

## 1. NIRB

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-1
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	NIRB
<b>Subject:</b>	NIRB Process
<b>Reference:</b>	N/A
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	<p>Some NIRB process participants have asked how Inuit and HTO's have the opportunity to provide comment and input on annual reporting and management plans.</p> <p>Baffinland also wishes to request clarification of some related process items.</p>
<b>Information Request:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the NIRB describe in specific detail what opportunities are available to Inuit to participate in the NIRB annual reporting process (including the opportunity to review and comment on Baffinland's annual report and any related plan updates, as well as development of NIRB's own annual monitoring process)?</li> <li>2. What steps does the NIRB take to make Inuit aware of these opportunities? How is Inuit feedback taken into account by NIRB and relied on in their recommendations?</li> <li>3. What steps does the NIRB take and how does the NIRB weigh scientific information and IQ shared through its monitoring process?</li> <li>4. Can the NIRB describe in specific detail what opportunities are available to HTOs to directly participate in the NIRB annual</li> </ol>

	<p>report process (including the opportunity to review and comment on Baffinland's annual report and any related plan updates, as well as development of NIRB's own annual monitoring process)? What steps does NIRB take to make HTOs aware of these opportunities? How is HTO feedback taken into account by NIRB and relied on in their recommendations?</p> <p>5. Can the NIRB confirm it takes into account potential for socioeconomic benefits (including related commitments) into its annual monitoring evaluation and recommendation process?</p> <p>6. Can the NIRB establish a socioeconomic benefit under a Project Certificate?</p> <p>7. Please provide details of the timing and process for interveners to apply for Intervener status in the SOP2 process (noting that governments, Inuit organizations such as RIAs, DIOs and HTOs are entitled to participate as of right), and whether they are planning to give consideration to scoping intervenor status to specific areas only?</p> <p>8. What are the consequences in the NIRB process for participants that share false or intentionally misleading information in the NIRB process, act in a manner that is disrespectful, intimidating or abusive to other participants, or</p>
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	<p>participate in a manner that is contrary to NIRB process direction?</p> <p>9. Please post the cover letter provided to the NIRB in June 2024 that was shared at the same time as the SOP2 Addendum to the public registry.</p>
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## 2. North Baffin Hunter and Trapper Organizations (Arctic Bay, Clyde River, Igloolik, Pond Inlet, Sanirajak)

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-2
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	North Baffin Hunter and Trapper Organizations
<b>Subject:</b>	Annual harvest numbers for caribou
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 11.1.9 - Inuit Culture, Resources and Land Use
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	<p>The SOP2 FEIS Addendum includes government reported data from Government of Nunavut (GN) on caribou harvesting (Table 11.5).</p> <p>Table 11.5 does not include detailed harvest numbers for the 2023/2024 season, as these data have not yet been made available to Baffinland.</p> <p>Harvest numbers are a relevant input in understanding overall caribou population dynamics.</p>
<b>Information Request:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ensure the most up to date information is available to NIRB for its assessment of SOP2, the HTO is requested to please share with NIRB its harvest numbers for caribou for the 2023, 2024 season.</li> <li>2. The HTO is also requested to indicate when its preliminary and</li> </ol>

	final harvest numbers for the 2024-2025 season will be shared with GN.
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<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-3
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	North Baffin Hunter and Trapper Organizations
<b>Subject:</b>	Annual harvest numbers for narwhal
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 11.1.9 - Inuit Culture, Resources and Land Use
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	<p>The SOP2 FEIS Addendum includes government reported data from Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) on narwhal harvesting (Table 11.4).</p> <p>Table 11.4 does not include detailed harvest numbers for the 2023/2024 season, as these data have not yet been made available to Baffinland.</p> <p>Harvest numbers are a relevant input in understanding overall narwhal population dynamics. Details of harvesting loss rates is an important consideration of population dynamics.</p>
<b>Information Request:</b>	<p>To ensure the most up to date information is available to NIRB for its assessment of SOP2, the HTO is requested to please share with NIRB:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To the extent the HTOs collect and track the information, harvest numbers for narwhal for the 2023, 2024 season, including details on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tusked narwhal landed;</li> <li>b. Male narwhal landed;</li> <li>c. Female narwhal landed;</li> <li>d. Juvenile narwhal landed;</li> <li>e. Loss estimate (number of animals) killed and lost. Please provide overall numbers and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>also provide a breakdown for tusked, male, female, juvenile narwhal;</p> <p>f. Loss estimate (number of animals) wounded and escaped. Please provide overall numbers and also provide a breakdown for tusked, male, female, juvenile narwhal;</p> <p>g. Mortality estimate (overall numbers of estimate and lost animals);</p> <p>h. Loss rate (percent of landed harvest);</p> <p>i. Available details on Inuit effort expended to land individual catches.</p> <p>2. Please indicate when the HTOs preliminary and final harvest numbers for the 2024-2025 season, including the above detail, will be shared with DFO and with NIRB.</p> <p>3. Can the HTO's please describe the individual and community income generating opportunities associated with narwhal harvests?</p>
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<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-4
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	North Baffin Hunter and Trapper Organizations
<b>Subject:</b>	Harvest methodology
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 11.1.9 - Inuit Culture, Resources and Land Use
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Per the Nunavut Agreement <sup>1</sup> and recent legal decisions issued by the Nunavut

<sup>1</sup> See Nunavut Agreement:

	<p>Court of Justice<sup>2</sup>, the HTO are responsible for overseeing wildlife harvesting rights amongst their members.</p> <p>It would support the assessment of SOP2 to have a better understanding of the specifics of narwhal and caribou harvesting methodologies and practices endorsed by the HTO and used by their members.</p>
<b>Information Request:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. North Baffin HTO's are requested to please share with NIRB details on the various practices and methodology for caribou harvest that are supported by the HTO and employed by your members.</li> <li>2. North Baffin HTO's are requested to please share with NIRB details on the various practices and methodology for narwhal harvest that are supported by the HTO and employed by your members.</li> <li>3. How is climate change expected to change hunting practices over time?</li> </ol>

- Article 5.1.2 – “This Article recognizes and reflects the following principles: (a) Inuit are traditional and current users of wildlife; (b) the legal rights of Inuit to harvest wildlife flow from their traditional and current use; (c) the Inuit population is steadily increasing; (d) a long-term, healthy, renewable resource economy is both viable and desirable; (e) there is a need for an effective system of wildlife management that complements Inuit harvesting rights and priorities, and recognizes Inuit systems of wildlife management that contribute to the conservation of wildlife and protection of wildlife habitat; (f) there is a need for systems of wildlife management and land management that provide optimum protection to the renewable resource economy; (g) the wildlife management system and the exercise of Inuit harvesting rights are governed by and subject to the principles of conservation; (h) there is a need for an effective role for Inuit in all aspects of wildlife management, including research; and (i) Government retains the ultimate responsibility for wildlife management.”
- Article 5.7.2 – “In addition to the functions given to the NWMB, the exercise of harvesting by Inuit shall be overseen by HTOs and RWOs.”

<sup>2</sup> See *Weber Arctic Expeditions LTD. v. The Honourable David Akeeagok, Minister of Economic Development and Transportation*, 2024 NUCJ 23, Paragraph 62: “The Respondent is correct that the HTO plays a special role in Nunavut, as a result of being incorporated into the provisions of the Nunavut Agreement. The Nunavut Agreement acknowledges that Inuit are traditional and current users of wildlife and that legal rights of Inuit to harvest wildlife flow from this role. The HTO are responsible for overseeing wildlife harvesting rights amongst their members. (See Nunavut Agreement, articles 5.1.2 and 5.7.2) This recognition of their special role in Nunavut, however, does not give the HTO any authority, express or implied, to veto applications for licences under the Tourism Act.”

[<https://www.canlii.org/en/nu/nucj/doc/2024/2024nucj23/2024nucj23.html?resultId=962213050cb64c1f90d360e8da1f13e6&searchId=2024-09-13T06:31:23:110/7f735fc2649f4b119d89a0c70244d86e&searchUrlHash=AAAAAQAJT3V0Zml0dGVyAAAAAAE>]

	<p>4. With respect to the topic of strike and loss rates (i.e., caribou/whales wounded during hunting but escaped):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there any hunting methodologies that your members use that are more likely to lead to unintentional losses than others? If so, how?</li> <li>What can be done by Inuit hunters to limit hunting losses?</li> <li>Does the HTO support members selecting hunting methodology that leads to less loss?</li> <li>Are the HTOs actively working on developing new hunting methods (or enhancing current methods) with their members that help reduce losses? If so, can details be provided?</li> <li>Does the HTO have any specific advice or views to share on the use of nets for narwhal harvest?</li> <li>Does the HTO have any specific advice or views to share on the use of harpoons for narwhal harvest?</li> </ol>
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<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-5
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTOs)
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Based Monitoring
<b>Reference:</b>	Various references
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Communities and/or HTO's are likely involved in various environmental

	research and monitoring projects that may be relevant to the Mary River Project and/or take place within the Projects Regional Study Areas.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Each HTO is requested to please provide a list and description of all monitoring programs they are currently involved in that may relate to the Mary River Project. If any results of the programs are available Baffinland requests they be shared.

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-6
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Amaruq Hunters and Trappers Organizations
<b>Subject:</b>	Effects pathway
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 11.1.9 - Inuit Culture, Resources and Land Use
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Iqaluit is not a community considered to be impacted by the proposed SOP2 activities (sustained shipping and trucking through the Northern Transportation Corridor (Milne Inlet and Eclipse Sound) at rate of 1.8 Mtpa higher than the Early Revenue Phase approved rate of 4.2 Mtpa) from a resources and land use perspective.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Can Amaruq please indicate how they believe the sustained transportation rates under SOP2 may affect harvesters and/or harvesting activities by Amaruq members, including harvesting of the specific wildlife populations of the East Baffin Stock of narwhal, North Baffin Caribou herd.

### 3 Government of Nunavut (GN)

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-7
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Government of Canada and Government of Nunavut Department of Community and Government Services
<b>Subject:</b>	Planned Marine Construction
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Sections 6.11.2.4 - Other Projects and Activities
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Other projects and activities, including terrestrial and marine construction activities, may have effects that could interact cumulatively with the Mary River Project and may also affect marine or terrestrial monitoring results.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Please identify known construction projects planned for the next five years in the marine and terrestrial Regional Study Areas. This includes, but would not be limited to community dock construction projects.

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-8
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Government of Nunavut
<b>Subject:</b>	Caribou harvest numbers
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 8.1.6 – Caribou
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Caribou harvest numbers from GN would provide additional information on existing conditions of caribou in the Regional Study Area (RSA).
<b>Information Request:</b>	Please provide annual caribou harvest numbers for each community on Baffin Island since 2015.

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-9

<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Government of Nunavut
<b>Subject:</b>	Caribou collaring program
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 8.1.6
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Baffinland has a memorandum of understanding with the GN to access caribou collar and other survey data. These data are used to complement data collected during Baffinland's monitoring programs to provide information on the regional abundance of caribou.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Please provide an update on the GN caribou collaring and other programs, plans and intentions in the Regional Study Area in the short term (2024/2025) and long term (next 5 years)?

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-10
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Government of Nunavut
<b>Subject:</b>	Development Partnership Agreement
<b>Reference:</b>	Project Certificate 005, Amendment No. 005
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Project Certificate 005, Term and Condition 167 requires "the Proponent and the Government of Nunavut are strongly encouraged to, as soon as practical following the issuance of the Project Certificate, enter into discussions to negotiate a Development Partnership Agreement."
<b>Information Request:</b>	Can the GN confirm Baffinland's understanding that the Development Partnership Agreement Policy no longer exists? Assuming this is true, would GN support removing the reference to a Development Partnership Agreement from the Project Certificate as part of the SOP2 process, given this is an outdated reference?

## 4 Government of Canada (GOC)

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-11
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Government of Canada (in particular, NPMO and CIRNAC)
<b>Subject:</b>	Crown Consultation
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 3 – Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Inuit Engagement
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Baffinland wishes to confirm how the Government of Canada will rely on the NIRB process in its evaluation of satisfying Section 35 <i>Constitution Act</i> requirements before the Minister(s) make their final decision on SOP2.
<b>Information Request:</b>	<p>Please describe how the federal government plans to satisfy their obligations respecting Section 35 of the <i>Constitution Act</i> in making its final decision on SOP2 following issuance of the NIRB Recommendation Report.</p> <p>Please explain the role of the NIRB process in satisfying the Government of Canada's Section 35 obligations in relation to SOP2, including how the Minister(s) intend to rely on and use the information gathered in the NIRB process.</p>

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-12
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Government of Canada and Government of Nunavut Department of Community and Government Services
<b>Subject:</b>	Planned Marine Construction
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Sections 6.11.2.4 - Other Projects and Activities
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Other projects and activities, including terrestrial and marine construction activities, may have effects that could interact cumulatively with the Mary River

	Project and may also affect marine or terrestrial monitoring results.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Please identify known construction projects planned for the next five years in the marine and terrestrial Regional Study Areas. This includes, but would not be limited to community dock construction projects.

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-13
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Government of Canada
<b>Subject:</b>	Cumulative Effects
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Chapters 6 to 11 Government of Canada January 18, 2024 Letter to NIRB Re. Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework Workshop for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River Project: Federal Roles and Responsibilities Related to Cumulative Effects Assessment.
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	In the lead up to the Cumulative Effects Assessment Workshop held in February 2024 Parties were requested to provide several documents related to our treatment and consideration of cumulative effects. The Government of Canada specifically provided a summary of federal roles and responsibilities related to cumulative effects assessments. While this information is helpful, it does not go so far as to provide insight into how cumulative effects are specifically accounted for in the design, implementation, analysis and follow up related to any environmental management and monitoring programs they may be responsible for.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Baffinland wishes to confirm how Government of Canada Departments that engage in environmental management or monitoring consider cumulative effects in

	their program designs, implementation, analysis and follow up?
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## 4.1 Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-14
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
<b>Subject:</b>	Climate change research and projections
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 4.5 Overview of Climate Change in the High Arctic
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Climate change may impact Project activities and/or serve as a stressor resulting in cumulative effects on biophysical and socio-economic Valued Components.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Please provide an update on climate change research in the Canadian Arctic as well as projections on climate change effects for the region. Please include links or electronic copies of any relevant federal documents related to climate change in the Arctic that are not referenced in the SOP2 Addendum.

## 4.2 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-15
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
<b>Subject:</b>	Narwhal harvest numbers and raw data
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 11.1.9 – Inuit Culture, Resources and Land Use
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Baffinland has DFO Narwhal Harvesting Records (2001-2022) but has not received Narwhal Harvesting Records for 2023/2024. This information is relevant to

	understanding existing conditions in the Local Study Area and Regional Study Area and will help inform effects predictions of the Project on narwhal.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Please provide narwhal harvesting data for the 2023-2024 season for all communities on Baffin Island.

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-16
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and Parks Canada.
<b>Subject:</b>	Narwhal monitoring activities within the shipping Regional Study Area (RSA)
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Sections 10.1.5 and 10.1.6 Narwhal
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Baffinland conducts several narwhal monitoring programs in the North Baffin region to address terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 005. Monitoring programs conducted by others provides additional data to help inform an understanding of effects on narwhal in the area overall, whether related to the Project or not.
<b>Information Request:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can DFO provide details on narwhal monitoring activities carried out by DFO since 2008 and planned to be carried out in or adjacent to the marine RSA over the next five years?</li> <li>2. Can DFO provide its planned schedule for aerial population surveys of the North Baffin narwhal population for the period 2025-2032? Does DFO intend to carry out annual surveys?</li> </ol>

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-17

<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and Government of Nunavut (GN)
<b>Subject:</b>	Consideration of 'strike and loss' factor in narwhal quota calculations
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Sections 10.1.6 – Narwhal and 11.1.9 - Inuit culture, Resources and Land Use
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	DFO decides the allocated quotas for narwhal hunting per community and provides the tags to the local hunting and trapping organizations (HTOs) who distribute them to hunters while the GN manages the tag allocations within the communities through the Department of Environment. There have been reports of hunters needing to travel farther and search longer during their narwhal hunts. Data on the catch per unit effort and any potential changes to it over time have not been made available to Baffinland by the Government of Nunavut (GN) or the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).
<b>Information Request:</b>	Can DFO share the details of the most recent strike and loss' factor they applied when calculating annual narwhal quotas, and how they developed this factor? Is there a factor applied for catch per unit efforts in developing allocated quotas?

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-18
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
<b>Subject:</b>	Aerial Survey Frequency
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 10.3.3 - Adaptive Management (Marine Environment)
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Baffinland conducted annual aerial surveys between 2019 and 2023 for the purpose of estimating narwhal abundance in Eclipse Sound and Admiralty Inlet.

	<p>Going forward, Baffinland will carry out aerial surveys on a three-year basis (meaning Baffinland will carry out its next aerial survey in 2026). Baffinland's three year aerial survey cycle has a higher frequency than the aerial surveys for the purpose of overall stock management with associated mortalities DFO has undertaken in the past.</p> <p>Baffinland requests DFO provide additional insight into how DFO's own survey periods are developed. It is also possible for Baffinland and DFO to collaborate on the timing of their surveys to reduce the number of total surveys required and the associated resources.</p>
<b>Information Request:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does the timing of the DFO aerial survey cycle ensure an accurate understanding of overall populations of Narwhal as well as narwhal in Eclipse Sound?</li> <li>2. What circumstances would cause DFO to modify its planned aerial survey cycle?</li> <li>3. How do DFO aerial surveys incorporate cumulative effects?</li> <li>4. How did DFO take into account Inuit and community feedback relating to overall and Eclipse Sound narwhal populations in establishing its planned aerial survey cycle?</li> </ol>

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-19
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
<b>Subject:</b>	Re-initiation of narwhal tagging program

<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 10.3.3 - Adaptive Management (Marine Environment)
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	The Narwhal Tagging Program can provide information on narwhal behavioural responses to shipping along the Northern Shipping Route.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Does DFO intend on re-initiating a narwhal tagging program in the North Baffin region and if so, please provide details on the program and if not, why not.

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-20
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
<b>Subject:</b>	Collaborative Research
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 10.3.3 - Adaptive Management (Marine Environment)
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Baffinland has supported several monitoring initiatives led by DFO but it is unclear where they have collaborated with other Parties in relation to the Mary River Project, or the general study area where the Mary River Project activities take place.
<b>Information Request:</b>	Can DFO please list the programs or initiatives that DFO has undertaken with in-kind or financial support from Baffinland or other parties participating in the assessment such as Oceans North? Does DFO remain open to undertaking collaborative research with Baffinland?

### 4.3 Parks Canada

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-21
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Government of Canada (Parks Canada (PC)); Government of Nunavut; QIA

<b>Subject:</b>	Tallurutiup Imanga Management Plan
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum Section 16.1.1.5 – Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	<p>The Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area (TIMCA) is a proposed National Marine Conservation Area that overlaps the majority of the Mary River Project's marine RSA associated with the Northern Shipping Route. Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA), Government of Canada and Government of Nunavut (GN) are working on a draft Interim Management Plan for TIMCA. Baffinland looks forward to working with QIA, Canada and GN on advancing the draft Interim Management Plan once it is available for review and comment. Sharing details of how this area is to be managed can help inform aspects of the SOP2 assessment, including cumulative effects.</p>
<b>Information Request:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a current status update on the draft Interim Management Plan.</li> <li>2. Please provide specific details as to when the draft will be made available for comment by stakeholders (including Baffinland), and what the timeline will be for stakeholder review and comment?</li> <li>3. What will be the process and timeline for incorporating stakeholder feedback into the draft Interim Management Plan before it is finalized?</li> <li>4. If stakeholders have substantial feedback, will they have an opportunity to review a further draft before the Interim Management Plan is final?</li> </ol>

	5. Will the Interim Management Plan be finalized before the final regulatory steps are taken to establish TINMCA?
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## 4.4 ESPOO

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-22
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	GoC
<b>Subject:</b>	ESPOO
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum General
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	SOP2 does not propose any changes to the mine, mining activities or any project infrastructure/footprint, and is generally limited to the request to continue the increased 1.8 mtpa trucking and shipping rates along Northern Transportation Route above approved ERP rates that have been permitted under the Project Certificate since 2018. The Espoo Convention has not been triggered in relation to any of the previous PIP applications in 2018, 2020, 2022 or 2023 nor the ERP in 2013.
<b>Information Request:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Baffinland is requesting Canada provide any and all known examples/precedents whereby the Espoo Convention was triggered in relation to any other modifications of an approved of a similar size to the scope of SOP2.</li> <li>2. Has the Espoo Convention been triggered by any of its signatory countries for a project that is seeking only to sustain operations at previous established levels? If so can you please share examples?</li> <li>3. Has the Espoo Convention ever been triggered by any of its</li> </ol>

	<p>signatory countries as a result of project-related shipping activity in established shipping lanes? If so can you please share examples?</p> <p>4. Other than the Phase 2 Project Proposal, has Canada or Greenland ever invoked the Espoo Convention in relation to any other Canadian or Greenland project or government policy or programme? If so, please give details.</p> <p>5. Does the Government of Canada consider that the SOP2 NIRB reconsideration process falls within federal legislative jurisdiction exercised in respect of environmental assessment (noting the following reservation by Canada in the Espoo Convention – <i>“Inasmuch as under the Canadian constitutional system legislative jurisdiction in respect of environmental assessment is divided between the provinces and the federal government, the Government of Canada in ratifying this Convention, makes a reservation in respect of proposed activities (as defined in this Convention) that fall outside of federal legislative jurisdiction exercised in respect of environmental assessment”</i> and also taking into consideration Article 12.12.7 of the Nunavut Agreement, <i>“The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and any successor legislation replacing that Act, shall not apply within the geographic area to which this Article applies”</i>).</p>
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## 5 Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)

<b>IR Source:</b>	Baffinland
<b>IR Number:</b>	BIM-23
<b>IR Directed To:</b>	Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)
<b>Subject:</b>	QIA Legacy Fund Policy and Revenue Allocation Policy
<b>Reference:</b>	SOP2 FEIS Addendum, Chapter 11
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	The QIA made significant modifications to their Legacy Fund Policy and created the Revenue Allocation Policy in order to allow for and help address past concerns expressed by Inuit respecting the delivery of direct community benefits resulting from the revenues generated by QIA in relation to, among other revenue sources, the Mary River Project.
<b>Information Request:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the QIA provide a plain language summary of the overall policy change introduced in 2022?</li> <li>2. Can QIA share a copy of the updated policy to be placed on the SOP2 NIRB registry?</li> </ol>