

**Subject: Request for support to travel to Ikkattuaq (Harry Gibbons) and Qaqsauqtuuq (East Bay) MBSs in summer 2022.**

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Offices of the Aiviit HTO

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To the Aiviit HTO,

Subject: Request for support to travel to Ikkattuaq (Harry Gibbons) and Qaqsauqtuuq (East Bay) MBSs in summer 2022.

Know History has been hired by Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) to conduct cultural resources inventories of seven Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBSs) and National Wildlife Areas (NWAs) in Nunavut, including Ikkattuaq (Harry Gibbons) and Qaqsauqtuuq (East Bay) MBSs.

The goal of this project is to collect information about cultural resources and areas of importance to Inuit within these MBSs. The inventories will be made available through a digital platform housed in each of the associated communities. All data collected and developed during this project will be owned by NTI and be catalogued in a secure, password-protected database. Information from the inventories will support the development of Management Plans for the MBSs and the production of interpretive materials for each community. This will help support tourism and education for the MBSs.

In May and June 2021, Know History hired Mary Eetuk and Bobbie Saviakjuk as community liaisons in Coral Harbour. They introduced the project to the community and interviewed individuals about their knowledge of the MBSs. They also worked with a videographer to record the interviews and capture footage of the community and Qaqsauqtuuq (East Bay) MBS.

As a follow-up to this work, we are planning to send a small team to Coral Harbour in the summer of 2022. The team would conduct interviews and digitize local collections, and visit the MBSs with local Elders. Our team would be supported by local guides and follow all local travel regulations related to COVID-19. We are seeking support from the HTO for our fieldwork permit application. If the HTO is in support of the fieldwork, please fill out the section below and return this letter to us.

***The Aiviit HTO is in support of Know History's request for support to travel to Ikkattuaq (Harry Gibbons) and Qaqsauqtuuq (East Bay) MBSs in summer 2022***

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Name of Aiviit HTO Official***

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date***

We are hoping to receive confirmation of your support in January 2022. We would be happy to meet to discuss this further or address any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



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