

## **Main issues and concerns raised during consultations on Lancaster Sound NMCA**

### ***Boundary***

- Can the boundary be expanded? Want to protect vital life cycle areas which are not presently included.
- Does the boundary need to be contiguous?
- Can lands can also be included in NMCA (cultural sites, denning areas)?
- Establish the federal boundary now and move to expand later (ENGOS)
- Would it be possible to include additional areas once MERA is done?
- Need to protect mouth of Lancaster Sound – anything which occurs affects the entire region because of the currents
- Can areas around towns be excluded for municipal purposes?

### ***Oil and Gas***

- Can the boundary be expanded to the east to exclude oil and gas activities
- Can the Shell lease area be included in the boundary?
- What is the trade-off between oil and gas resources within the proposed boundary and oil and gas resources outside of the proposed boundary?
- Have other protected management area strategies been considered that do not restrict oil and gas / mining development?
- Would seismic be allowed in the NMCA?

### ***Shipping***

- Impact of icebreaking
- Noise pollution from ships and impacts on wildlife
- Impact of cruise tourism on wildlife and traditional activities, including harvesting
- Impact of increased commercial shipping on communities, wildlife, and wilderness experiences
- Can the NMCA limit where ships go?

### ***Social/cultural and Economic***

- How would Inuit benefit from an NMCA?
- Will Inuit rights be affected by the NMCA?
- Will the NMCA affect sport hunting?
- Protection of the marine environment and Inuit lifestyles is more important than economic activities that would impact food sources
- Need for community infrastructure to benefit NMCA and communities
- What impacts would increase human activities/presence have for wildlife and food security?
- Want to maintain opportunities for commercial fisheries
- Need to establish a balance between economy and protection
- Will the NMCA limit activities, particularly shipping, associated with mining/oil and gas (industry)?
- Already closing off a huge area – will have major impact on economic potential for Nunavut (industry)
- Will the NMCA increase tourism? What impacts will this have for communities?

### ***Sovereignty and military presence***

- Sonars and submarines – monitoring. What is their effect on wildlife?

- Will establishment of the NMCA prove sovereignty over Lancaster Sound/Northwest Passage? Will they still be international waters?
- What is the advantage to Canada of the NMCA?
- Will the NMCA affect military activities?

#### ***Management concerns***

- How will the NMCA affect the quotas already imposed in the Lancaster Sound area? How will it affect hunting rights, sport hunting and guiding?
- Management of incidents/accidents – who is responsible for clean up/intervention?
- How will the NMCA help to monitor/control activities – commercial shipping, cruise ships, recreational boats, and submarines? Can these activities be managed in the NMCA?
- How will NMCA control impacts of tourists on cultural sites and traditional activities?
- How will Inuit be involved in management?
- How will IQ be considered and used in management and decision making?
- How can we monitor/enforce such a large area?
- Will there be entrance/business fees for Inuit associated with the NMCA?
- Does the NMCA permit underwater cables/pipelines?
- Will tourism and visitor use be more important than conservation/protection?
- Would the NMCA affect the use of cabins?
- What type of research will be done in the NMCA?

#### ***General***

- What is the process leading to formal establishment?
- Administration – what type of facilities/employment would result from NMCA? Where would the office be?

**Note:** For a more comprehensive list of issues and concerns please refer to ***LSNMCA Consultation Final Summary Oct 15, 2014*** document.