



## **NIRB Uuktuutinga Ihivriughikhamut #125786**

### **Arctic coastal and drifting ice processes and dynamics (project amendment)**

**Uuktuutinga Qanurittuq:** New

**Havaap Qanurittunia:** Scientific Research

**Uuktuutinga Ublua:** 4/2/2023 11:51:25 AM

**Period of operation:** from 0001-01-01 to 0001-01-01

**Piumayaat Angirutinga:** from 0001-01-01 to 0001-01-01

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# Hulilukaarutit

Inigiya	Hulilukaarut Qanurittuq	Nunangga Qanurittaakhaanik	Initurlinga qanuritpa	Initurlinga utuqqarnitat unaluuniit Ingilraaqnitat Uyarannuqtut akhuurninnga	Qanitqiyauyuq qanitqiamut nunallaat kitulluuniit ahiruqtaiiyainnit nuna
Ellesmere ice shelf, ice tongue, glacier, and fjord research area	Researching	Crown	Site of our ongoing research into fjord dynamics and ice shelf stability. We wish to amend our project to allow sediment coring/sampling in the fjord and sampling benthic organisms.	N/A	600 km to Grise Fiord, within the Tuvaijuittuq Marine Protected Area

## Nunaliin Ilauyun, Aviktuqhimayuniitunullu Ikayuuhiarunguyun

Nunauyuq	Atia	Timiuyuq	Upluani Uqaqatigiyaungmata
Ausuittuq	Joseph Shoapik	(Team member July 2022 Ellesmere Island)	2022-07-01
Ausuittuq	Laisa Audlaluk-Watsko (met with team member Anna Crawford)	Nauttiqsuqtiit Guardians	2022-10-31
Ausuittuq	Susie Qaunaq	Iviq HTA	2023-04-21
Ausuittuq	Marty Kuluguqtuq	Hamlet	2023-04-21
Qausuittuq	Nancy Amaruilk	HTA	2023-04-21
Qausuittuq	SAO	Hamlet	2023-04-21
Ausuittuq	Community meeting (~25 people attended) where we mentioned our interest in sampling and found there was support to continue to study this environment	Hamlet	2019-06-26
Qausuittuq	Community meeting (~8 people attended) where we mentioned our interest in doing this sampling and found there was support to continue our work	At South Camp Inn	2019-06-30

# Angiuttauvaktunik

Naunaiqlugu nunanga talvani havauhikhaq ittuq:

Transboundary  
North Baffin  
South Baffin

## Angiuttauvaktunik

Munariniqmut Ayuittiaqtuq	Angirutinga Qanurittuq	Tadja Qanurittaakhaanik	Ublua Tuniyauyuq/Uuktuqtuq	Umikvikhaa Ublua
Nunavut Imaligiyyit Katimayit	I apply annually for a permit to use water without a licence for camping on Ellesmere Island	Applied, Decision Pending		
Nunavunmi Ihivriunniqmut Timiqutigiyanga	I have a multiyear permit (renewed for this year for activities that are part of our original NIRB screenings)	Active	2023-04-11	2023-12-31

## Project transportation types

Transportation Type	Qanuq Atuqtauniarmangaa	Length of Use
Air	Some sites will be accessed by Twin Otter or by helicopter	
Water		
Land	Some sites can be accessed on foot, crossing land or glaciers	

## Project accomodation types

Temporary Camp

# Ihuaqutivaluin Atuqtauyukhan

Hanalrutit atuqtaunahuat (ukuallu ikuutat, pampiutainnik, tingmitinik, akhaluutinik, hunaluuniit)

Hanalrutit Qanurittuq	Qaffiuyut	Aktikkulaanga – Qanurittullu	Qanuq Atuqtauniarmangaa
Ice auger	1-3	2 to 8 diameter	drilling holes in ice
Ice corer	1	5	taking short ice cores
ice-penetrating radar	3	50 cm x 50 cm	Measures ice thickness
Tracking beacons	2-5 per year	40 cm x 40 cm	Tracking the position of drifting ice
Ablation stakes	2-5 per year	3 m x 3 cm	Stakes positioned in the ice to measure melt
Uninhabited aerial vehicle (UAV)	1-2	50 cm diam	Mapping of ice features via stereo photography
Remotely operated vehicle (ROV)	1	60 cm x 80 cm	Mapping and measuring water properties under ice
Hole melter	1	1.5 x 1 x 1 m	Melting access holes through ice for instruments
Current meter/profiler	1-3	50 cm x 30 cm	Measure water currents
Temperature data loggers	10-20	1 x 10 cm	Measure temperature in water and ice
Conductivity-Temperature-Depth (CTD) datalogger/profiler	2-4	40 cm x 5 cm	Measure water properties
Helicopter	1	15 m x 5 m x 3 m	Transport
Twin Otter	1	20 x 20 x 10 m	Transport
Snowmobile	0-2	1 x 2 m x 80 cm	Transport (at times)
Icebreaker/ship	1	100 m	Transport to field site
Generator	1-2	30 x 50 x 20 cm	Power generation
Kemmerer Bottle	1-2	50 cm x 10 cm	Water sampling
Small boats/launches	1	10 m	Accessing ice islands or icebergs and surveying
Seismometer	4-6	20 x 20 x 20 cm	Record ice movement
Sediment corer	1	2 m x 0.5 m x 0.5 m	To core sediment at the bottom of the fiord (ocean floor)
Sediment traps	5	40 x 10 cm	Collects falling sediment in the ocean (attached to a mooring line)
Automatic weather stations	6-8	2-3 m tall	Measure temperature, wind, solar radiation, ice melt/snow fall
SmartBUOY	2	3 m long	Measures sea ice temperature and thickness (installed by SmartICE)
SmartQamutik	1	2 m	Measures sea ice thickness (surveys by SmartICE) when towed behind a skidoo
Timelapse cameras	6-10	1 m x 2 m	Cameras on a tripod that take images on a regular interval in Milne Fiord and Admiralty Inlet. Some will be mounted on weather stations.

GNSS receivers	8-10	1 m x 50 cm x 50 cm	Global Navigational Satellite System receivers (base stations on land and rovers on ice). Accurate positioning and ice motion measurements (both Milne Fiord and Admiralty Inlet)
Tide gauges	4-6	3 x 3 cm	A small pressure recorder that lies in shallow water near the shore to monitor tides

### Qanurittuq Urhuqyuaq unalu Qayangnaqtut Hunavaluit Aturninnga

Qanurittuq urhuqyuaq hunavaluit aturninnga:	Urhuqyuaq Qanurittuq	Qaffiuyut qattaryut	Qattaryuk Aktikkulaanga	Atauttimut Qaffiuyut	Ilanga	Qanuq Atuqtauniarmangaa
Propane	fuel	3	20	60	Liters	Cooking/heating
Gasoline	fuel	3	25	75	Liters	Generator/snowmobiles
hazardous	hazardous	10	0.25	2.5	Liters	Powering UAVs, tracking beacons and some other instruments
Formalin (5%)	hazardous	1	1	1	Liters	Mixed with hypersaline water. 100 mL used as a preservative at the bottom of sediment traps to prevent organic matter from decaying. (5 sediment traps)
Aviation fuel	fuel	18	200	3600	Liters	Helicopter cache (Ellesmere Is)
Lithium batteries	hazardous	15	1	15	Kg	Powering equipment, tracking beacons and instruments
Diesel	fuel	1	200	200	Liters	Ice melting/power generation

### Imaqmik Aturninnga

Ubluq qanuraaluk (m3)	Aturumayain imavaluin utiqittagaani qanuq	Atulirumayain imavaluin utiqittagani humi
0	Scooping	Streams, ponds and lakes on land (Ellesmere Is), glaciers or floating ice

# Iqqakuq

## Ikkakunik Munakgiyauyunik

Havauhikhaq Huilukaarut	Qanurittuq Iqqakut	Ihumagiyauyuq Qanuraaluktut Atuqtait	Qanuq Iqqakuurniarmangaa	Halummaqtirarnirutikhan piyutin
Researching	Ikulalaaqtun iqqakuuvaluin	1 kg per day	removal from site	incineration in nearest community
Camp	Qirnarivyaktuq imaq	up to 25 L per day	pour in sump away from lakes and streams; dispose of on ice so that it drains into the ocean	N/A
Researching	Ikulalimanngittun iqqakuuvaluin	1 kg per day	removal from site	disposal in nearest community
Camp	Anaagun (inuin anaaguin)	4 kg per day	removal from site	disposal or incineration in nearest community

### Avatiliriniqmut Ayurhautingit:

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# **Additional Information**

**SECTION A1: Project Info**

**SECTION A2: Allweather Road**

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**SECTION B1: Project Info**

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**SECTION B8: Stockpiles**

**SECTION B9: Mine Development**

**SECTION B10: Geology**

**SECTION B11: Mine**

**SECTION B12: Mill**

**SECTION C1: Pits**

**SECTION D1: Facility**

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**SECTION D3: Facility Operation**

**SECTION D4: Vessel Use**

**SECTION E1: Offshore Survey**

**SECTION E2: Nearshore Survey**

**SECTION E3: Vessel Use**

## **SECTION F1: Site Cleanup**

## **SECTION G1: Well Authorization**

## **SECTION G2: Onland Exploration**

## **SECTION G3: Offshore Exploration**

## **SECTION G4: Rig**

## **SECTION H1: Vessel Use**

## **SECTION H2: Disposal At Sea**

## **SECTION I1: Municipal Development**

### **Qanurittuq Ittunik Avatinga: Avatingalluanga**

Milne Fiord is 35 km long, 5 to 10 km wide and has a maximum depth of just over 440 m. At the mouth of the fjord there is a large ice shelf. This very thick (up to 90 m, 50 m on average) landfast ice occupies much of the northern portion of the fjord and is about 120 km<sup>2</sup> in area. It was nearly 200 km<sup>2</sup> until a major break-up event in 2020. Within the fjord, behind the ice shelf, the ice is only 1-2 m thick and floats on a relatively fresh layer of water. This freshwater layer used to be considered an 'epishelf' lake but after 2020 it thinned considerably. A glacier flows into the fjord from the south and this ends in a floating ice tongue which is about 15 km long. The coastal area is within the Tuvaijuittuq Marine Protected Area (MPA). The fjords and the ice shelves of northern Ellesmere Island are considered to be ecologically significant components of the MPA.

### **Qanurittuq Ittunik Avatinga: Inuuhimayunut Avatinga**

The northern coast of Ellesmere Island has very little wildlife. From time to time we see wolf, fox, hare, ptarmigan and ivory gull. We have only seen a seal once. The fjord waters provide habitats for plankton (both marine and freshwater). In 2017 we discovered an interesting habitat within the ice shelf under a thin section of the ice. A horizontal bench of ice with sediment on its surface was covered with scallops, worms, soft corals, brittle stars and sea anemones. We are not sure that this benthic (sea bottom) ecosystem exists anymore since our study site broke away in 2020.

### **Qanurittuq Ittunik Avatinga: Inungit-maniliurutingit Avatinga**

Our study site is far from Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay and is seldom visited. Some adventure tourists do visit nearby Quttinirpaaq Park (only a few a year). We have brought people from Grise Fiord and Resolute to Milne Fiord in the past and plan on doing so in the future.

## **Miscellaneous Project Information**

### **Naunaiyainiq ukuninnga Ayurhautingit unalu Piumayaat Ikkliyuumiutinahuarutit**

Our activities take place within the Tuvaijuittuq Marine Protected Area, but we will mitigate our impacts (NM). 1) Sediment coring. [See conformity in NPC 149813]. Sediment coring at the bottom of the fjord (NM) will remove a small quantity of sediment and disturb the sediment in where we are coring. We propose to take 2-5 cores of sediment per year from the bottom of Milne Fiord over the next few years. This involves lowering a tube through the water, into the mud at the bottom of the fjord and pulling it up. This will disturb the sediment and will temporarily cloud the water. It will affect an area of about 15 x 15 cm per core. Mitigation: We will be as careful as possible to recover good cores so we don't need to needlessly repeat the coring. We will also keep our coring activities to the minimum required to do our work. 2) Sediment traps. We seek permission to put a small amount of preservative at the bottom of sediment traps that we will keep on our oceanographic moorings to prevent organic matter from rotting. These collect sediment and algae that fall through the water column and the preservative will ensure that it remains until we can retrieve it in the

following summer. The preservative is toxic in high concentrations (NM). Mitigation: We will mix the small amount of preservative we need with very salty water and place this in the sediment trap before lowering it into the water. The dense salty water will keep it at the bottom of the trap so it does not go into the environment. 3) Sampling benthic organisms. I am requesting permission to sample benthic organisms with the gripper arm of our Remotely Operated Vehicle including a total of  $\leq 40$  adult scallops,  $\leq 10$  adult brittle stars,  $\leq 10$  adult anemones,  $\leq 10$  adult worms,  $\leq 10$  adult sponges,  $\leq 10$  adult sea cucumbers,  $\leq 10$  adult soft coral,  $\leq 10$  adult hydrozoa,  $\leq 20$  worms tubes over the next few years. To our knowledge none of these species are endangered although their habitat on ice is unusual. Mitigation: We will only sample organisms if they are abundant (we will sample only less than 5% of the population and take photos of the rest). We will be careful not to disturb other organisms when we are doing this sampling. 4) Employment. We plan to hire field team members from Grise Fiord and this has a positive economic benefit, plus we get to work with great people!

### **Tamatkiumayunik Ihuikgutivaktunik**

Given our small footprint at the site and the mitigation efforts detailed above, there should be no significant cumulative effects.

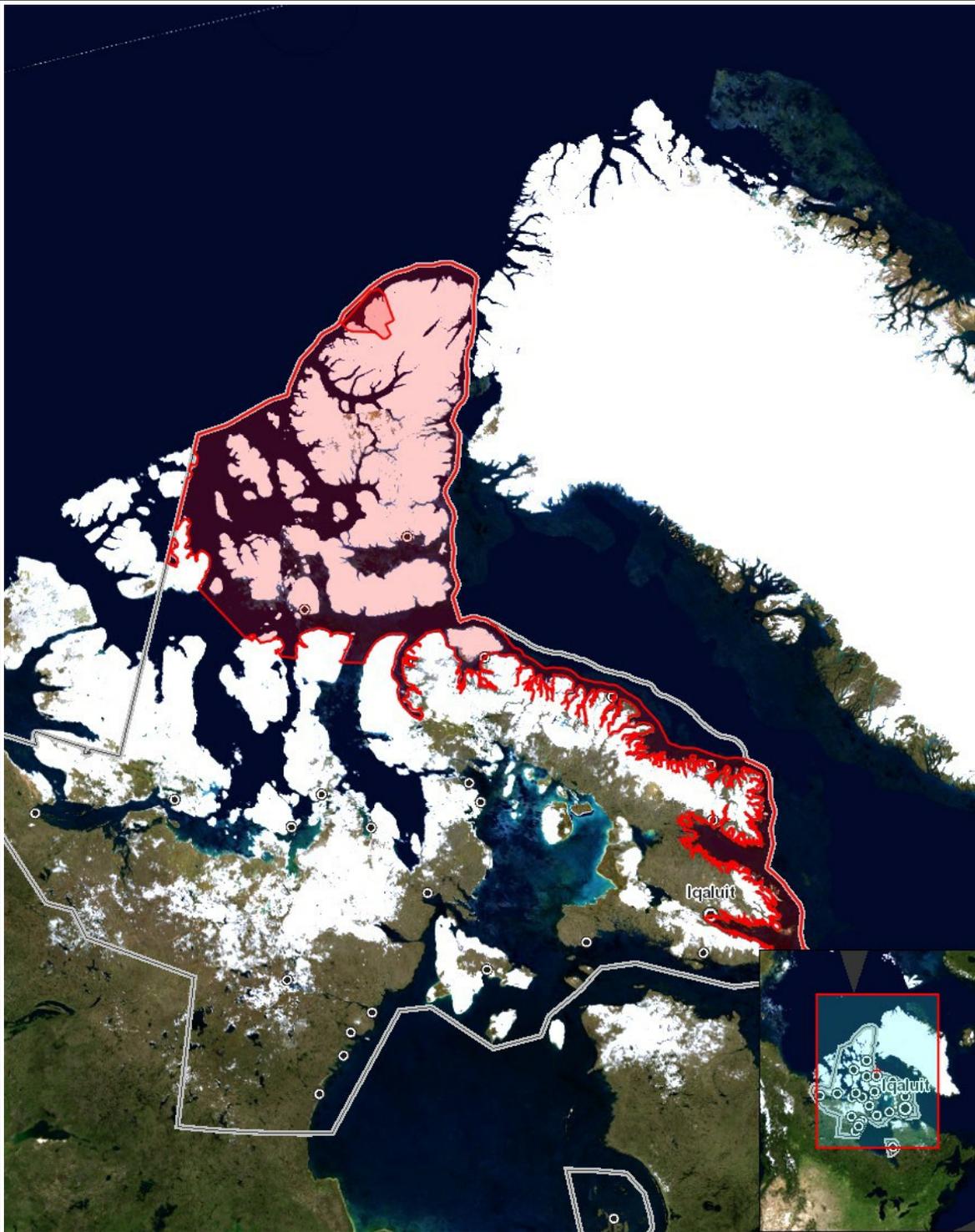
# Impacts

## Ilitariyauniq Avatiliriniqmut Ayurhautingit

	PHYSICAL	Designated environmental areas	Ground stability	Permafrost	Hydrology / Limnology	Water quality	Climate conditions	Eskers and other unique or fragile landscapes	Surface and bedrock geology	Sediment and soil quality	Tidal processes and bathymetry	Air quality	Noise levels	BIOLOGICAL	Vegetation	Wildlife, including habitat and migration patterns	Birds, including habitat and migration patterns	Aquatic species, incl. habitat and migration/spawning	Wildlife protected areas	SOCIO-ECONOMIC	Archaeological and cultural historic sites	Employment	Community wellness	Community infrastructure	Human health
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List of Project Geometries

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|---|---------|--|
| 1 | polygon | Ice island, iceberg and landfast ice research area [offshore areas only] |
| 2 | polygon | Ellesmere ice shelf, ice tongue, glacier, and fjord research area        |