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## Chapter 1: Introduction

#### 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 Rankin 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

## Methodology

Information was presented to and received from participants in Rankin 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
- 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 questions, 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. Information received during this session was recorded by NPC staff and is included in Appendix 5.

#### Public Awareness

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

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

Rankin Inlet is a community of approximately 2580 people (Statistics Canada. 2011 Census Corrections/Updates). It is located on the northwestern shore of Hudson Bay (see Figure 1).

The Commission visited the community on October 31 -November 1, 2013. All events occurred as scheduled. 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; approximately 20 people attended the open house to review the Draft Plan.
- Public Workshop; approximately 35 people attended the presentation of the DNLUP and facilitated

mapping sessions. Information was recorded in one mapping group.

• Wrap Up Session; approximately 2 people attended the wrap up session.



Figure 1. Location of Rankin 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.

#### 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;

- Fish habitat
- Caribou habitat
- Bird habitat
- Whale habitat
- Polar bear 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.



## PROTECTING AND SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT (PSE) • RANKIN INLET • MAP 1 PSE Goal areas from the DNLUP discussed during community consultations Additional PSE Goal areas identified during community consultations Nunavut 1:70,000,000 Alert Goal areas discussed during community consultations represent the generalized goal areas presented from the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). Goal areas Rankin Inlet do not represent specific designations and recommendations as layed out in the DNLUP. For more information on these Eureka areas please refer to the DNLUP and the Options and Recommendations document. 0 500 1000 1500 Information collected in communities will be considered in conjunction with all other Kilometres feedback when revising the DNLUP and will be part of the Consultation Record. Grise Fiord • Resolute Pond Inlet® Arctic Bay • Clyde River Qikiqtarjuaq Igloolik \* • Cambridge Bay Taloyoak •Hall Beach Kugluktuk Pangnirtung Kugaaruk Gjoa Haven\* Umingmaktok Bathurst Inlet Repulse Bay Iqaluit Cape Dorset Kimmirut Coral Harbour Baker Lake • Chesterfield Inlet Rankin Inlet Sanikiluaq 1:9,600,000 For Data Sources see Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). Areas identified by community collected as part of the Nunavut Planning Commissions Community Engagement Projection: Canada Lambert Conformal Kilometres Conic, NAD83 Strategty during the Mapping Sessions for the DNLUP on Produced by the Nunavut Planning October 31 & November 1, 2013. Maps were digitized at the ᠈ᡩ᠘ᡒ᠈ᡳ Commission: (867) 983-4625, Nunavut Planning Commission. Nunavunmi Parnaiyiit npc@nunavut.ca To be used for illustration purposes only as part of the Draft **Nunavut Planning Commission** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 Nunavut Land Use Plan Consultation Process. Commission d'Aménagement du Nunavut

## Chapter 3: Encouraging Conservation Planning

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
- 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.

• 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.



## ENCOURAGING CONSERVATION PLANNING (ECP) • RANKIN INLET • MAP 2 ECP Goal areas from the DNLUP discussed during community consultations Additional ECP Goal areas identified during community consultations Nunavut 1:70,000,000 Alert Goal areas discussed during community consultations represent the generalized goal areas presented from the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). Goal areas do not represent specific designations and recommendations as layed out in the DNLUP. For more information on these Eureka areas please refer to the DNLUP and the Options and Recommendations document. 500 1000 1500 Information collected in communities will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP and will be part of the Consultation Record. Grise Fiord • Resolute Arctic Bay • Pond Inlet Clyde River Qikiqtarjuaq Igloolik \* Cambridge Bay Taloyoak • Hall Beach Kugluktuk Pangnirtung Kugaaruk Gjoa Haven\* Umingmaktok \*Bathurst Inlet Repulse Bay Iqaluit Cape Dorset Kimmirut Coral Harbour Baker Lake Chesterfield Inlet Rankin Inlet Arviat Sanikiluaq 1:9,600,000 For Data Sources see Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). Areas identified by community collected as part of the Nunavut Planning Commissions Community Engagement Projection: Canada Lambert Conformal Kilometres Conic, NAD83 Strategty during the Mapping Sessions for the DNLUP on Produced by the Nunavut Planning October 31 & November 1, 2013. Maps were digitized at the ᠈ᡩ᠘ᡒ᠈ᡳ Commission: (867) 983-4625, Nunavut Planning Commission. Nunavunmi Parnaiyiit npc@nunavut.ca To be used for illustration purposes only as part of the Draft **Nunavut Planning Commission**

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# Chapter 4: Building Healthier Communities

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
- Northern Warning System sites

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

## 4.2 Areas identified by participants

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;

• Contaminated sites

- Fishing areas
- Drinking water

## 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.



## BHC Goal areas from the DNLUP discussed during community consultations Additional BHC Goal areas identified during community consultations Nunavut 1:70,000,000 Alert Goal areas discussed during community consultations represent the generalized goal areas presented from the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). Goal areas Rankin Inlet do not represent specific designations and recommendations as layed out in the DNLUP. For more information on these Eureka areas please refer to the DNLUP and the Options and Recommendations document. 0 500 1000 1500 Information collected in communities will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP and will be part of the Consultation Record. Grise Fiord Resolute Pond Inlet Arctic Bay Clyde River Qikiqtarjuad Igloolik \* Cambridge Bay Taloyoak Hall Beach Kugluktuk Kugaaruk Gjoa Haven\* Umingmaktok Bathurst Inlet Repulse Bay Iqaluit Cape Dorset Kimmirut Coral Harbour Baker Lake• Chesterfield Inlet Rankin Inlet Sanikiluaq 1:9,600,000 For Data Sources see Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). Areas identified by community collected as part of the Nunavut Planning Commissions Community Engagement Projection: Canada Lambert Conformal Kilometres Conic, NAD83 Strategty during the Mapping Sessions for the DNLUP on Produced by the Nunavut Planning October 31 & November 1, 2013. Maps were digitized at the ᠈ᡩ᠘ᡒ᠈ᡳ Commission: (867) 983-4625, Nunavut Planning Commission. Nunavunmi Parnaiyiit npc@nunavut.ca To be used for illustration purposes only as part of the Draft **Nunavut Planning Commission** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 Nunavut Land Use Plan Consultation Process. Commission d'Aménagement du Nunavut

BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES (BHC) • RANKIN 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 fishing areas

## 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.



#### Areas identified in the Draft Plan

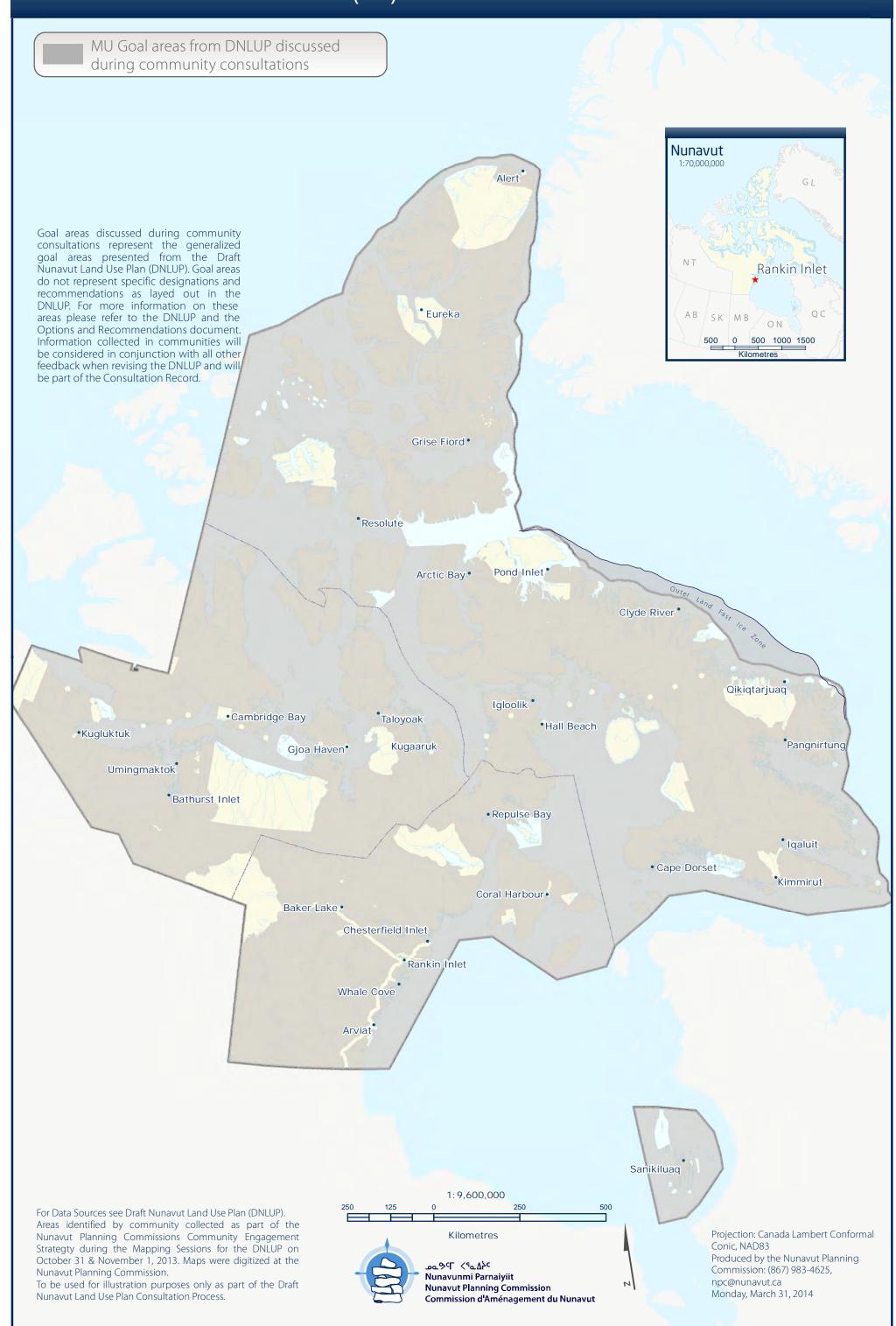
The DNLUP identifies areas important for a variety of uses. These areas were presented to participants during the workshop as Mixed Use Areas. These areas, as they occur around the community, are illustrated on Map 5.

#### Areas identified by participants 6.2

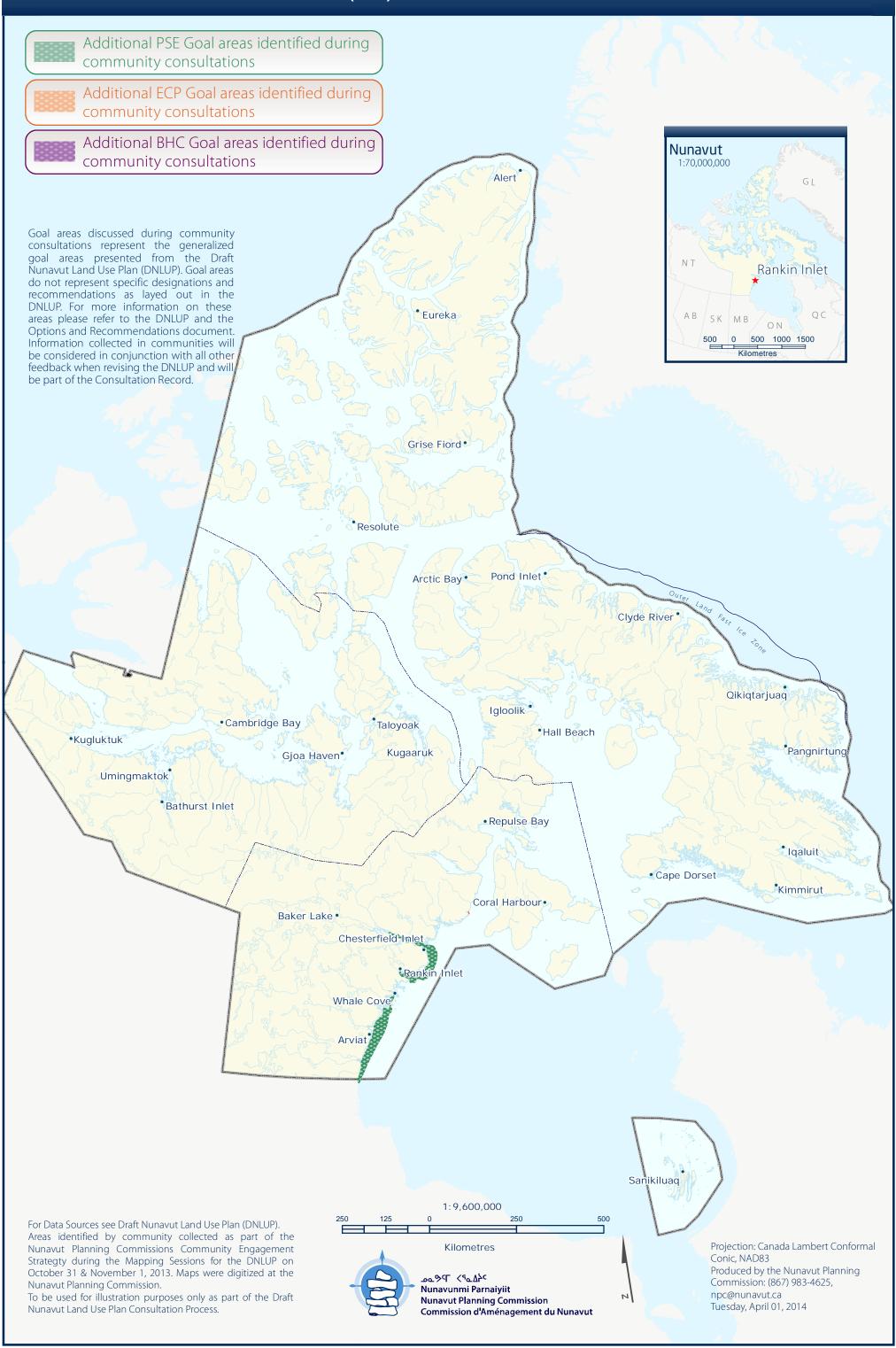
No additional areas were identified as Mixed Use by participants. However, some areas identified as Mixed Use in the DNLUP were considered by participants to require additional protection because of their particular qualities. These areas and the goals they are important for are identified on Map 6.



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



## MIXED USE (MU) • RANKIN INLET • MAP 6

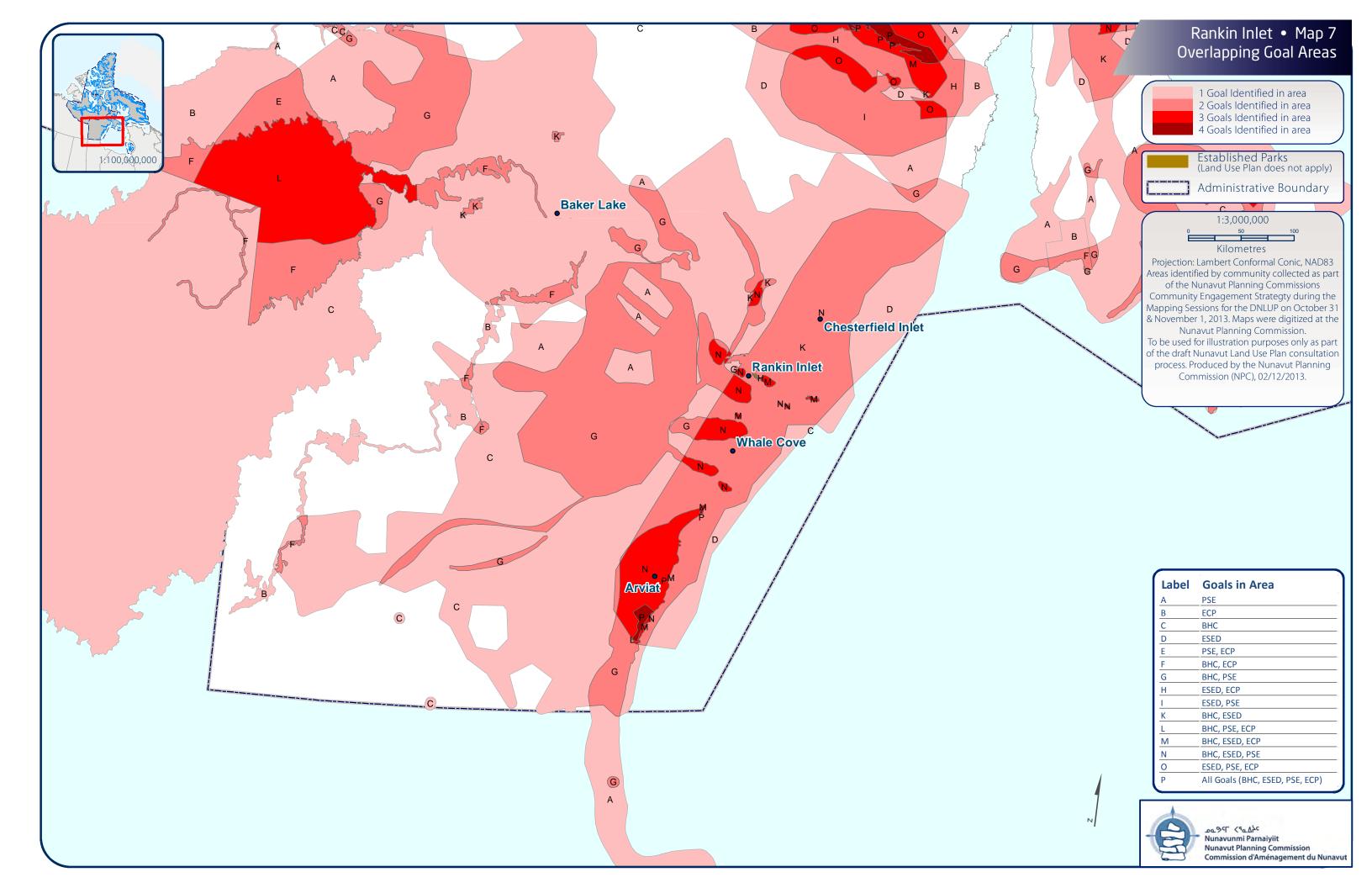


# Chapter 7: Overlapping Goals

## 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.





## Appendix 1: Open House

During the open house, participants raised the following issues:

- Don't like the idea of Kiggavik mine. Uranium is a big concern. Support other mining developments.
- Don't like Kiggavik, but in favour of the gold mines (Meadowbank and Meliadine).
- Concern that the wording for the protection of Heritage Rivers in the DNLUP should reflect the reasons those rivers are managed and not be based solely on the Heritage River Program.



# Appendix 2: Elected Officials Meeting

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:

- We are in full support of mining exploration but our marine area, lakes near the camps may have impacts on our drinking water. Concerned with the quality of water of rivers that are impacted from exploration.
- Hydro is important for Rankin Inlet.
- Concerned about contaminated sites, including the landfill.
- Concerned about Meliadine mine dumping contaminated water into the river.
- Concerned about increasing marine traffic impacting whales and seals.
- Concerned about roads impacting caribou migration.
- Concerned about seismic activities.
- Concerned about ballast water.
- Concerned about drilling in caribou calving grounds. There are camps directly in the path of caribou migration.





# Appendix 3: Questions and Answers

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

- (KivlA President) Will road to Manitoba be used to transport fuel? Afraid for oil spills on water. On land we need to look at caribou calving areas. KivlA would like to provide all the input we can.
  - o The Commission answered that more information is now being collected from communities, government, etc to inform the plan. Once the plan is approved, all proposed projects will need to be reviewed by the Commission to see if they follow the land use plan.
- (Comment) Concerned about the spacing of syllabics in Commission materials.
- Concerned about fighter planes escorting a jet recently.
- Are you collecting more information on shipping and road routes?
  - o The Commission answered that yes, this type of information is being collected.
- (KivlA President) Helicopters are flying too low and there have been complaints from hunters. Camps have to close down because of caribou while they are on migration routes. Look at when is a good time to restrict helicopters.
- The proposed shipping area for tourists will impact seals, belugas. Calving areas need to be identified on the maps. Helicopters should have more monitoring. They are there all year round.



# Appendix 4: Community Workshop Scanned Maps

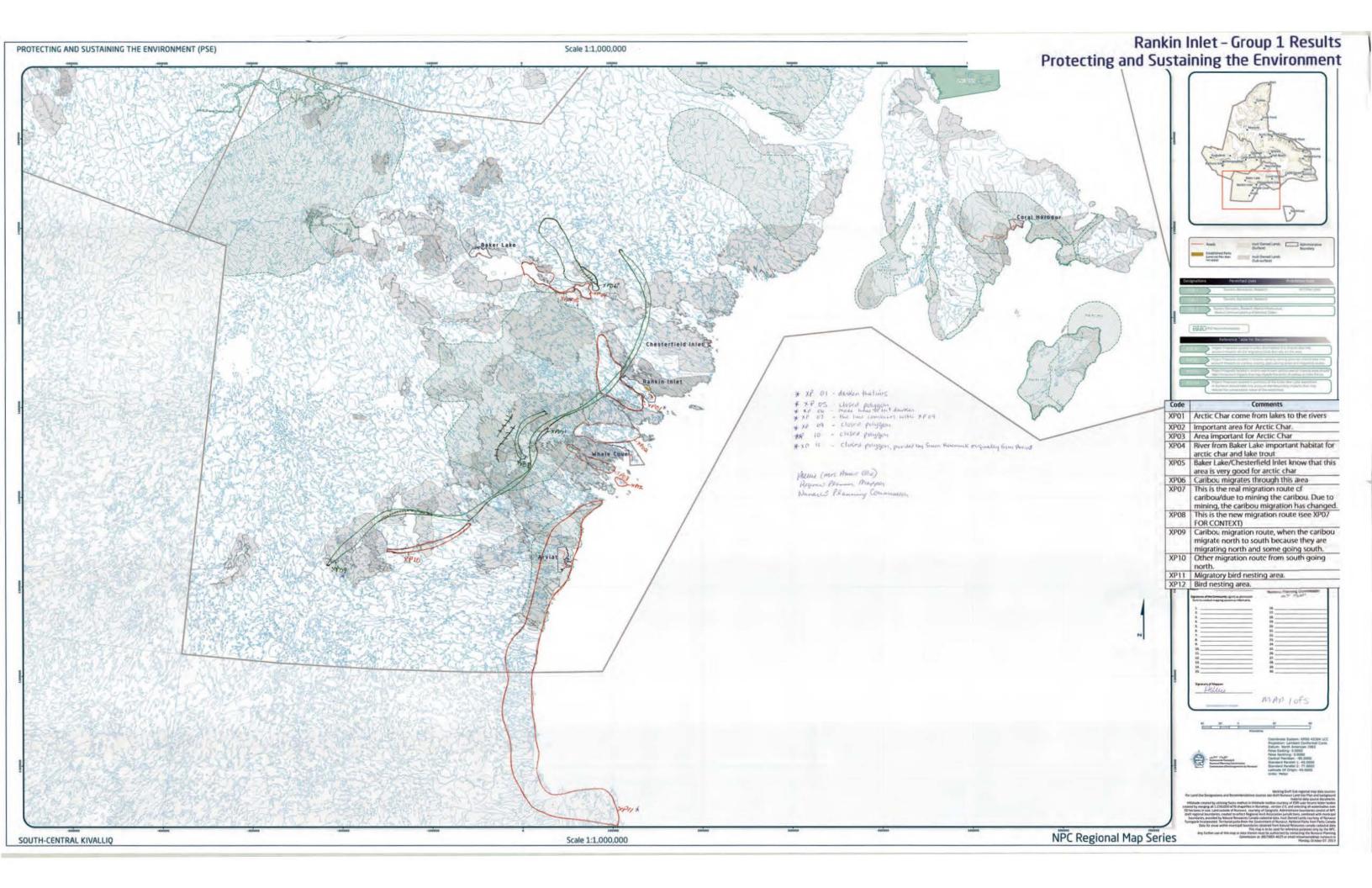
One group completed the mapping session to identify important areas. This Appendix contains the maps that were used by participants to identify areas that are important to the following land use planning goals:

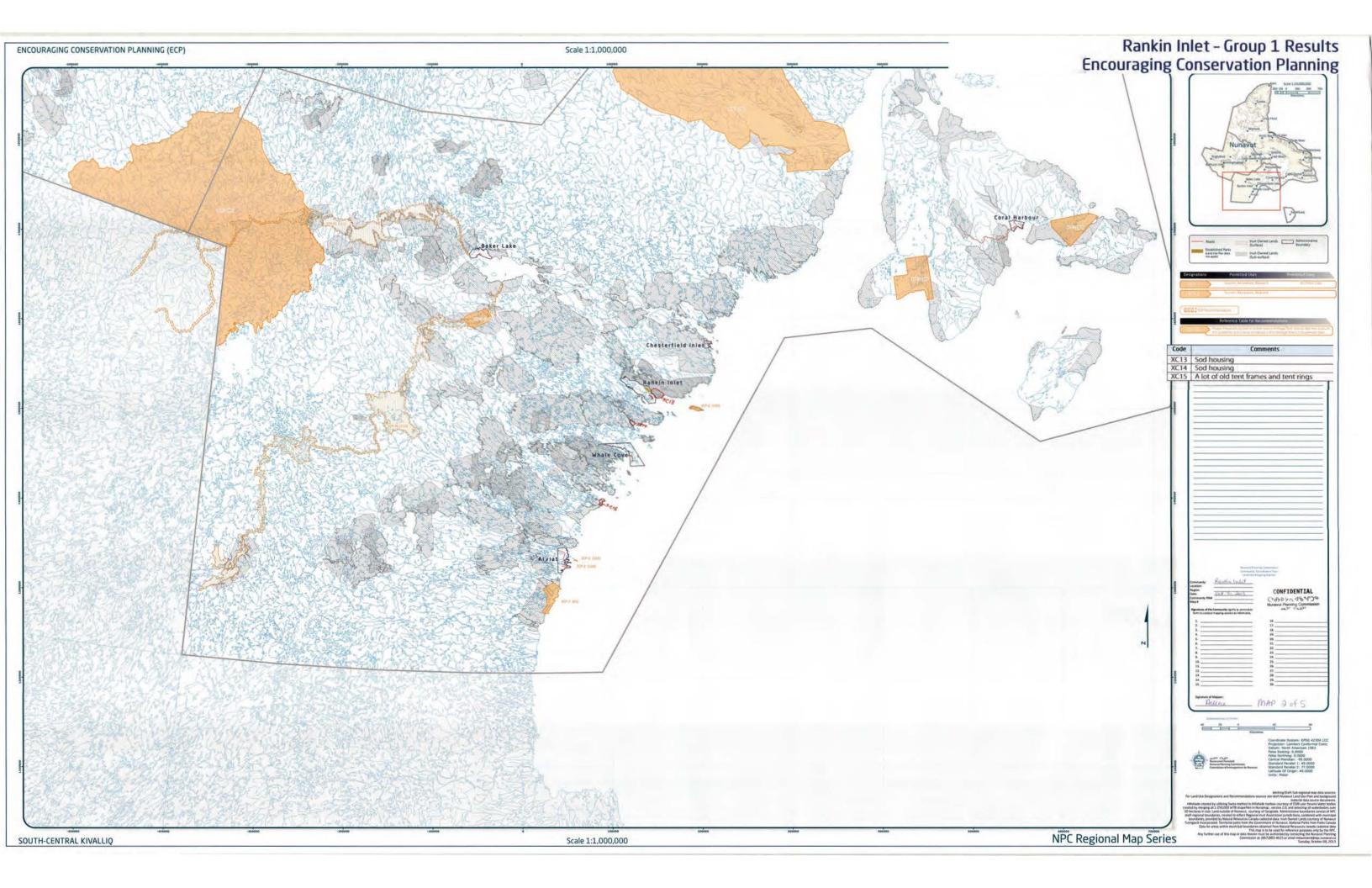
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- Mixed Use

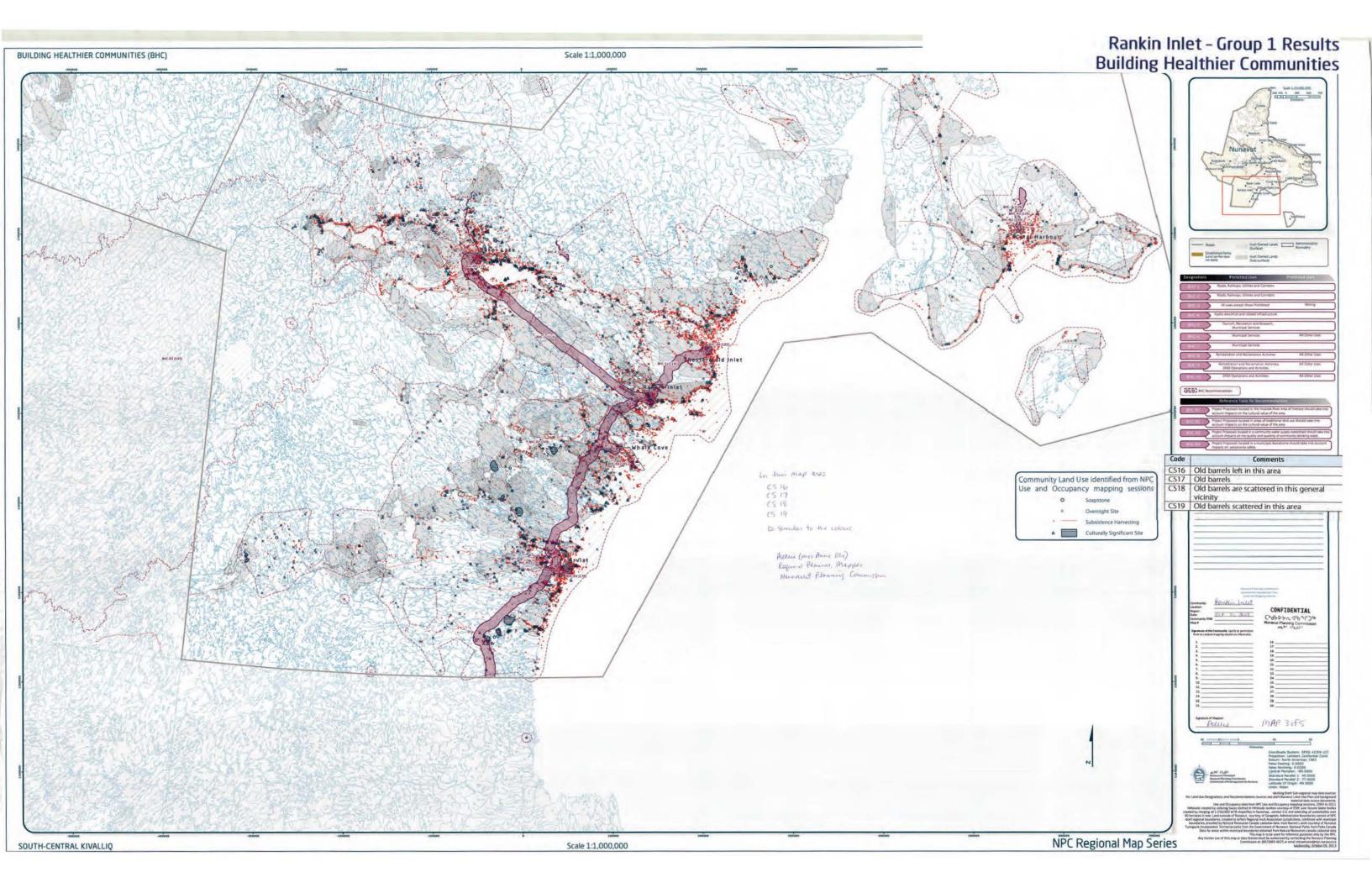
Also included on each map is a reference table that includes the specific values that were identified for the area.

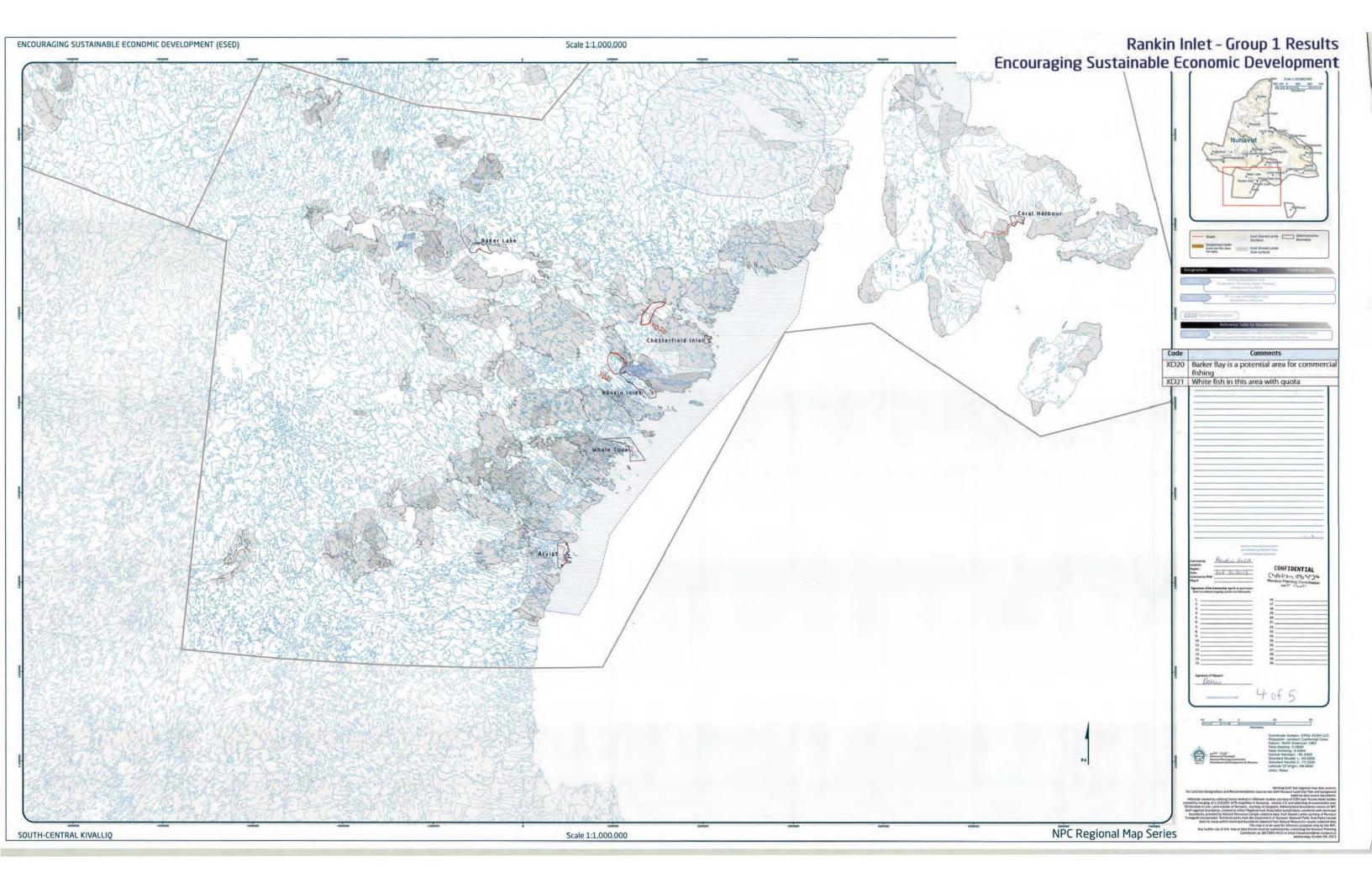
During the mapping portion of the community workshop, the following concerns were raised that did not apply to a specific area that was identified on the maps:

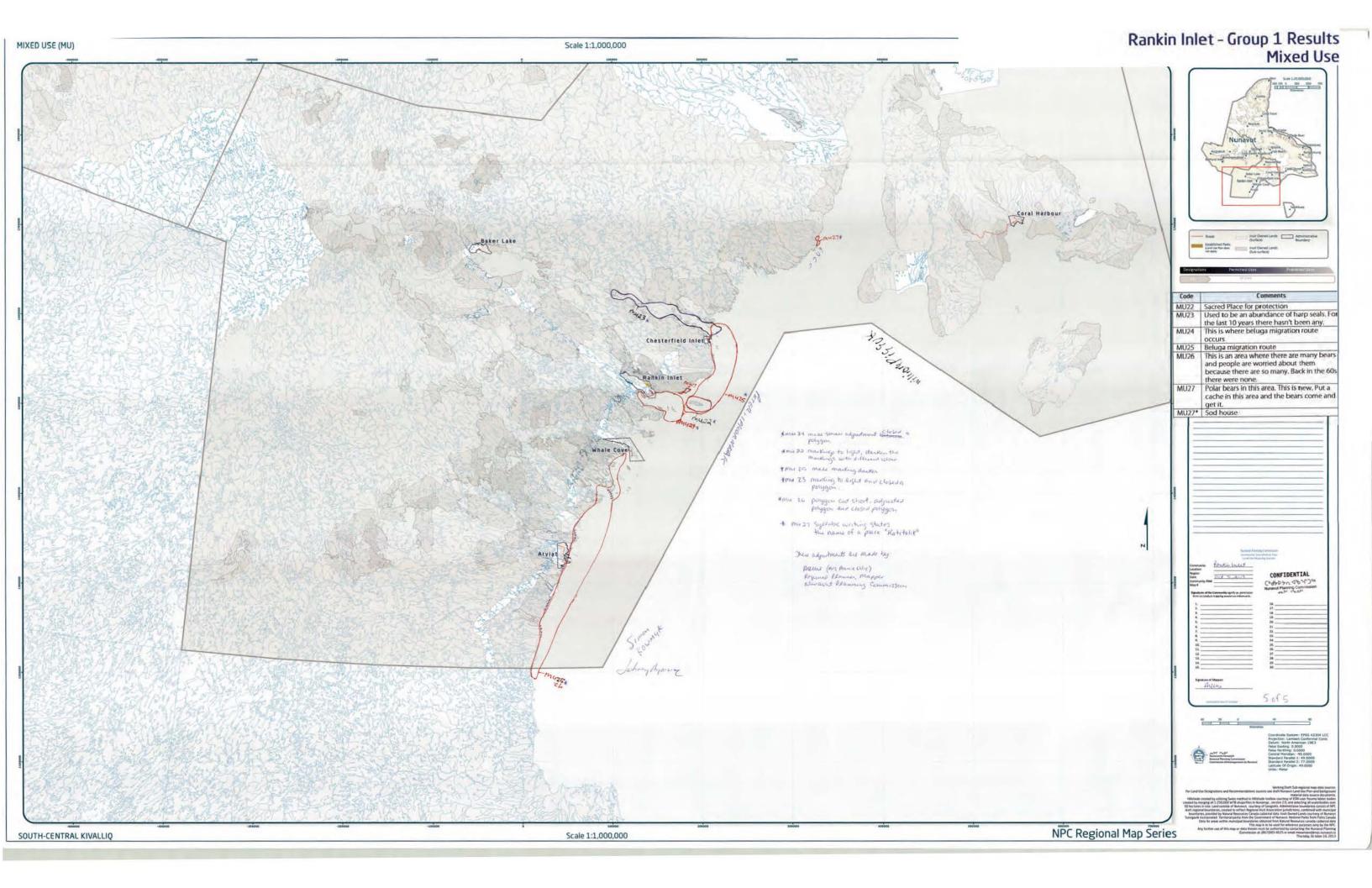
• There also used to be Beluga Whales 1971-1976 near Rankin Inlet, they've came in from Churchill, Manitoba. The Beluga whales used to come in here, there's none absolutely nothing now since there's ships coming in and the harbours. And during Fall/Winter the beluga whales used to go back to Churchill, Manitoba.











# Appendix 5: Wrap Up Session

A small group of participants returned to identify additional important areas during the wrap up session.

During the wrap up session, the following concerns were raised that did not apply to a specific area that was identified on the maps:

- All lakes are important because they're all drinkable.
- This pertains to Manitoba Kivalliq proposed road corridor. As in all the communities in Nunavut, the roads in RI are made of gravel. The gravel is bad when it's dry in summer and creates lot of dust. This dust as known to all is bad for respiratory problems and this dust creates health hazards. But, we can prevent this dust from creating health hazards; we can crush rocks which are not dusty as gravel. The mining company at Meliadine Lake have used crushed rocks and the dust is minimal in summer/year round and crushed rock does not flow with the winds. The dust from blasting and sand also gets into the lakes/water and hurts fish.

