

Public Registry - Project Proposals

NPC 150618: Inuinnait Heritage

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Proposal Status: Conformity Determination Issued

Overview Documents

Project Overview

Type of application: New

Proponent name: Max Friesen

Proponent company: University of Toronto

Project Description:

The Inuinnait Heritage Project is a long-term collaboration between the Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq / Kitikmeot Heritage Society (PI/KHS) of Cambridge Bay, with researchers from the University of Toronto, focused on heritage research in Nunavut. We have been working together since 1999, reconstructing history in the area through Traditional Knowledge with Elders from Cambridge Bay, and archaeology. Most years, our work requires two permits: a Nunavut Archaeology Permit and a Kitikmeot Inuit Association Land Use License Exemption. This application to the Nunavut Planning Commission is a new application because we have not previously applied to NPC. We are applying to NPC because we hope to work in Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary this coming summer of 2025, and the MBS permit application requires us to also gain approval from NPC. The application for MBS Permit was submitted on January 29, 2025, however we have not yet received a permit number. We propose to work in Ahiak MBS in 2025, and possibly again in 2026 or 2027. The primary objective of the proposed work in Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary is to record oral histories with several Inuinnait Elders who spent their younger years here. The information will be used for PI/KHS programming.

Project Schedule

Start Date: 2025-07-11

End Date: 2027-08-01

Project Map

List of project geometries:

Id	Geometry	Location Name
14248	polygon	Oral history recording area. Please note this is within Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary, but it would not allow me to click the Bird Sanctuary button.

NPC Planning regions:

No Approved Plan

Project Land Use and Authorizations

Project Land Use:

Scientific Research

Licensing Agencies:

Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Government of Nunavut - Department of Culture and Heritage

Government of Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service

Material Use

Equipment:

Type	Quantity	Type	Use
Bell 206L Helicopter	1	2 x 8 metres	Two Flights from Cambridge Bay to Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Fuel Use:

Type	Container	Capacity	Use
Aviation fuel	2	219	Will be used to refuel helicopter. Drums will be removed at the end of summer.

Hazardous Material and Chemical Use:

Type	Container	Capacity	Use
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Water Consumption:

Daily Amount (m2)	Retrieval Method	Retrieval Location
0	Cambridge Bay	Drinking water will be brought from Cambridge Bay.

Waste and Impacts

Environmental Impacts:

IMPACTS: The main type of potential environmental impact will be disturbance of birds from the helicopter flights. To reduce these impacts we will follow all Canadian Wildlife Service guidelines for flights, including avoiding areas with dense nesting sites and avoiding caribou. We will fly as little as possible while in Ahiak; the helicopter will be used to fly between interview locations, but will be shut down for most of the time. Also, our helicopter and pilot will be supplied by the Polar Continental Shelf Project; this helicopter will be the same one used for Canadian Wildlife Service goose banding at Ahiak, so the helicopter company and pilot will be aware of special procedures to be used in Ahiak. **WASTE:** Because these are daytrips, all garbage will be removed back to

Cambridge Bay daily. Helicopter fuel will be cached at the CWS Perry River camp landing strip, alongside the other helicopter fuel used in annual goose banding operations. Empty fuel drums will be removed at the end of the summer.

Waste Management:

Waste Type	Quantity Generated	Treatment Method	Disposal Method
Combustible wastes	2 kg.	N/A	This amount refers to waste from lunches. All waste will be returned to Cambridge Bay daily for disposal in town.