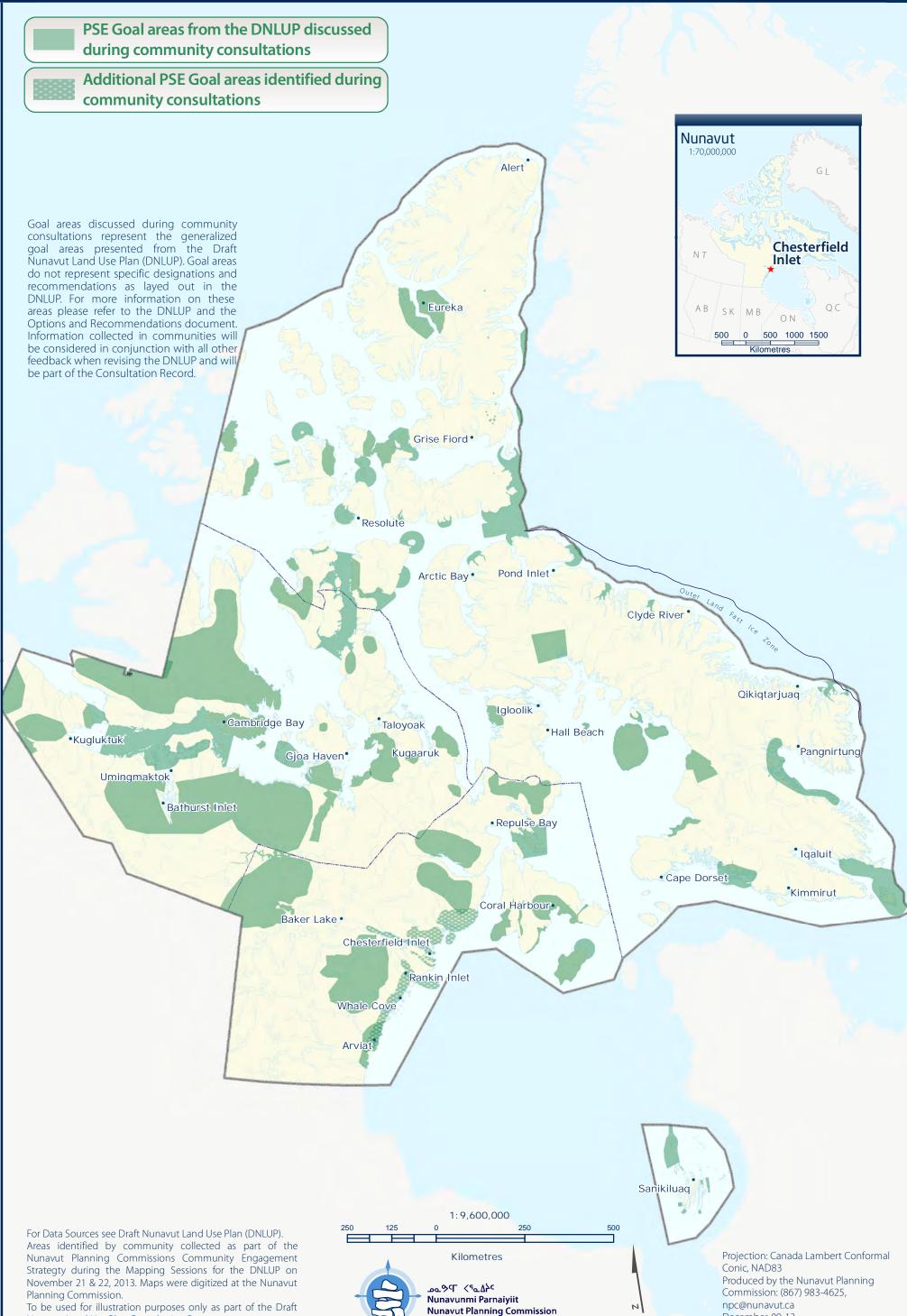
Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

- 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) CHESTERFIELD INLET • 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 ٠
- 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.

#### Areas identified by participants 3.2

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.

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:

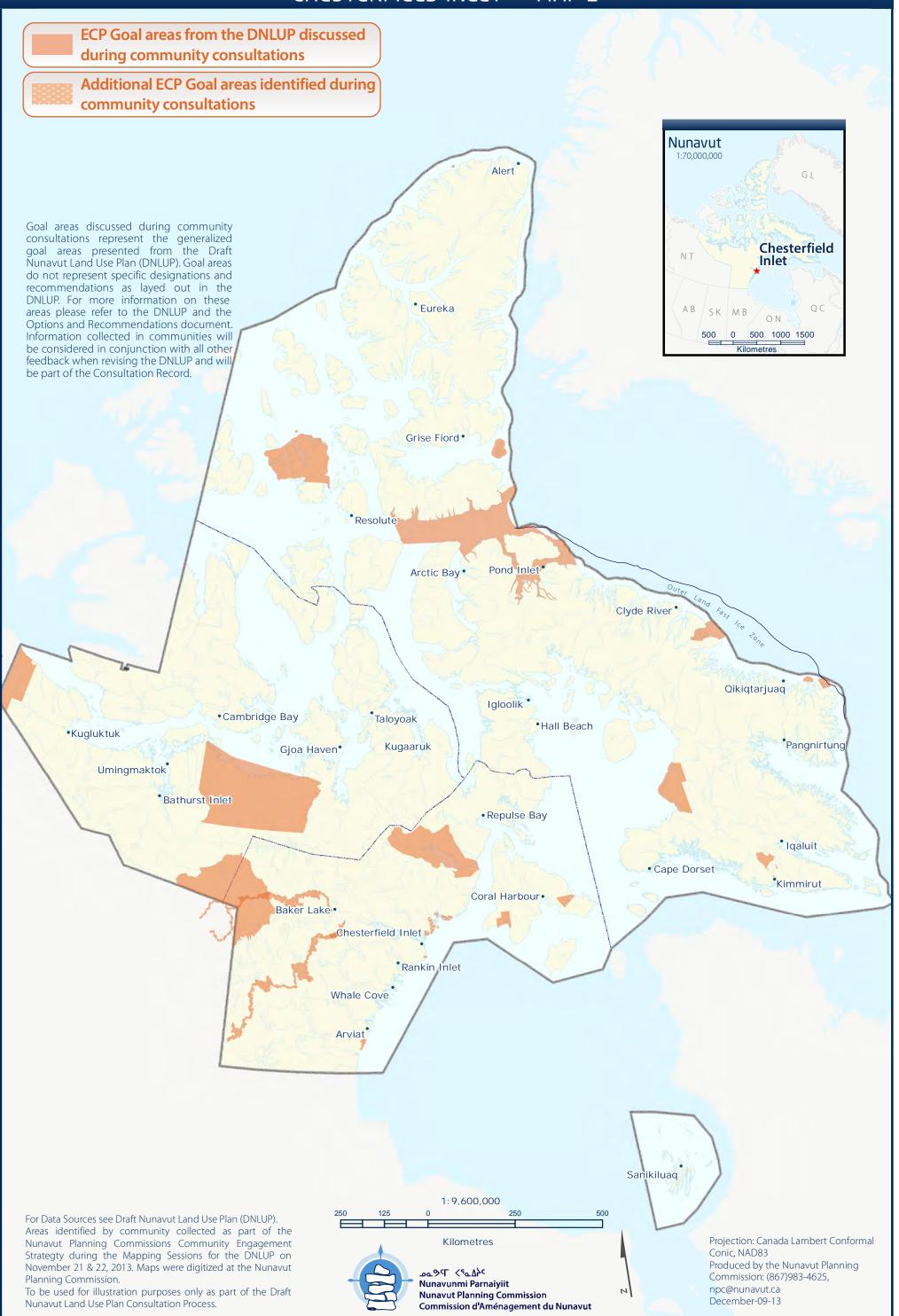
- The areas identified on Map 2 are considered by the Community to be important to Encouraging Conservation Planning.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and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

Hunting areas •

#### 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:

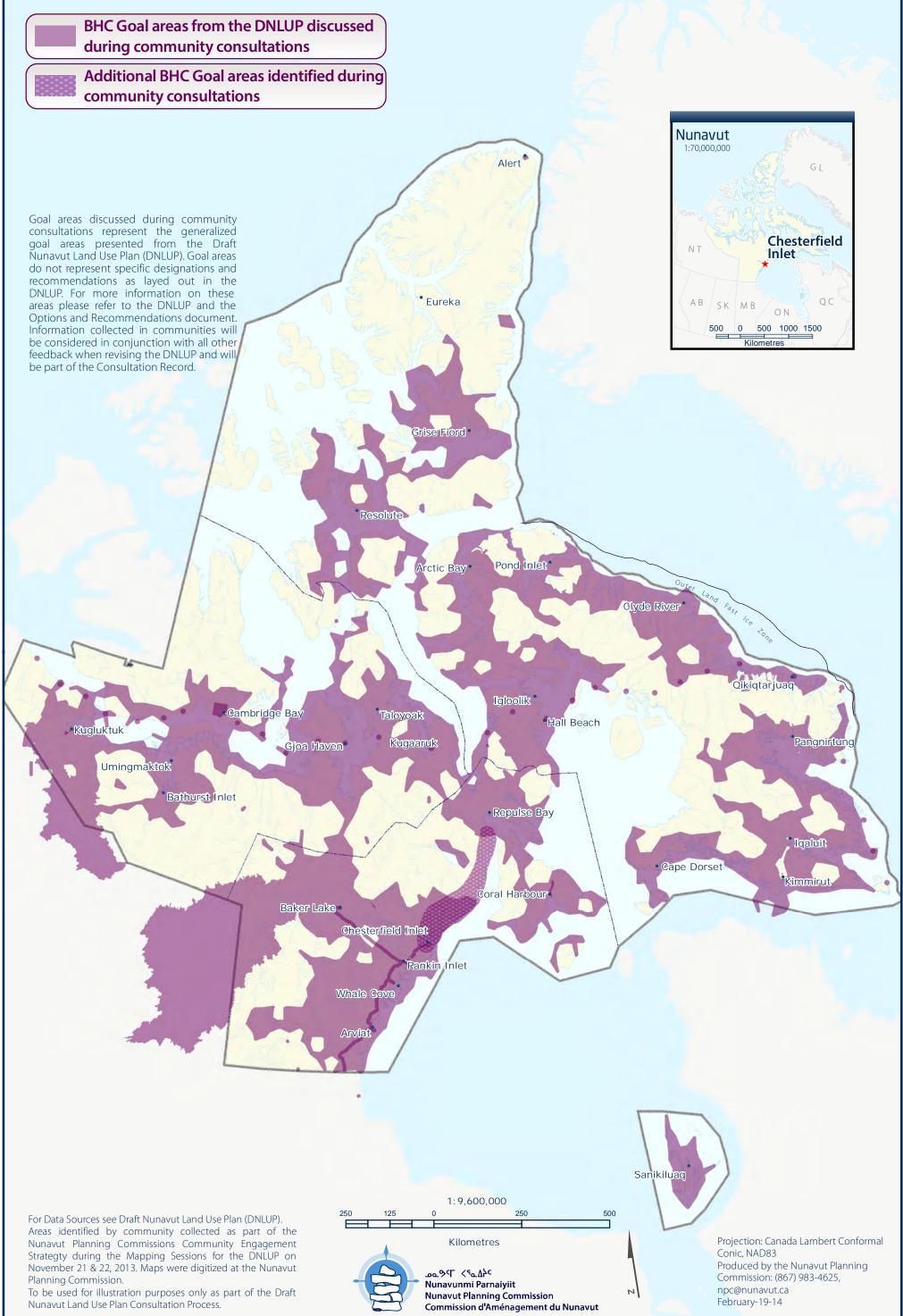
- The areas identified on Map 3 are considered by the Community to be important to Building Healthier Communities.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support community needs and cultural priorities.

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



## Chapter 4: **Building Healthier Communities**

## BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES (BHC) CHESTERFIELD INLET • MAP 3



## Chapter 5: Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development

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 fishery
- Potential deep water port
- Sport hunting areas
- Soapstone sites

## 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

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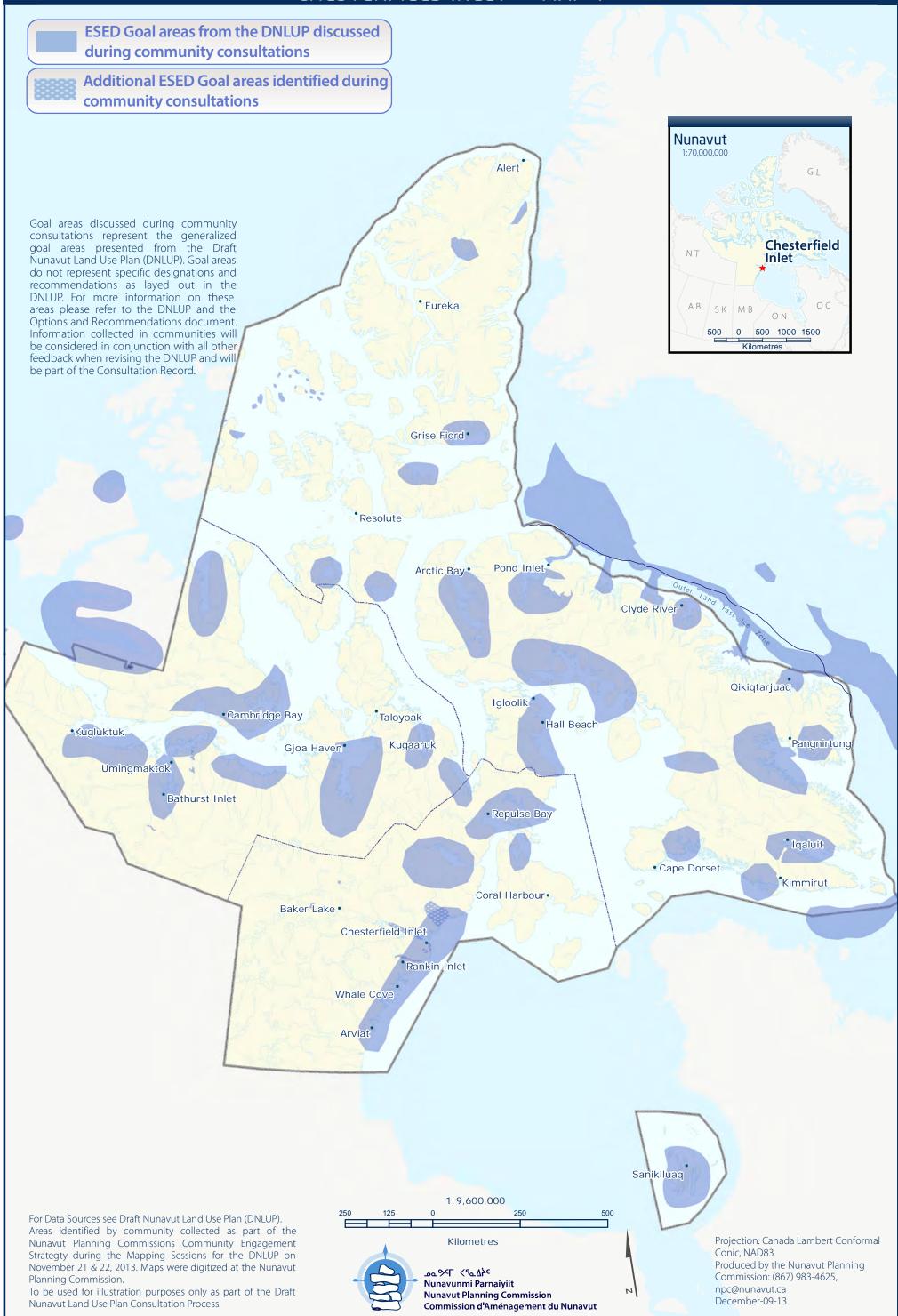
Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

- 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) CHESTERFIELD INLET • MAP 4



#### Areas identified in the Draft Plan 6.1

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.

#### Areas identified by participants 6.2

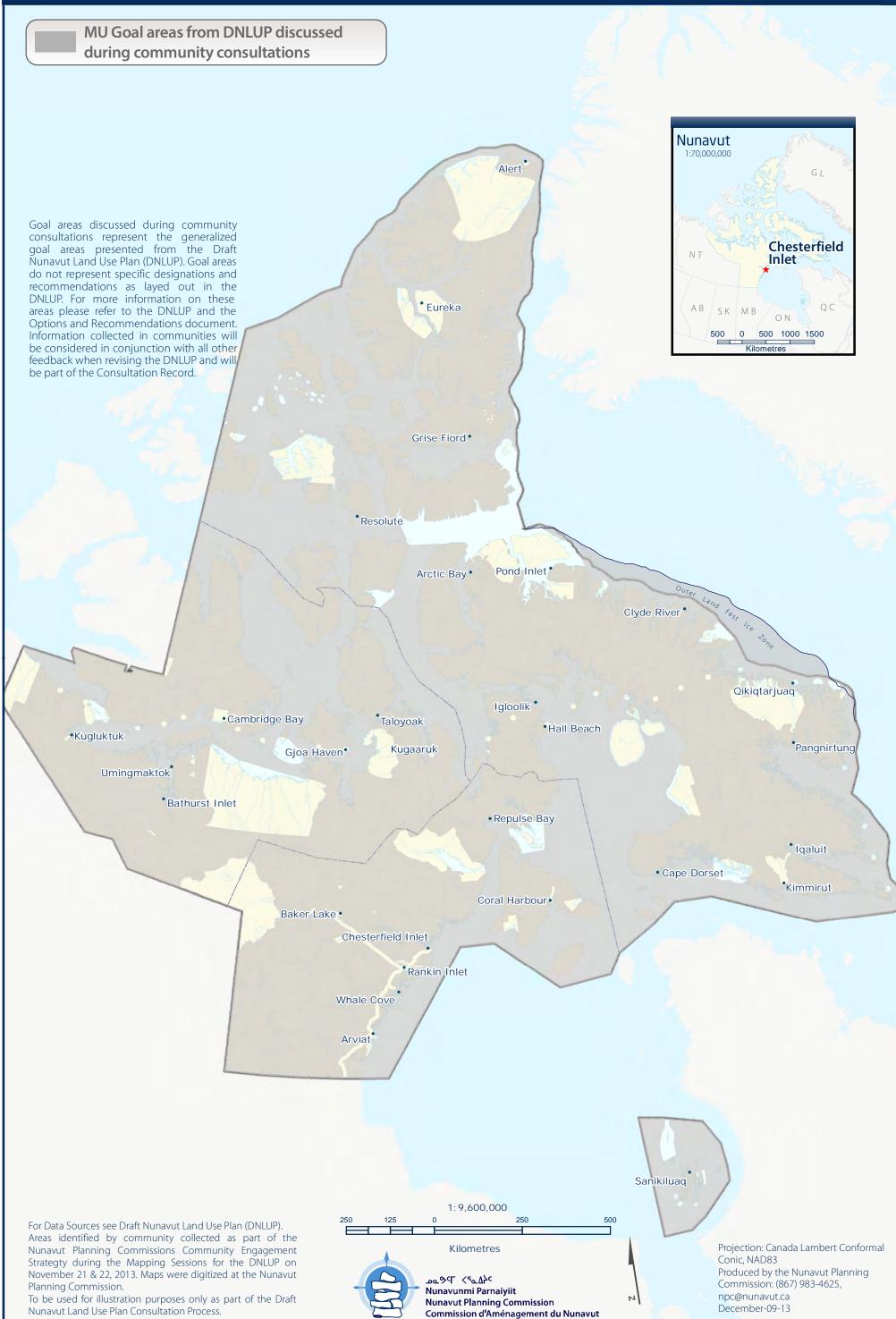
No additional areas were identified as Mixed Use by participants. However, some areas identified as Mixed Use in the DNLUP were considered by participants to require additional protection because of their particular qualities. These areas and the goals they are important for are identified on Map 6.



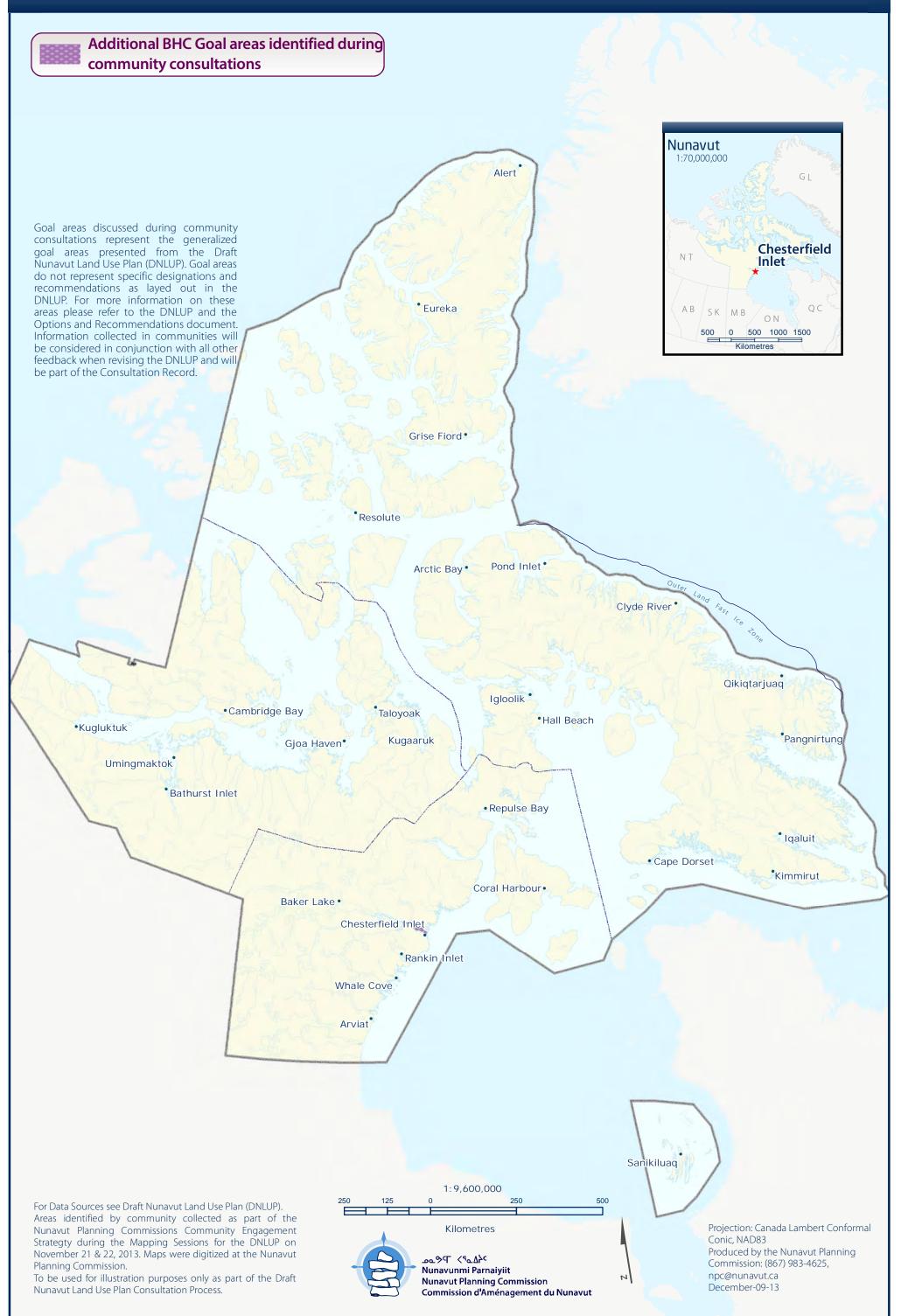
# Chapter 6: Mixed Use



## MIXED USE (MU) • CHESTERFIELD INLET • MAP 5



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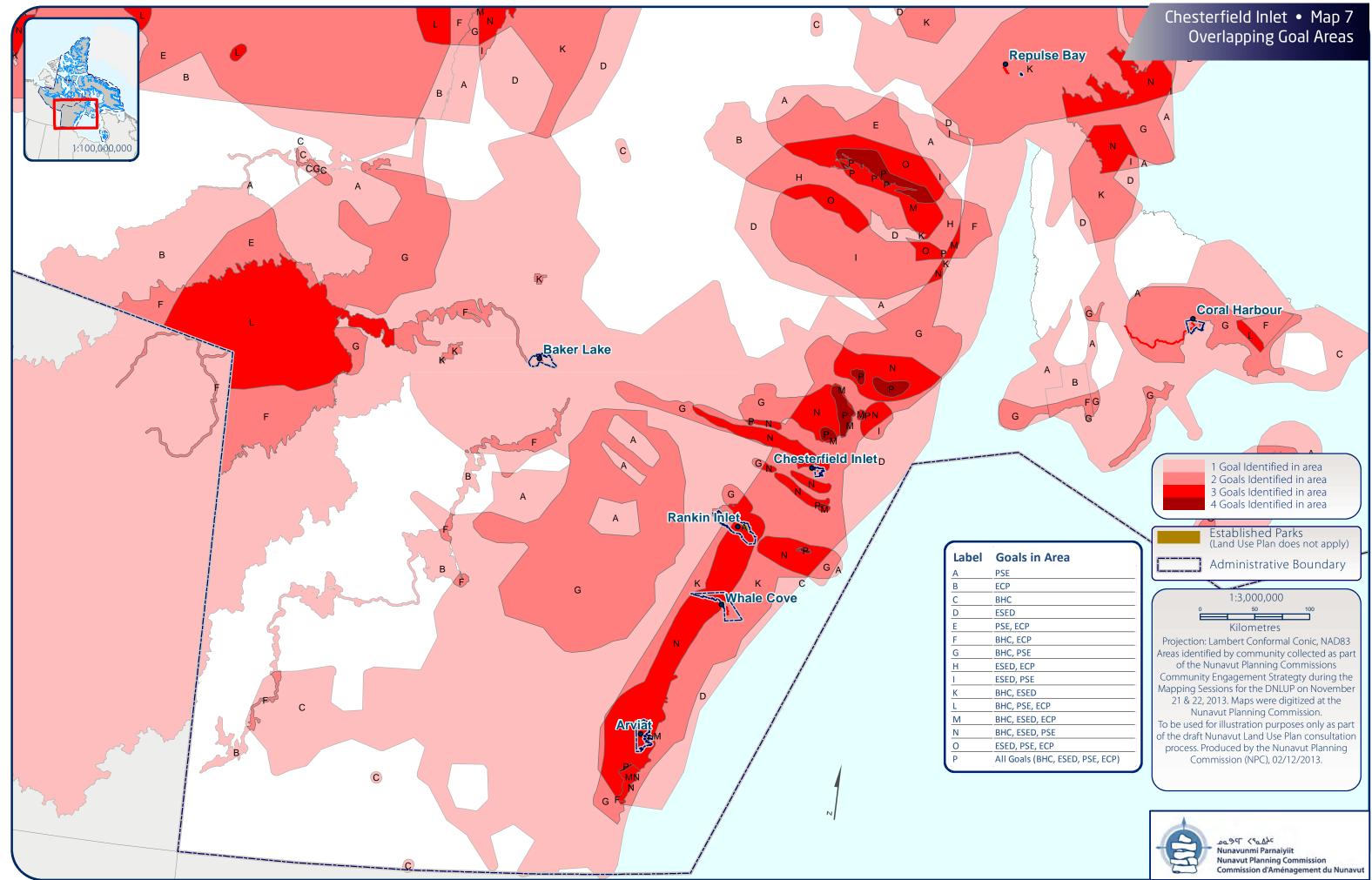


## 7.1 Areas identified for multiple goals

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



During the open house, participants raised the following issues:

- Wants GN boundary expanded between Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet. Want equal boundary between towns (similar distance between towns and similar ownership of land). We didn't understand the boundaries when we negotiated it and want to change it now.
- The road to Manitoba is good idea but want to have a lot of input.
- Used to have lots of seal in the area. Since the mine in Baker Lake stared shipping through Chesterfield Inlet we never see seals in the summer anymore. Only see them in the winter after the ships go.
- Hunt walrus in May/June near Chesterfield Inlet shore.
- Concern for walrus in Steensby Inlet if mine uses it.
- Caribou used to Pass Rankin Inlet in June and July. Now the route is very different.
- Go narwhale hunting in Repulse Bay.
- The proposed road from Manitoba isn't worth the money it will cost to develop it. Why destroy the land and culture for a road that will probably be used for drugs and bootlegging.
- Mining is short term. Life of a mine is around 25 years. It's too short given the damage it does. I want to see long term economic solutions for Nunavut.
- North of Chesterfield Inlet around Cape Fullerton there's an area where the RCMP were first established in Nunavut in the 1900's. There are graves around the area as well. It isn't an established historic site. Would like to see it established.
- Some people want to see a road go from Chesterfield Inlet to Baker Lake because of the Areva project. A road will

have less impact on marine life than the shipping that is currently done.

- Caribou after mining started now do not come up from Rankin. We are lucky we can cross the inlet to get to undisturbed caribou to north.
- Also no sea mammals since the shipping started for the mine. Sea mammals are disturbed by the vibration, noise pollution from the ship. There is supposed to be a wildlife observer on ships.
- Chris Grosset and Marla with Arlluk Consulting in Ottawa did a heritage and archaeological study for Chesterfield Inlet.
- Arctic Char commercial fishing happens every year and I have noticed less char.
- Barges coming and going into inlet lots of traffic we should charge what's our toll for using the inlet?



## Appendix 1: Open House

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:

- Concerned about location of water reservoir and sewage lagoon in relation to airstrip. Also interested in expanding municipal boundary, and constructing a road inland to support recreational activities.
  - o The Commission advised that the Government of Nunavut Department of Community and Government Services is the main contact for these issues.
- Concerned about caribou calving grounds being disturbed by mining companies. Chesterfield Inlet has been greatly impacted by companies. We have heavy ship traffic and our mammals have disappeared. Helicopters create huge amounts of noise that disturb animals. It does not appear that companies are following the rules about low level flights.
- Concerned about not being aware of mining camps that are coming on line. Agnico is in a calving area. We are not receiving information. If they had come to us in the beginning we would have objected greatly. They are also working in caribou migration routes.
- Concerned about being unaware of the activity to explore until after it was approved. We have already been affected by the mining on the land and now with the shipping marine mammals are disappearing. We have been living off this land for centuries and mining over the past few years has changed all of that.
- Every July there is caribou herd migration from Rankin towards to Chesterfield. Elders have always said do not shoot the first herd. But people do not listen. Because people shoot the first herd and no animals are coming this way any longer. It applies to hunters in Rankin Inlet.
  - o The Commission advised that the information would be passed on.
- Concerned about restrictions being placed on the • locations of cabins.

- Concerned about information not being shared regarding spills.
- Concerned about the number of helicopters.





## Appendix 2: **Elected Officials Meeting**

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

- Concern that marine traffic from Agnico Eagle and mines have affected animals (marine and land). Believe that caribou herds no longer come near the town because of blasting at Meliadine mine. 'It affects us greatly.' Believe that the increase in shipping due to mining activity is too much for the bay. 'It's depressing being a hunter knowing that the number of animals are depleting.' For 14 years they expect to travel, but if they build roads it would be much better for us here.
  - o The Commission answered that the concerns are noted, and it's important that you share these issues in detail during the mapping session so we record them accurately. It will be documented and we will be back to verify the information.

## Appendix 3: Questions and Answers

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## Appendix 4: 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.

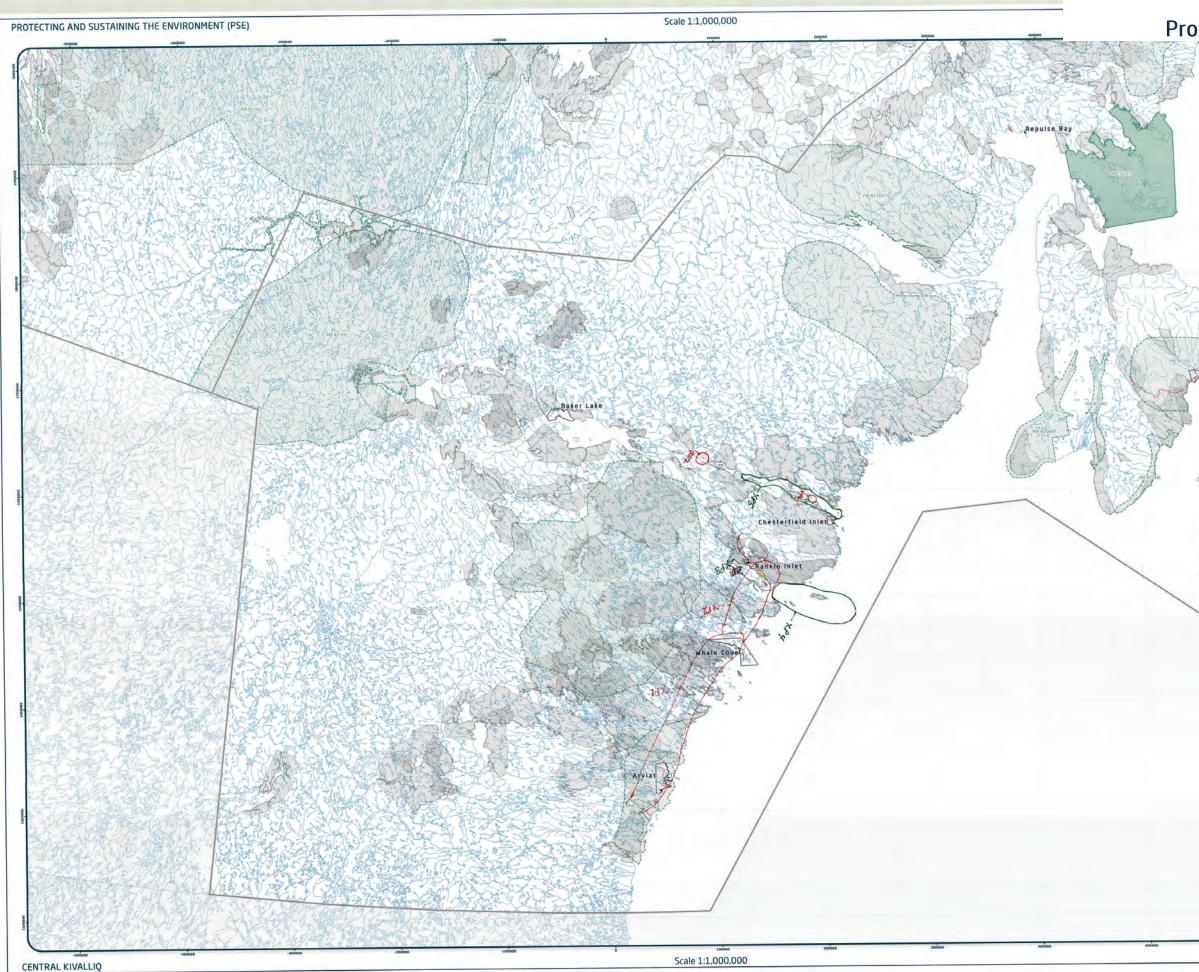
During the mapping portion of the community workshop, the following concerns were raised that did not apply to a specific area that was identified on the maps:

- Rankin is a new community; Chesterfield Inlet is an old community. Since Rankin Inlet has been a community, caribou herd has not been coming to this area. When Meliadine project is operational, routes of caribou will be altered again. Whale Cove had family living there some time before it became a community.
- Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet will be greatly affected (by Meliadine project)- Whales, seals by mine marine activity
- In addition to the problem of marine shipping impacting marine mammals, there is the Manitoba road proposal. Uranium delivery should depart from Chesterfield because it is safer. Ships carrying uranium could be shipwrecked. A roadway is safer.
- Marble Island ECP-2(109) is historical land mark with four ship wrecks from turn of the century and should be protected. It is significant to the people and for

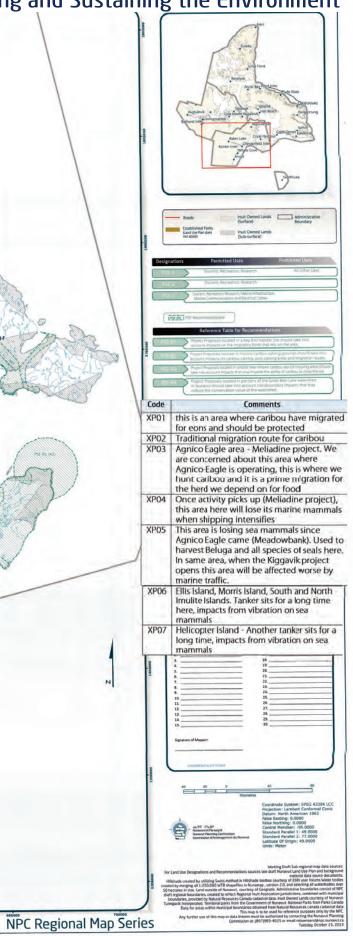
visitors who come to this island; they should crawl to the high tide mark for the respect of the environment.

- Drinking water in this community is poor for the town, it is surrounded by sewage lagoon, airport dust upon planes taking off and the local garbage dump, the problem is on all three sides of the drinking water.
- Caribou calving ground would need protection from exploration activities. Marked on PSE map as recommendation.
- Seals are rare in the area now.
- Arctic terns are rare in the area now. Used to be lots of them. Have to travel further to see terns.
- Sandpipers- used to see a lot of them but now never see them.
- Agree with Use and Occupancy Mapping data for community use (BHC-R2).
- Drinking water lakes First Lake, Second Lake, Third Lake, Tasialuk Lake, Qanak Checkers Lake.
- Rather preserve the land how it is right now. Support economic development of fishing out in the ocean during the summer. We do enough commercial fishing in summer season, leave the rivers alone.
- Not happy to see exploration come in and not clean up and not give anything to the community.

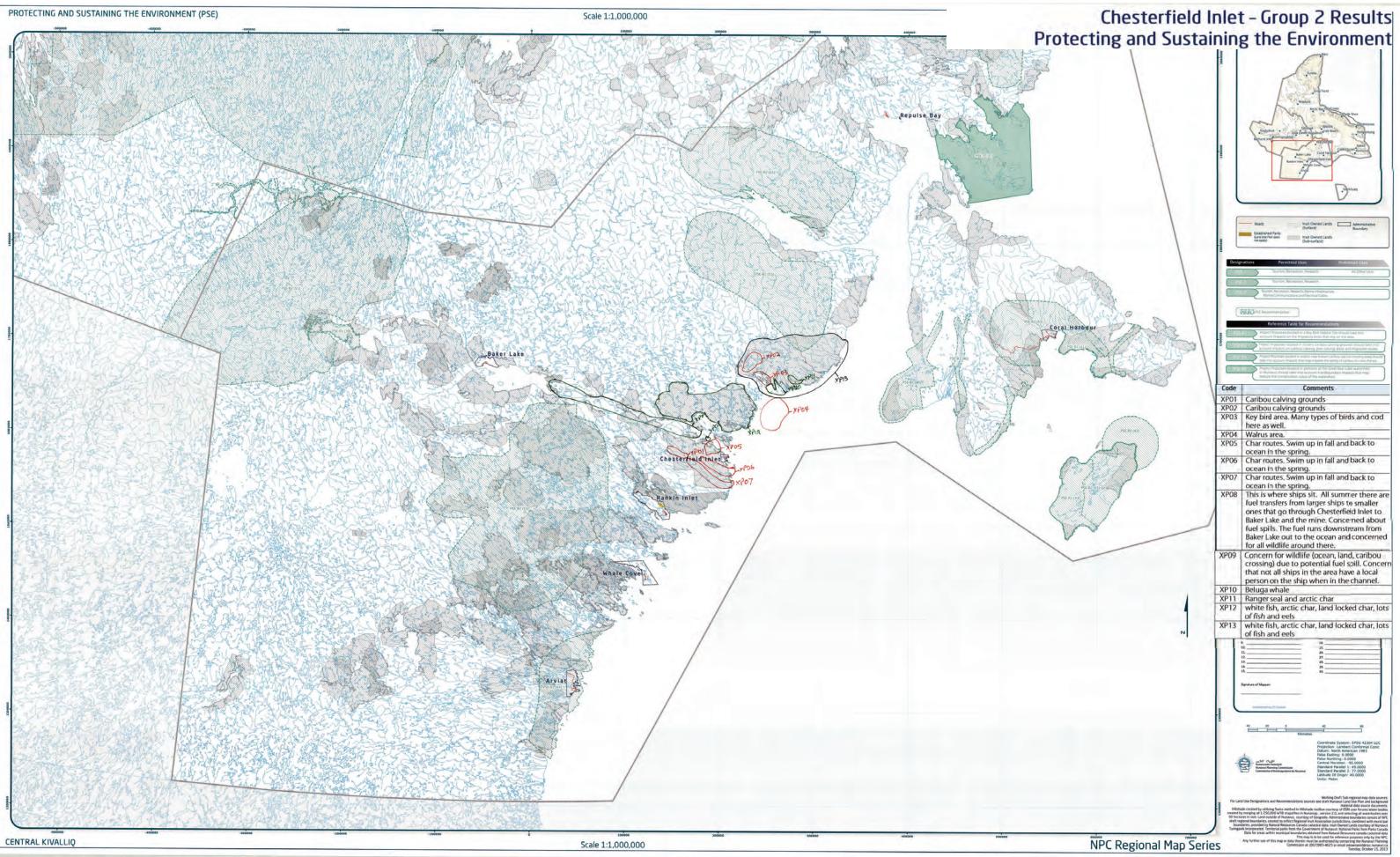
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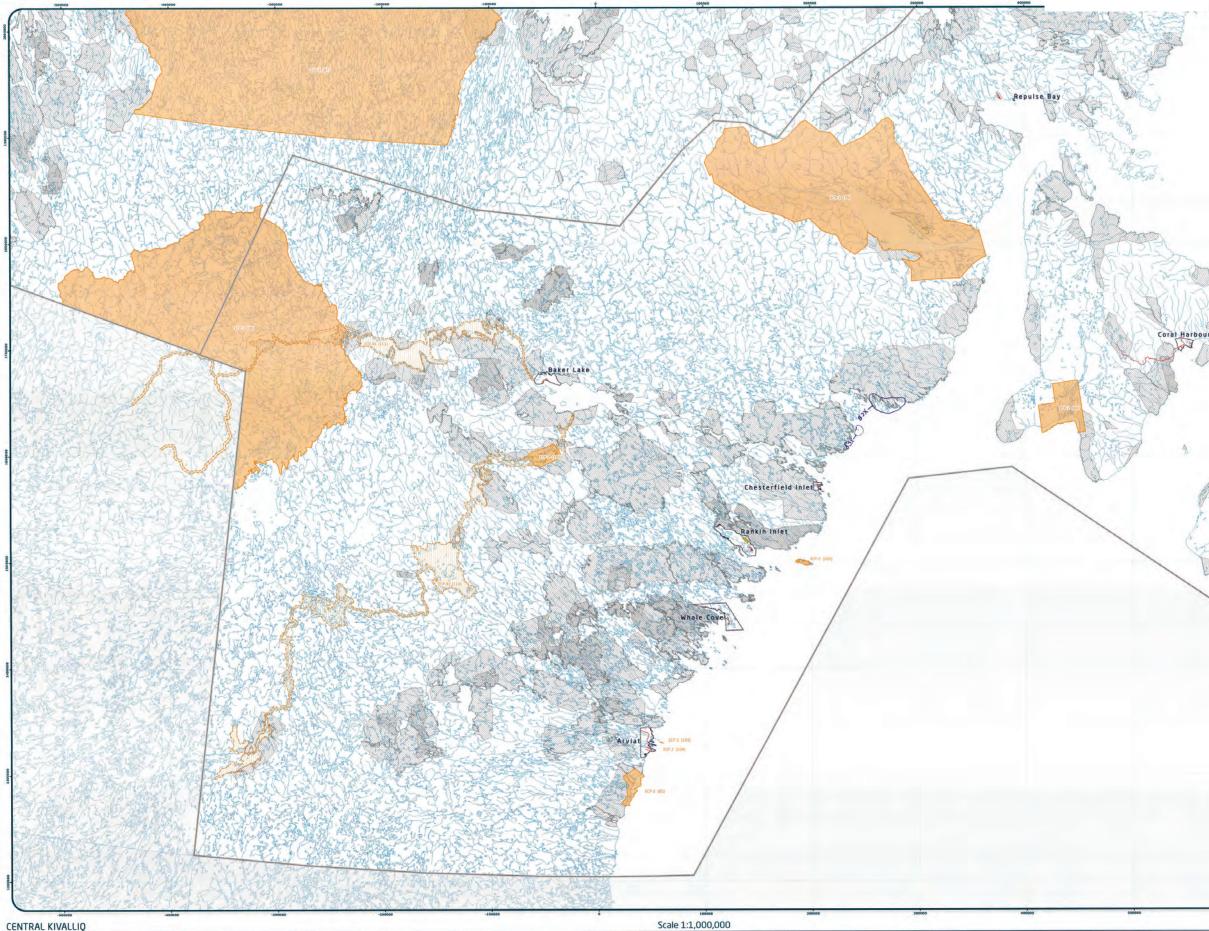
## Chesterfield Inlet – Group 1 Results Protecting and Sustaining the Environment





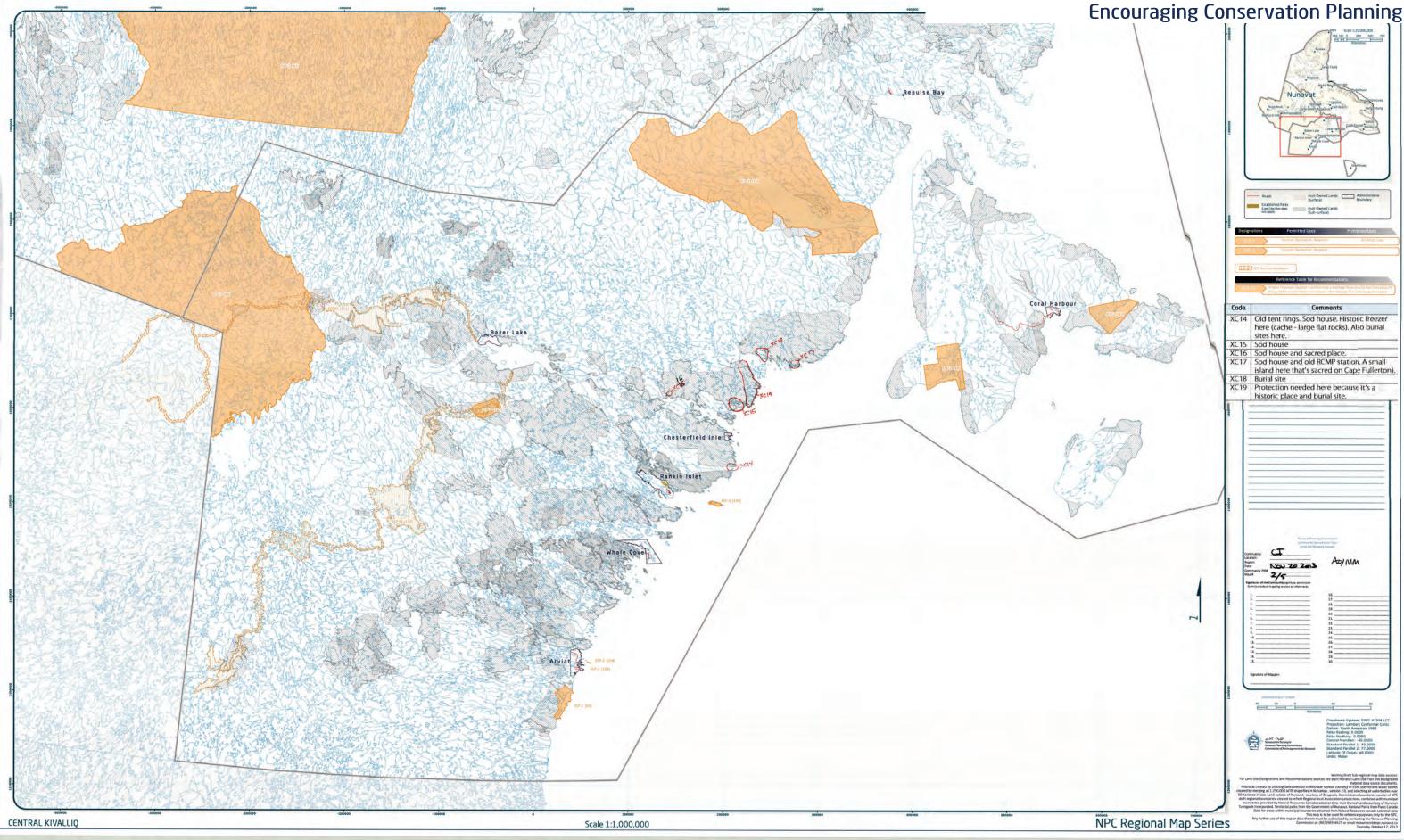






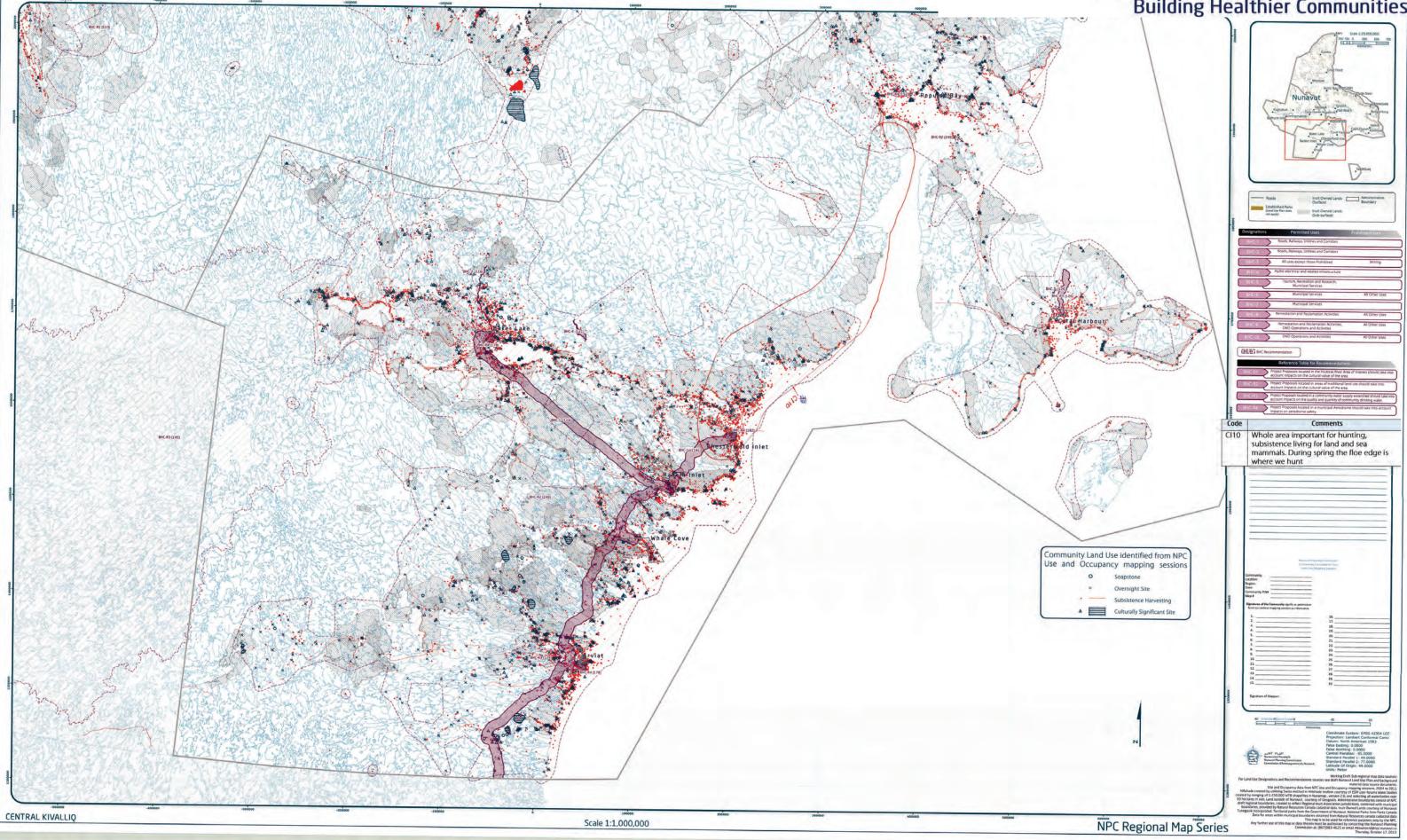
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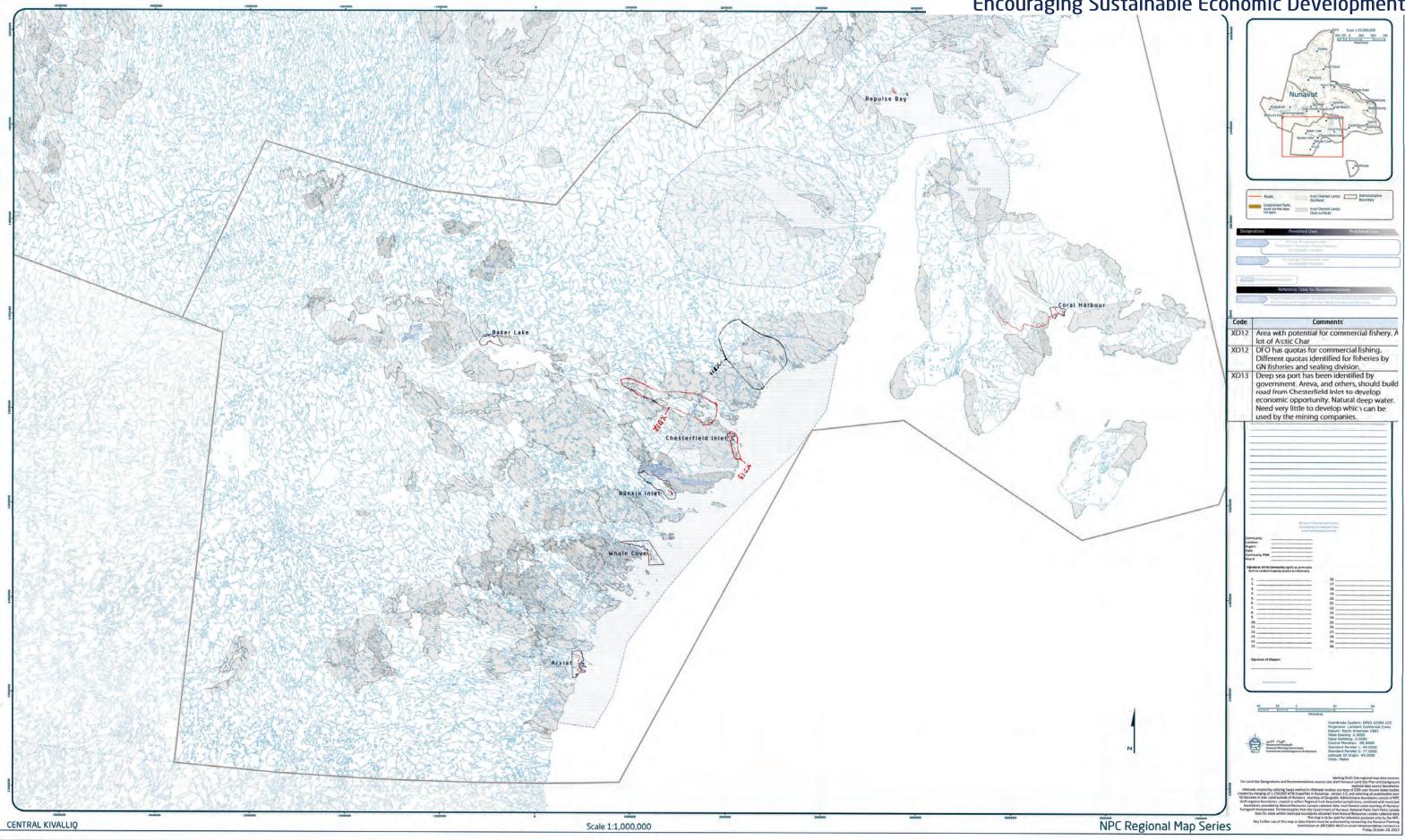
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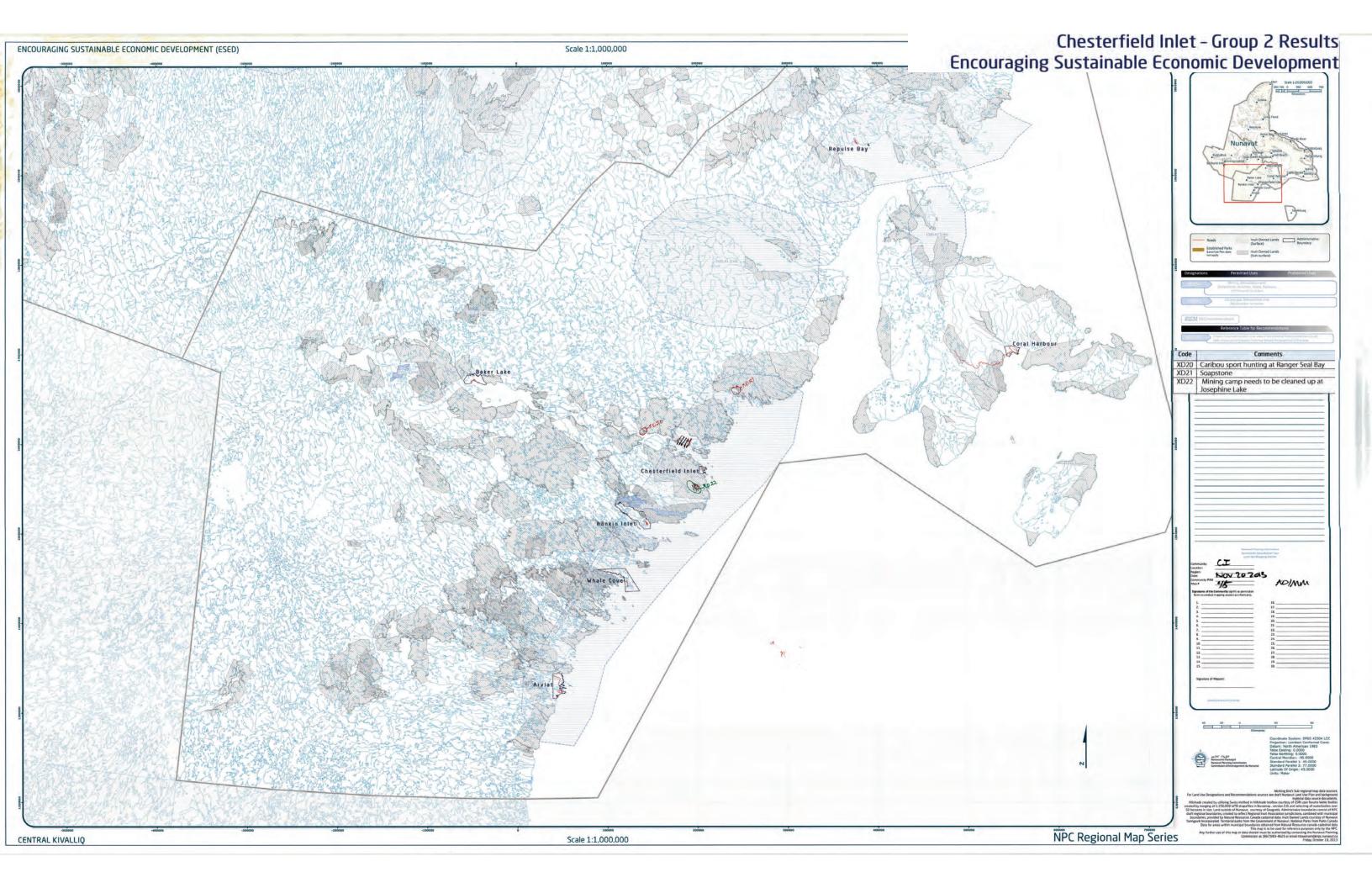


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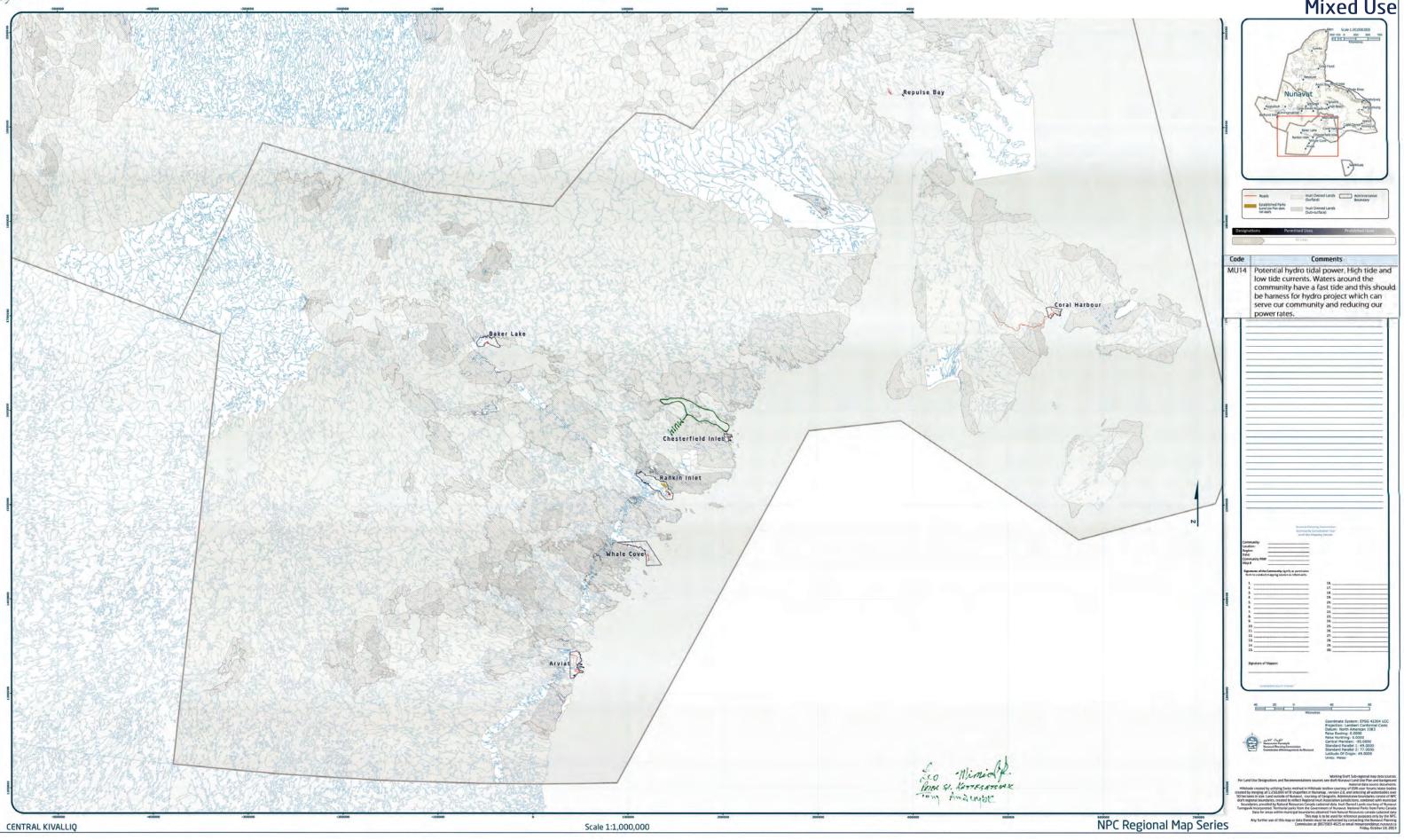




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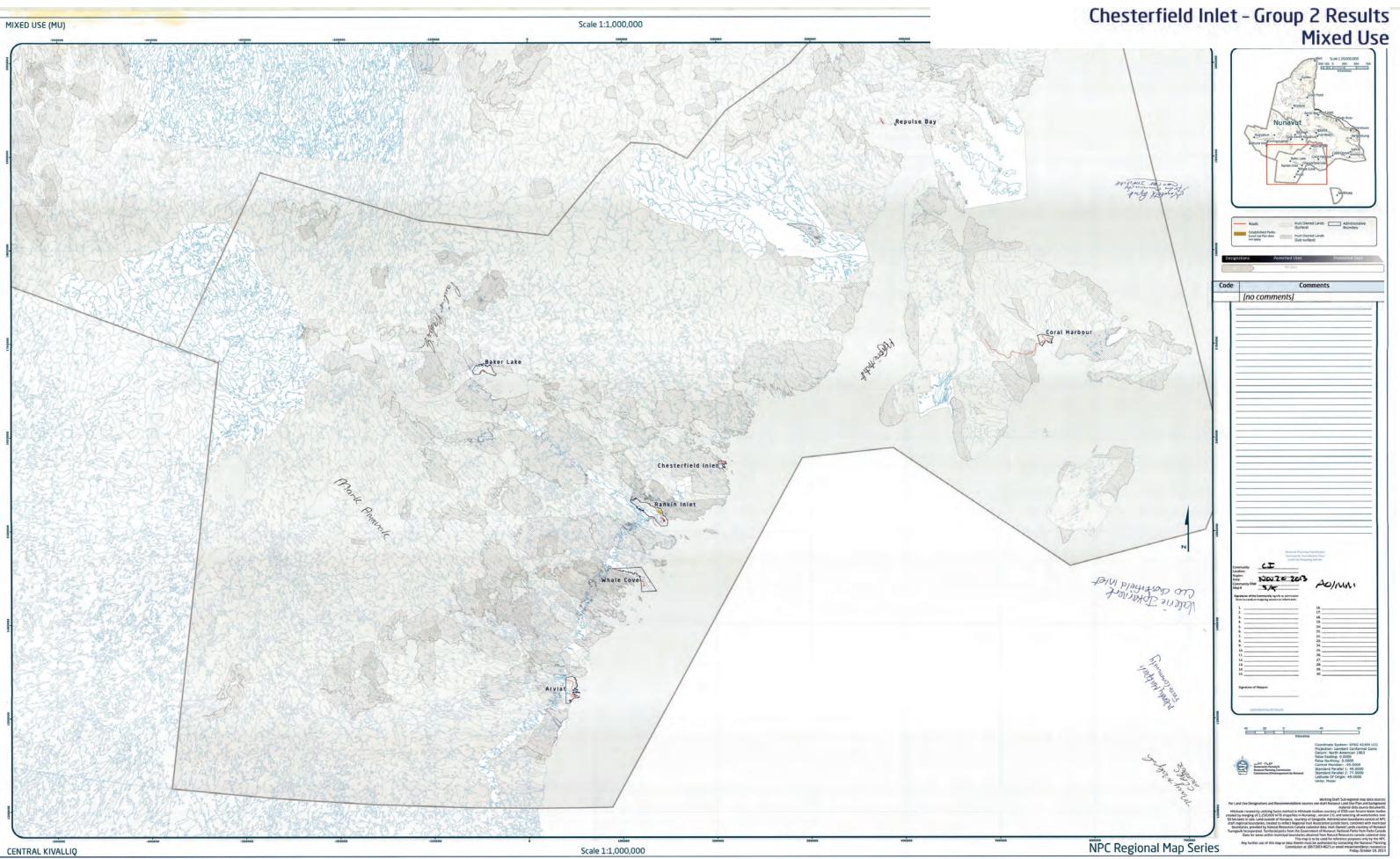






## Chesterfield Inlet – Group 1 Results Mixed Use





The NPC returned to the community and reviewed a draft version of this report with the Hamlet Council and the Hunters and Trappers Organization. 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
  - o Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development
  - o Mixed Use
- General discussion and comments including:
  - o Opportunities to provide additional comments.
  - Concerns were raised about the level of noise that is created and the disturbance on caribou.
    Helicopters are viewed as a problem not just coming and going from Chesterfield but also from Rankin Inlet.
    - The NPC advised that staff have been in discussions with GN about these concerns and the DFO and Discovery Air have also been contacted to try and find solutions.
  - o Concerns were raised about the Hamlet Boundary.
    - The NPC advised that the GN needs to be contacted on this matter and that the Commission could raise that concern. Also advised that the NPC can put in place restrictions that would manage land use around the Hamlet Boundary.

## Appendix 5: Follow-up Meeting