Co-management in Nunavut:

Unique Challenges and Opportunities

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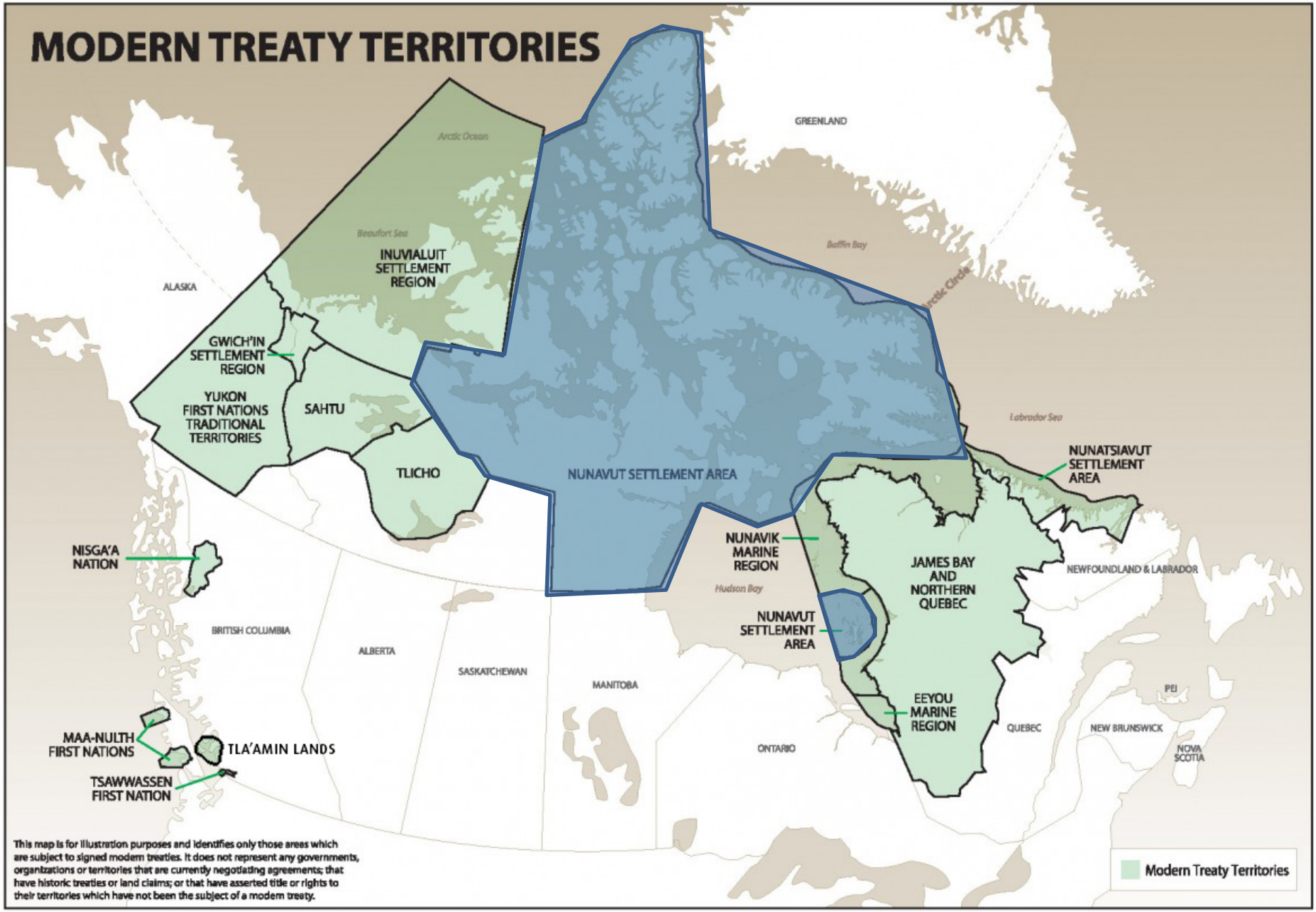
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Arctic Ocean
Beaufort Sea
Baffin Bay
GREENLAND
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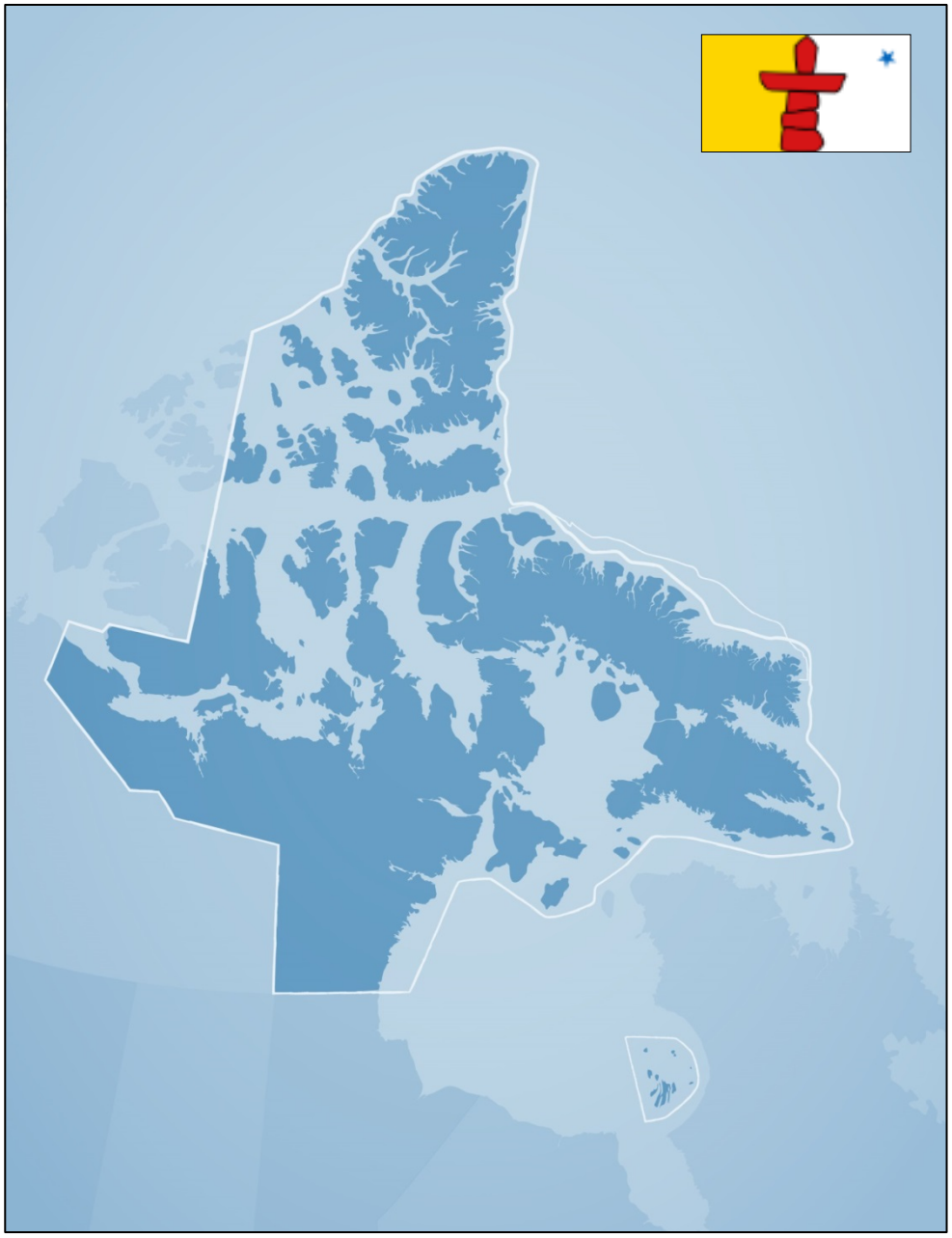
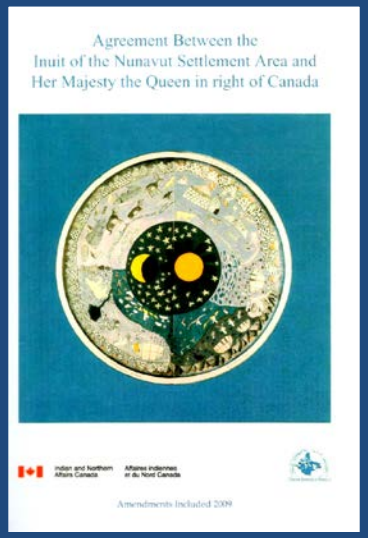
Labrador Sea
ALASKA
INUVIALUIT SETTLEMENT REGION
GWICH'IN SETTLEMENT REGION
YUKON FIRST NATIONS TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES
SAHTU
TLICHO
NUNAVUT SETTLEMENT AREA
NUNATSIAVUT SETTLEMENT AREA
NISGA'A NATION
NUNAVIK MARINE REGION
JAMES BAY AND NORTHERN QUEBEC
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
Hudson Bay
NUNAVUT SETTLEMENT AREA
BRITISH COLUMBIA
ALBERTA
SASKATCHEWAN
MANITOBA
EEYOU MARINE REGION
PEI
QUEBEC
NEW BRUNSWICK
NOVA SCOTIA
ONTARIO
MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS
TLA'AMIN LANDS
TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION
This map is for illustration purposes and identifies only those areas which are subject to signed modern treaties. It does not represent any governments, organizations or territories that are currently negotiating agreements; that have historic treaties or land claims; or that have asserted title or rights to their territories which have not been the subject of a modern treaty.
Modern Treaty Territories



- >2,000,000 km^2
  - 1/5 of Canada
- Population ≈ 37,280
  - 0.1% of Canada
- 25 communities
  - Air access only
- 4 official languages:
  - Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun
  - English, French
- GDP ≈ $2.5 B (2014)



The Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Act received Royal Assent on July 9, 1993, creating Canada's newest Territory

NUNAVUT'S REGULATORY SYSTEM

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NUNAVUT SURFACE RIGHTS TRIBUNAL
KANGGANIITONIK ANGGIKTITAIJUTIT
LE TRIBUNAL DES DROITS DE SURFACE DU NUNAVUT

Dispute Resolution

Water Use Licencing

Wildlife Management

Land & Resources

Impact Assessment

Land Use Planning

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Nunavut Planning Commissior
Commission d'Aménagement

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The NIRB, the NWB, the NPC, and the NWMB may jointly, as a Nunavut Marine Council, or severally advise and make recommendations to other government agencies regarding the marine areas, and Government shall consider such advice and recommendations in making decisions which affect marine areas.

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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Nunavut Regulatory System

Development proposals must satisfy requirements of:

- Land use planning
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Water and Land Use Licensing

- Timelines, information requirements and best practices are similar to and informed by other Canadian jurisdictions

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Nunavut Impact Assessment

- Screen project proposals to determine whether or not a review is required
- Gauge and define the extent of regional impacts
- Review ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of project proposals
- Determine whether project proposals should proceed, and if so, under what terms and conditions
- Monitor projects that have been approved to proceed

NIRB compliance monitoring and effects monitoring allow for feedback into ongoing impact assessments

Nunavut Impact Assessment

What types of project proposals does the NIRB assess?

- Roads / trails
- Marine infrastructure
- Research
- Mineral exploration
- Mining
- Telecommunications
- Oil & gas
- Nuclear power
- Tourism
- Hydro-electric

Nunavut Impact Assessment

- Impact Assessment Processes in Nunavut include:
  - Issues scoping
  - Development of an Environmental Impact Statement
  - Public commenting opportunities
  - Language requirements – translation/interpretation
  - Community meetings
  - Newsletters, notices, public engagement programs
  - Online public registries
  - Technical workshops
  - Community roundtables
  - Public Hearings

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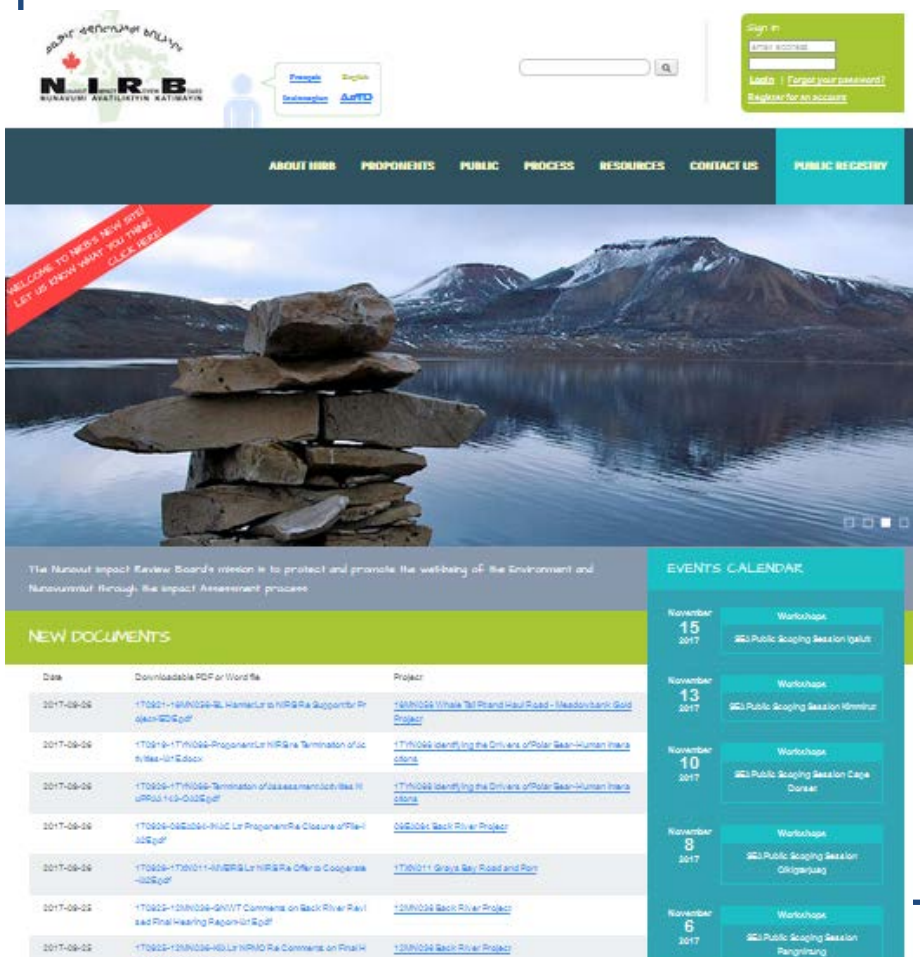
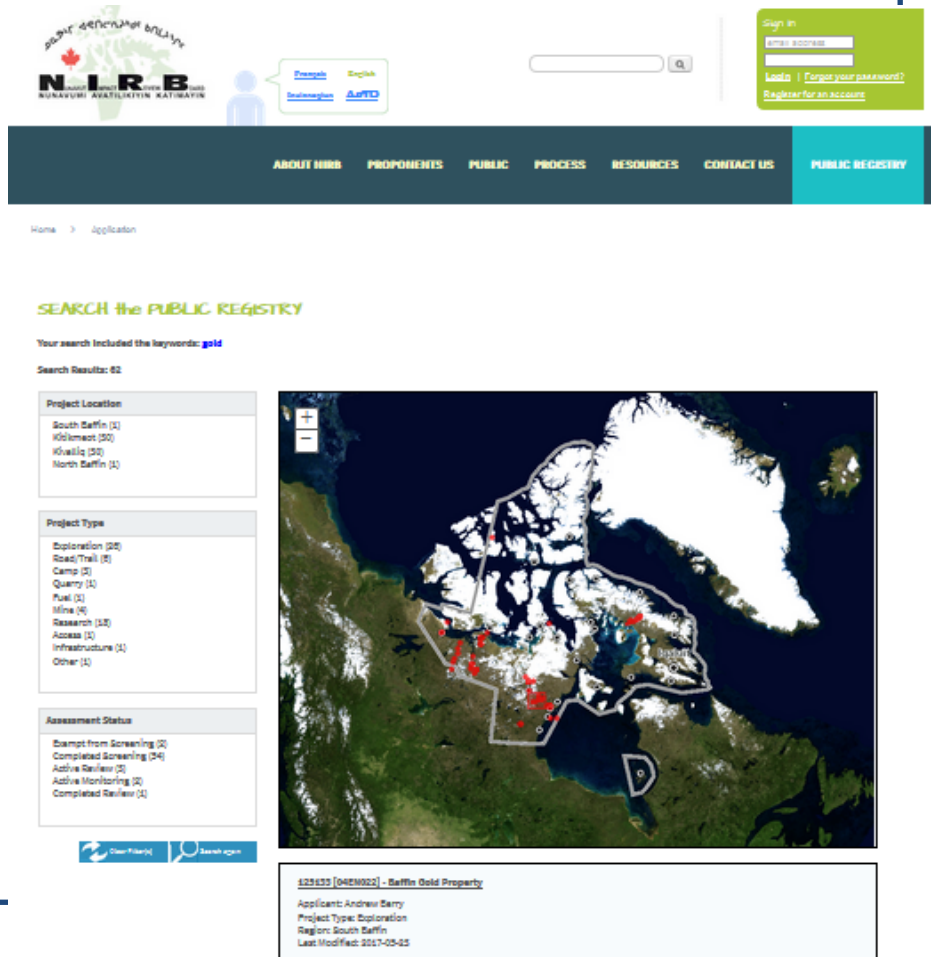
“Working together for a common cause”

Public Engagement

- Searchable online registries provide project information, guidance materials and digital comment forms to the public





Public Engagement

- In-person meetings are scheduled in potentially-affected communities at various stages in the assessment of a proposed project
- Information is shared and community members provide their questions and comments directly
- Public engagement is an iterative process

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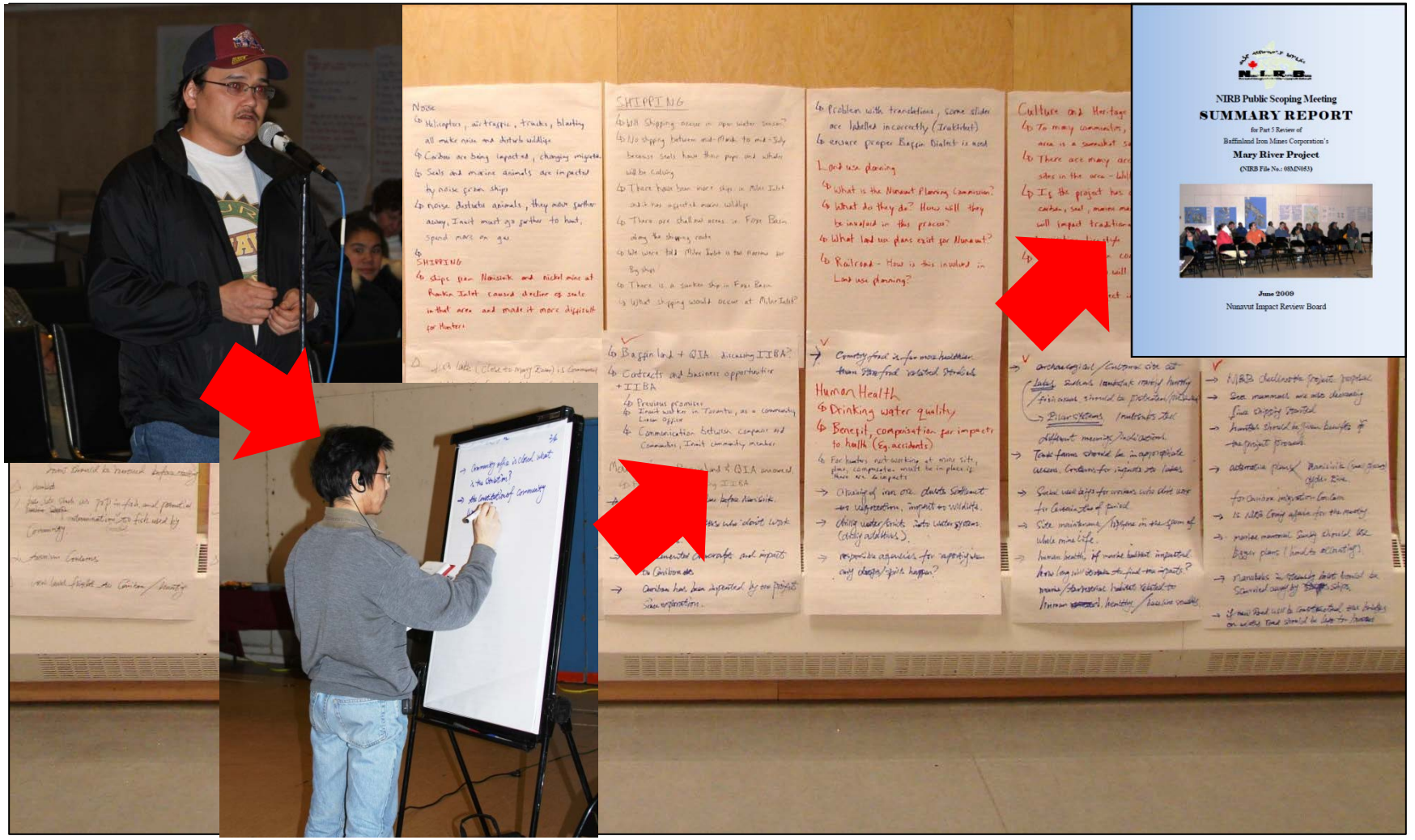

Local Knowledge

- The term Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit encompasses Inuit “Traditional Knowledge” (TK)
  - Encompasses local and community based knowledge, ecological knowledge (both traditional and contemporary), which is rooted in the daily life of Inuit people, and has an important contribution to make to an environmental assessment
- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit assists greatly in making impact predictions, particularly where scientific baseline may be lacking

Public Engagement

Summary

- Monitoring programs allow for feedback of lessons learned into ongoing assessments
- Public outreach structured to facilitate active engagement throughout processes
- Local community knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is actively solicited and considered
- Approaches are continually evolving

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Thank you!

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