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Cumulative Effects Framework Workshop for the Mary River Project

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Introduction of Participants

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Responsible Ministers decision October 17, 2023

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Directed that:

“the Board host a multi-party workshop in order to establish the components and set the parameters of a comprehensive cumulative effects assessment of the Mary River Project... This cumulative effects assessment framework will set an agreed-upon scope and methodology for an assessment which, once completed will be used to update mitigation and monitoring plans with consideration of any Project Certificate related amendments that may be required.”

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Summary of activities to date

- From the Minister's direction, NIRB asked for parties' input at the Project Certificate Workshop November 3, 2023
- Parties suggested:
 - in-person workshop in Iqaluit,
 - supportive summaries of assessments and information
- Parties also provided feedback on the agenda for this in-person workshop

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Summary of next steps:

- In-person workshop to be completed over next 2 days
- To reflect the issues raised by parties and the discussions and outcomes of the workshop, a summary report, including additional guidance in relation to a CEA Framework will be issued by the NIRB
- The Board expects the additional guidance to be incorporated by parties into future monitoring and assessments associated with the Mary River Project

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Agenda

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Day 1

NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Introduction of Participants
 - Overview of Workshop Objectives
 - Review of Agenda
 - Housekeeping

resentations from NIRB, Proponent, and Parties

Day 2

- Question/Response and Roundtable Discussion
 - Summaries from Proponent
 - Review of outstanding issues
 - Next Steps and Review of timelines
 - Closing Remarks



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Cumulative Effects Assessment Workshop for the Mary River Project

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Iqaluit, NU

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Previous Cumulative Effects Guidance

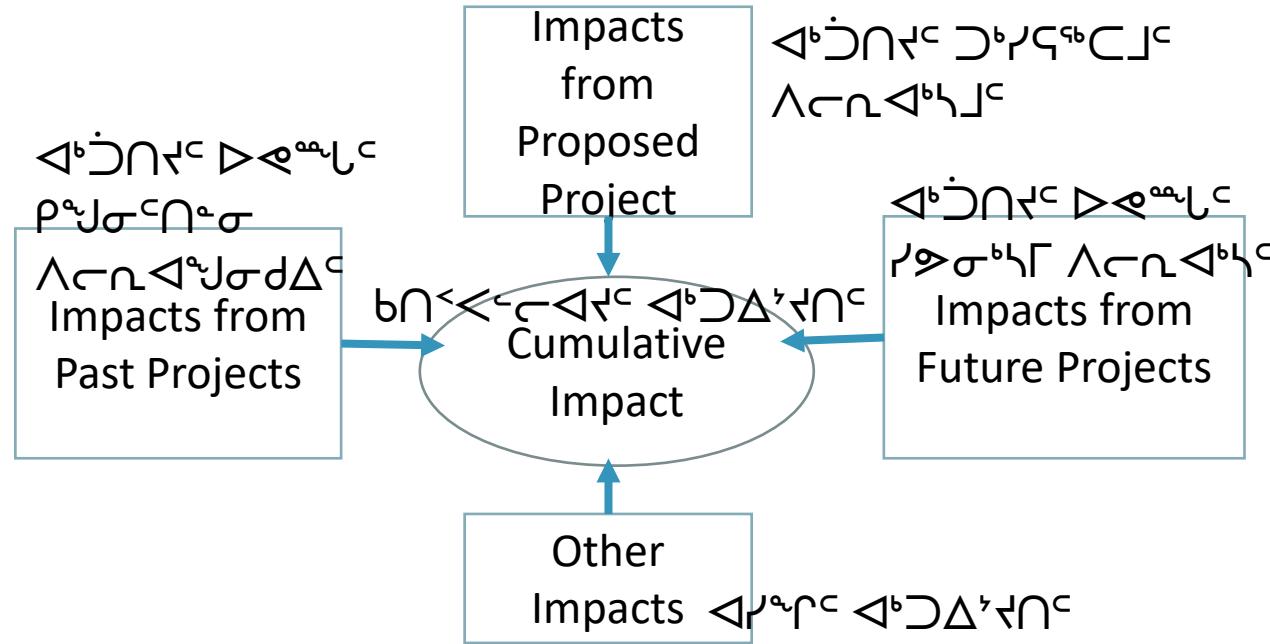


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Original Mary River Project – Impact Statement Guidelines for cumulative effects

Cumulative Effects are defined as...

- The impact on the environment that results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions (Tilleman, 2005).
 - Cumulative impacts can also result from the collection of individually minor impacts that can collectively account for a significant impact.



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In the past, the Board identified the following items the Proponent should take into consideration in their assessment of Cumulative Effects

- A larger Spatial Boundary, such as the regional study area, to assess impacts of activities that may cross jurisdictional boundaries;
 - A longer temporal scale to consider past, present and future projects;
 - Analysis of alternative development scenarios and potential cumulative effects of each;
 - Consideration of Valued Ecosystemic Components and Valued Socioeconomic Components; and
 - Identifying and predicting the likelihood and significance of potential cumulative effects including direct, indirect and residual effects





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Identified Objectives and Methodologies



- The Proponent's assessment should emphasize the cumulative effects on the main VECs/VSECs;
 - Present a justification for the spatial and temporal boundaries for the cumulative effects assessment;
 - Discuss and justify the choice of projects, components and selected activities for the cumulative effects assessment;
 - Discuss the mitigation measures that are technically and economically feasible, along with significance of the cumulative effects; and
 - The Proponent shall make best efforts to identify other responsible parties to mitigate the impact collectively if impacts are identified beyond their capacity.

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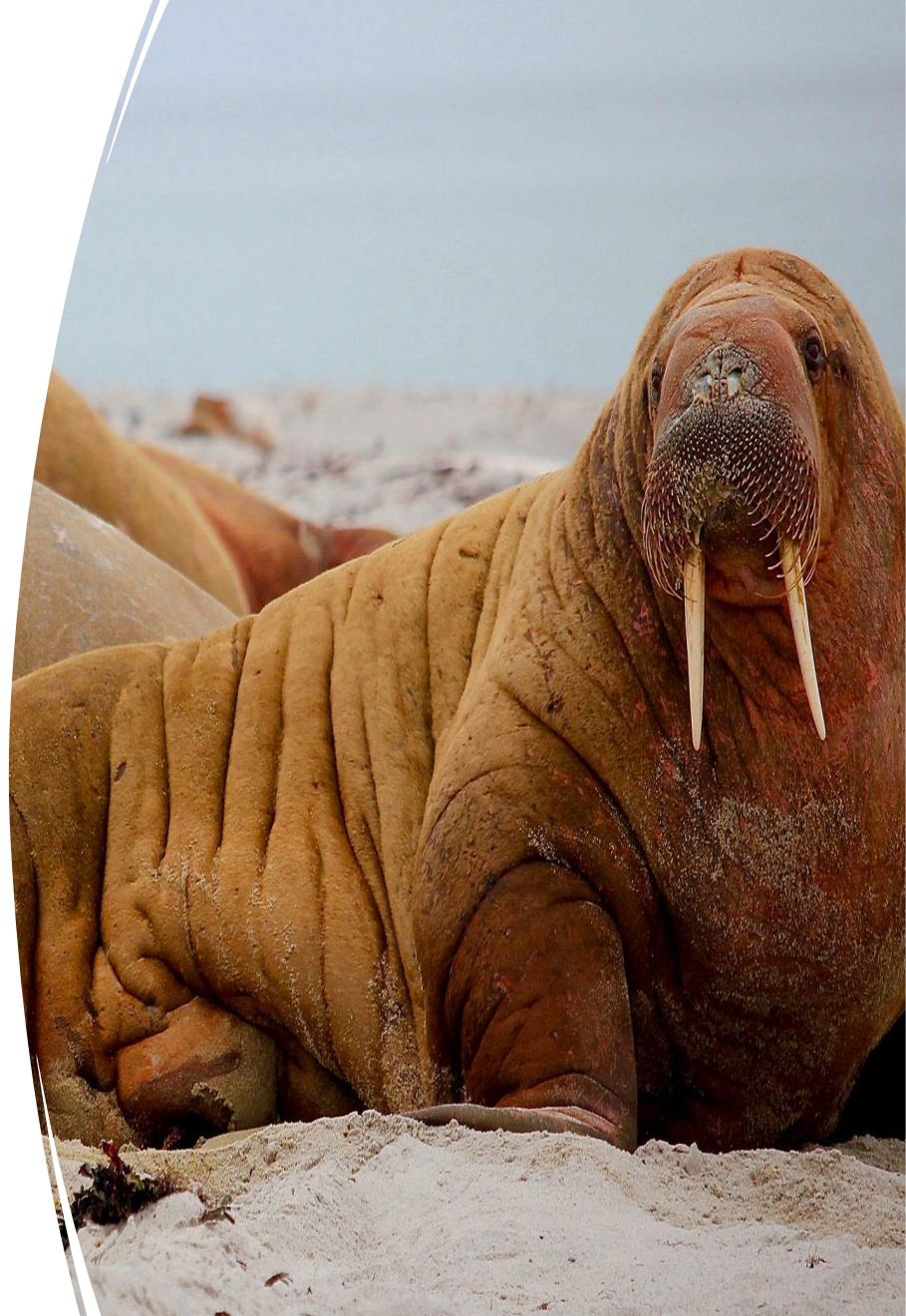
Cumulative Effects
Assessment - Guidance
and Consideration
during assessments



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Original Mary River Project Hearing Report

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- Ultimately, the Board proposed recommended Terms and Conditions to address uncertainty or concern related to cumulative effects.
- The Board also employed a more stringent formulation of the precautionary approach, proposing more baseline monitoring and calling for ongoing adaptive management planning.





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Early Revenue Phase Hearing Report

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Phase 2 Development Hearing Report



- Intervenors identified concerns regarding the adequacy of the Proponent's cumulative effects assessment; particularly highlighting deficiencies with respect to the analysis of cumulative effects on caribou and the marine environment;
 - Intervenors questioned whether Baffinland's analysis adequately captured the potential disruption of caribou migration when both the North Railway and South Railway operations were combined;
 - Baffinland's cumulative effects assessment measured caribou response to rail, road, mining, helicopter overflights, and communities; this analysis was done by grouping general sensory disturbances together rather than a separate analysis for each;
 - Parties stated the study areas for the effects on marine mammals should be larger due to the migratory nature of animals such as narwhal; noting the smaller areas used by Baffinland would not be sufficient to capture effects.

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Phase 2 Development Hearing Report



- The Qikiqtani Inuit Association and Oceans North expressed dissatisfaction with Baffinland's cumulative effects assessment, with Qikiqtani Inuit Association identifying a lack of data regarding climate change;
 - The Board notes that while a cumulative effects assessment must be comprehensive, the Board does not require every possible impact to be identified;
 - The Board notes that effective prediction of cumulative effects requires an understanding of the effects using monitoring data, combined with local knowledge;
 - However, parties do not agree on what existing data and Inuit knowledge is telling us about the effects of the existing Mary River Project.

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Phase 2 Development Hearing Report



- There was also disagreement about the method of collection and the role and responsibilities for evaluating and responding to monitoring data and incorporation of Inuit knowledge.
 - The Board noted that without agreement on the existing information and impacts, the validity of predictions of cumulative effects remain uncertain and cannot be relied upon.
 - The Board was not confident that the predictions provided by Baffinland were sufficient to reliably assess the cumulative effects of the Phase 2 Development Proposal in combination with the approved Mary River Project.



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The Board recognizes the concerns of parties, and echoes the direction on this issue provided to the Proponent by the Minister of Northern Affairs, on behalf of the Responsible Ministers in their April 20, 2023 correspondence:

- Further, the responsible ministers note that we are supportive of the Parties' calls for an updated, comprehensive cumulative effects assessment, which, while not appropriate for the current scope of the Sustaining Operations Proposal, we would expect would be addressed as part of any future Baffinland application or as a stand alone Baffinland assessment.

The Board noted that any future applications must provide information regarding Baffinland's longer-term development plans for the Mary River Project.



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Closing Remarks

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Closing remarks from parties

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