



Igloolik are both located near the potential southern shipping corridor for the Mary River mine, including the Steensby port/rail components. Inuit from both Sanirajak and Igloolik use Steensby Inlet and the surrounding area for many harvesting practices, including hunting (caribou, seals, walrus, whales, birds), fishing (char) and egg gathering. There is also a substantial commercial quota for Arctic char in the surrounding area. While this quota is not currently being used, our communities hope to benefit from this development opportunity someday in the future. The Sanirajak and Igloolik HTAs share many of the same concerns with Baffinland's plans to build a port and railway in Steensby Inlet, especially the potential impacts on caribou, whale, seal, bird, and walrus hunting, as well as char fishing. The HTAs are also concerned with potential impacts on the ocean bottom, where marine mammals and migratory birds feed.


When the project certificate was issued for the original Mary River project in 2012, we were under the impression that construction of the Steensby port and rail would proceed in a reasonable timeframe. It has been over a decade since the environmental review of the original project concluded. Baseline conditions have changed, and mitigation measures need to be updated.

The HTAs are also concerned that Baffinland intends to operate the Milne Inlet port and northern shipping corridor while it is constructing the Steensby port/rail. Baffinland is relying on an environmental review and government approval for the Steensby port/rail from 2012. The environmental review that led to this approval did not include the Milne Inlet Port or northern shipping route. The HTAs are deeply concerned about dividing Baffin Island in half with Baffinland's railway and tote road. This will stop caribou seasonal migrations from winter feeding grounds to spring calving grounds, as well as also migrations from calving grounds to winter grounds at late summer and fall season. There needs to be more research into how caribou will be affected when there is activity on the tote road to Milne Inlet as well as construction on rail road to Steensby Inlet.


The HTAs understand that s. 112b of the *Nunavut Planning and project Assessment Act* allows Inuit organizations and/or any interested person to apply for a reconsideration of the terms and conditions in a project certificate if the circumstances relating to the project change significantly. **The Igloolik and Sanirajak HTAs request NIRB reconsider the terms and conditions of the Mary River project that are related to the Steensby port/rail component, including marine shipping through Foxe Basin.** The HTAs request this reconsideration take place either as part of the review of Baffinland's SOP2 proposal or through a separate reconsideration process.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in this important process.

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