

GN AR # 01 - Annual Report Completeness.

Comment	Response
Flight Altitudes, Frequency of flights and anticipated flight routes.	All are highly dependent on ensuring crew safety and mitigating impact to observed wildlife as outlined in our Corporate and Social Responsibility Action Plan. In a general sense daily flights utilized the most direct route from the camp to the selected work area with the exception of avoiding large bodies of water. Access to work areas was dependent on the <u>weather the morning of.</u>
Frequency and use of unmanned air vehicles	During the 2018 exploration program unmanned air vehicles were not utilized.
Site Photos	Additional site photos are included with this response.
2019 Work plan	As of the time of writing this response our technical team is still reviewing the data from the 2018 work program in order to plan a 2019 program. Once a proposed program is decided upon it will be provided to all stakeholders and presented <u>at community consultations in Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Baker Lake.</u>
Progressive reclamation	The camp site utilized for the 2018 exploration program was temporary in nature and thus was completely rehabilitated at the end of the exploration program. No materials relating to NCG's work in the area remain and all sites have been <u>fully reclaimed.</u>
Log of local residents occupying or transiting through the project area	During the 2018 exploration program no local residents were observed to be occupying or transiting through the project area. The project area is located in a rugged region of Nunavut where traveling by ground in the summer months is <u>exceptionally difficult.</u>
Description of animal activity noted in wildlife logs	A complete wildlife observations table is included with this response. Wildlife observers were positioned on a high point of land <u>after a reconnaissance flight of the days work area.</u>
Map of known sensitive wildlife sites in relation to work areas (notably Qamanirjuaq herd's core calving and post calving areas)	As indicated in the initial application, all activities were restricted to areas outside of the available core calving and post calving polygons. A map showing the 2018 work areas in relation to known sensitive wildlife sites is included with this response.
Summary of wildlife mitigation actions undertaken	NCG's wildlife mitigation measures are outlined in our Corporate and Social Responsibility Action Plan which was provided along with the initial application. At no point during the 2018 exploration campaign were these measures deviated from.
Analysis of wildlife mitigation actions undertaken	Standard wildlife mitigation measures as presented in our Corporate and Social Responsibility Action Plan were adhered to for the duration of the project. It is difficult to assess the effectiveness of these measures as they represent the baseline for our activities. At no time during the exploration program was it noted that any wildlife was impacted and <u>no changes in behaviour of the animals was noted.</u>
Knowledge of Inuit land use in the area and how activities were modified to mitigate impacts on Inuit land use	The area encompassed by the project area is an important traditional use area for Inuit. During the community consultations in April 2018 several residents noted which lakes they knew had cabins on and how these cabins were accessed. During the 2018 exploration program no signs of traditional use, recent or otherwise were noted within the work areas. NCG's Corporate and Social Responsibility Action Plan has specific steps to follow should an area believed to <u>be occupied recently or in the past be encountered in the field.</u>
Timeframe encompassed by wildlife observations table	The time period encompassed by the included wildlife observations log covers the window that field crews were deployed on the project area. The preceeding and following time periods where no wildlife observations were made consists of the time when the camp was being mobilized and demobilized respectively. No wildlife were observed by the <u>camp crew during these periods hence why no observations were included in the table.</u>

GN AR # 02 - Aircraft

Comment

Response

Types of aircraft utilized. Specifically the use of single Otter aircraft on project

During the community consultations noted in this comment it was stated that a Bell 212 helicopter was utilized during the 2017 field program to ferry crews in and out of the community of Baker Lake. As the 2017 field program was the first time NCG had explored the areally extensive GMB property there was no focii to justify the cost of setting up a camp.

During the community consultations in April 2018 two potential options were laid out:

- A) Operate similarly to 2017 with crews being ferried in and out of Baker Lake or Rankin inlet on a daily basis.
- B) Establishment of a temporary camp within the project area to reduce the overall flight required on a daily basis and to have a localized impact as opposed to the larger impact of long daily ferry flights.

Ultimately a class A federal Land Use Permit (N2018C0016) was obtained and the decision was made to establish a camp central to the 2018 work areas to reduce impacts caused by long ferry flights. This decision allowed NCG to utilize a smaller helicopter Astar B3 for setting out field crews on a daily basis. This decision also required the use of a single otter aircraft (DHC-3) to mobilize / demobilize the camp as well as to resupply the camp.