

**PCSP: below is part of email correspondence with Jakub Garbarczyk, manager of the Nunavut Territorial Parks Program (full contact information below). Given that our activity is described in full in the PCSP application, I am attaching just Jakub's answers (in red) to my specific questions (in black) below, for your information.**

Hi Mary,

Please see below for responses in red:

1) apart from a Nunavut Research License, what permit(s) should I apply for in order to seek approval to map rocks along the Itijjagial Trail? (...we mainly observe & photograph. If it is permitted to collect a few hand-size samples it would be helpful)

A Territorial Park Use Permit, and an associated Katannilik Territorial Park registration package with the firearms permit would be applicable (see attached two documents). You may want to contact the Nunavut Planning Commission to confirm if this is something that they would need an application for / to be involved in.

2) can we carry one shotgun with us along the trail for defense against threatening wildlife only. (we all possess PALS & re-certify annually in the safe handling and shooting of a firearm (Stittsville Range)

Yes - you are allowed to bring firearms into Territorial Parks. Please see attached Katannilik Territorial Park registration package and associated firearms permit

3) I know that you advocate bear spray. Are bear bangers also allowed in the park?

Yes - bear spray and bear bangers are another option. I've heard of some field researchers using a mix of progressively more lethal rounds such as two rounds of bear bangers (as warning shots), followed by two rounds of buckshot (as more lethal deterrents), followed by two slugs (as a last defence). Ultimately, the choice is your as we do not dictate the finer details re: gauge/ calibre, ammunition type, etc.

4) is it possible to (get permission) to land a helicopter for pickup on the NE half of the trail after day 5?

Yes - it would be appropriate to get this request reviewed by our co-management committee for the territorial park. We can add it to the agenda for their next meeting.

5) if so, could the helicopter make a 45 minute stop (shutdown) at two or three locations on the way back to Frobisher Bay (to look at rocks)?

If it's in the park, please identify the approximate coordinates as part of the park use permit application. If it is not in the park, it may be on Inuit Owned Land and you would have to consult with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association re: their approvals.

Hope this helps!

cc'ing Paula and Jordan for their info/heads up.

