

The Hamlet would like to know how it is that given that “GN, Advisian and Tower Arctic are required by the *Fisheries Act* to notify the Department in the event of any non-compliance”, that the events recorded in the 2020 Season Annual Report produced by Advisian appear to have been unknown to DFO. Given these events, clearly documented in the report, it would appear that the parties involved

were in violation of the *Fisheries Act*. This being the case, what further action has been taken by the DFO in this case?

Our concern is with regard to the role of the *Fisheries Act* in protecting the interests of Mittimatalingmiut – both hunters and residents of the Hamlet - as the *Act* has a serious role to play with regard to protecting the food security interests of the Hamlet. If enforcement – in fact notification – was not undertaken in this case, we have concerns about what might be the case should further or future violations of the *Act* go unreported and unaddressed in relation to the activities of Baffinland Iron Ore Mines or any other entity operating in the waters of Eclipse Sound and Milne Inlet.

The Hamlet appreciates that Parks Canada does not have any enforcement responsibilities in this regard. However, its interests and those of QIA and the Hamlet of Pond Inlet - with regard to the Tallrurtiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area (TINMCA), are also affected by anything related to the *Fisheries Act* and its application to activities in the region.

The Hamlet of Pond Inlet, given its concern and responsibility with respect to the food security of Mittimatalingmiut – something that is tied to the health of fish resources and marine mammals in Eclipse Sound, Milne Inlet and the surrounding region - has requested a seat on the Marine Environmental Working Group. We are asking both Fisheries and Oceans and Parks Canada to support the request in communication with both Baffinland and the Nunavut Impact Review Board. This request was made some time ago. We have, to date, received had no confirmation that a position on the Working Group has been given to the Hamlet.

We look forward to an ongoing and constructive working relationship with both Parks Canada and Fisheries and Oceans. In response to Parks Canada, the Hamlet looks forward to meeting to determine TINMCA research and monitoring priorities and needs.

Sincerely



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