



# **AGNICO EAGLE**

## WHALE COVE AREA EXPLORATION PROJECTS

### **2021 Annual Report**

Screening Decision  
17EA068

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**Annual Report**

2) The Proponent shall submit a comprehensive annual report to the Nunavut Impact Review Board by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year of permitted activities beginning March 31, 2019. The annual report must contain at least the following information:

a) A summary of activities undertaken for the year, including:

- i) a map showing the approximate location of drill sites;
  - *No holes were drilled in 2021 in the area covered by this screening decision.*
- ii) a map showing the location of the fuel cache;
  - *There is a small volume of fuel stored at the Huckleberry camp site in 205-litre drums stored in secondary containment which is planned to be backhauled in 2022.*

iii) a description of local hires, contracting opportunities and initiatives;

- *No exploration activities were conducted in 2021 in the area covered by this screening decision.*

iv) flight altitudes, frequency of flights and anticipated flight routes;

- *For long-range transportation flights, we ask all pilots to follow a practice that sees the aircraft fly at a minimum of 610 m above ground level. Exceptions may exist during takeoff and landing, low-level ceiling conditions, high winds, or other risks to flight safety.*

v) site photos;

- *Exploration camp installed on the Huckleberry property to support the exploration activities in the area;*



b) A work plan for the following year, including description of any planned progressive reclamation work;

- *No exploration activities are planned in the area covered by this decision in 2022.*

c) A summary of community consultations undertaken throughout the year, providing copy of materials presented to community members, a description of issues and concerns raised, discussions with community members and advice offered to the company as well as any follow-up actions that were required or taken to resolve any concerns expressed about the project proposal;

- *April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meetings with Whale Cove Mayor, SAO and KWV chair were conducted to discuss the situation of exploration activities in the Whale Cove area.*
- *April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting with Rankin Inlet KHTO to discuss the situation of exploration activities in the Whale Cove area.*
- *April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting with Arviat Mayor and SAO to discuss the situation of exploration activities in the Whale Cove area.*

d) A log of instances in which community residents occupy or transit through the project area for the purpose of traditional land use or harvesting. This log should include the location and number of people encountered, activity being undertaken (e.g. berry picking, fishing, hunting, camping, etc.), date and time; and any mitigation measures or adaptive management undertaken to prevent disturbance;

- *No exploration activities were conducted in the area covered by this decision.*

e) A record of wildlife observations, including observed locations (i.e., latitude and longitude), species, number of animals, a description of the animal activity, and a description of the gender and age of animals if possible. A map of known sensitive wildlife sites such as denning sites, caribou crossing sites, and raptor nests in the area should accompany the report.

- *No exploration activities were conducted in the area covered by this decision.*

f) A summary of any wildlife mitigation actions undertaken, including the number of cease-work orders requires as a result of proximity to caribou and any other wildlife;

- *No exploration activities were conducted in the area covered by this decision.*

g) An analysis of the effectiveness of mitigation measures for wildlife, and identification of adaptive mitigation that will be implemented if mitigation measures were unsuccessful;

- *No exploration activities were conducted in the area covered by this decision.*

h) Summary of any heritage sites encountered during the exploration activities, any follow-up action or reporting required as a result and how project activities were modified to mitigate impacts on the heritage sites;

- *Archaeology investigations were conducted in 2017 and 2018 in the area covered by this screening decision in anticipation of the exploration activities. Archaeological sites found during the field investigations were described in the reports submitted to the Government of Nunavut by the archaeologists, and protection buffers were respected during exploration activities.*

i) Summary of its knowledge of Inuit land use in/near the project area and explain how project activities were modified to mitigate impacts on Inuit land use; and

- *We understand how important location and land names are in traditional Inuit culture and the importance Inuit place on protecting and preserving their heritage and identity. In 2018, after consulting with the Hunters & Trappers organization, it was recommended that we contact the Inuit Heritage Trust (IHT) concerning its **Place Names Program** – a program that has been documenting oral traditional place names in Nunavut and ensuring that these names are used to identify archaeological sites, for mineral maps and in community consultations. We are working with the IHT to help validate these place names and, where possible, we use them in reference to our various locations and projects.*

k) A summary of how the Proponent has complied with conditions contained within this Screening Decision, and all conditions as required by other authorizations associated with the project proposal.

- *No exploration activities were conducted in the area covered by this decision*