



NIRB Uktuutinga Ihivriuqhikhamut #125895

Biogeochemical characterization of saline and glacial systems on Axel Heiberg Island

Uktuutinga Qanurittuq: New

Havaap Qanurittunia: Scientific Research

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Period of operation: from 2024-03-27 to 2024-06-01

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QANURITTUT

Tukihiannaqtunik havaariyauyumayumik uqauhiuyun

Qablunaatitut: Researchers from Montana State University, including graduate students, are proposing a project that would characterize the geochemical and biological properties of a brine system and a glacial outflow on Axel Heiberg Island, Nunavut. The research on Axel Heiberg Island would involve taking samples of water, ice, snow, brine, salt and sediments from the Stolz Diapir in Whitsunday Bay and from a glacier that feeds into Skaare Fiord. There would be a temporary field camp for approximately ten days at each of the two field sites with up to five people. Transport to the field camp locations would be via Twin Otter aircraft from the Polar Continental Shelf Program facility near Resolute Bay. Transport at the field camp locations would be via snowmobile and on foot. The chemical and biological data would provide information to improve understanding on whether these cold and salty environments are good habitats for microbes. The planned research would take place from late-April to the end of May 2024.

Uviitut: Des chercheurs de la Montana State University, dont des étudiants en fin de cycle universitaire, proposent un projet pour caractériser les propriétés géochimiques et biologiques d'un réseau de saumure et d'un écoulement glaciaire sur l'île Axel Heiberg, au Nunavut. L'étude sur l'île Axel Heiberg impliquerait de prélever des échantillons d'eau, de glace, de neige, de saumure, de sel et de sédiments de l'intrusion diapirique de Stoltz dans la baie de Whitsunday et d'un glacier qui alimente le fjord Skaare. Il est envisagé d'installer un camp temporaire sur le terrain pendant environ dix jours sur chacun des deux sites, pouvant accueillir jusqu'à cinq personnes. Le transport vers le camp se ferait via des avions Twin Otter depuis les installations du programme du plateau continental polaire, près de Resolute Bay. Le transport aux emplacements des camps sera assuré par motoneige et à pied. Les données chimiques et biologiques recueillies fourniront des informations permettant de mieux comprendre si ces environnements froids et salés constituent de bons habitats microbiologiques. Le projet se déroulerait de fin avril à fin mai 2024.

Personnel

Personnel on site: 5

Days on site: 20

Total Person days: 100

Operations Phase: from 2024-03-27 to 2024-06-01

Hulilukaarutit

Inigiyá	Hulilukaarut Qanurittuq	Nunannga Qanurittaakhaanik	Initurlinga qanuritpa	Initurlinga utuqqarnitat unaluuniit Ingilraaqnitat Uyarannuguqtut akhuurninnga	Qanitqiayuq qanitqiamut nunallaat kitulluuniit ahiruqtailiyainnit nuna
Fieldwork location - Whitsunday Bay	Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Crown	Previously visited for research by Wayne Pollard in 2012/2013	N/A	310 km from Grise Fiord and 525 km from Resolute Bay
Fieldwork location - Skaare Fiord	Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Crown	Previously visited for research by Wayne Pollard in 2004	N/A	310 km from Grise Fiord and 500 km from Resolute Bay

Nunaliin Ilauyun, Aviktuqhimiayuniitunullu Ikayuuhiarunguyun

Nunauyuq	Atia	Timiuyuq	Upluani Uqaqtigiyangmata
Qausuittuq	Nancy Amarualik	Resolute Bay HTA	2024-03-15
Qausuittuq	Ian Dudla	Hamlet of Resolute Bay	2024-03-15
Ausuittuq	Marty Kuluguqtuq	Hamlet of Grise Fiord	2024-03-15
Ausuittuq	Jimmie Qaapik	Arctic College	2024-03-15
Ausuittuq	Grise Fiord HTA	Grise Fiord HTA	2024-03-15

Angiuttauvaktunik

Naunaiqlugu nunanga talvani havauhikhaq ittuq:

Angiuttauvaktunik

Munariniqmut Ayuittiaqtuq	Angirutinga Qanurittuq	Tadja Qanurittaakhaanik	Ublua Tuniyauyuq/Uuktuqtuq	Umikvikhaa Ublua
Nunavunmi Ihivriuqnimut Timiqutigiyanga	Will be submitting an application to NRI shortly	Not Yet Applied		
Nunavut Imaligiyit Katimayit	Will be submitting an application to NWB shortly	Not Yet Applied		

Project transportation types

Transportation Type	Qanuq Atuqtauniarmangaa	Length of Use
Air	Twin Otter from Resolute Bay to each field site, Whitsunday Bay and Skaare Fiord	
Land	By foot or by snowmobile from the field camp to the field sampling site	

Project accomodation types

Temporary Camp

Ihuaqutivaluin Atuqtauyukhan

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

Hanalrutit Qanurittuq	Qaffiuyut	Aktikkulaanga – Qanurittullu	Qanuq Atuqtauniarmangaa
Snowmobile	2	300 cc	Transport at the field research site from the field camp to sampling sites
Twin Otter	1	Aircraft	Transfer from Polar Continental Shelf Program facility in Resolute Bay to fieldwork locations and return to Resolute Bay
Generator	2	2kW	To provide electrical power for the field camp

Qanurittuq Urhuqyuaq unalu Qayangnaqtut Hunavaluit Aturninnga

Qanurittuq urhuqyuaq hunavaluit aturninnga:	Urhuqyuaq Qanurittuq	Qaffiuyut qattaryut	Qattaryuk Aktikkulaanga	Atauttimut Qaffiuyut	Ilanga	Qanuq Atuqtauniarmangaa
Propane	fuel	6	20	120	Lbs	Cooking and heating in the field camp
Gasoline	fuel	5	20	100	Liters	Fuel for the snowmobiles and generators

Imaqmik Aturninnga

Ubluq qanuraaluk (m3)	Aturumayain imavaluin utiqtittagaani qanuq	Atulirumayain imavaluin utiqtittagani humi
0	Snowpack or glacier ice melt	Adjacent to the field camp locations in Whitsunday Bay and Skaare Fiord

Iqqakuq

Ikkakunik Munakgiyauyunik

Havauhikhaq Hulilukaarut	Qanurittuq Iqqakut	Ihumagiyaayuq Qanuraaluktut Atuqtait	Qanuq Iqqakuurniarmangaa	Halummaqtirarnirutikan piyutin
Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Qirnarivyaktuq imaq	20 liters per day, 400 liters total	Greywater would be strained into a sump/pit and solids added to the non-combustible waste.	N/A
Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Ikulalimannngittun iqqakuuvaluin	2kg per day, 40 kg total	Non-combustible waste will be stored in (sealed) buckets and returned to PCSP in Resolute Bay for disposal.	N/A
Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Anaagun (inuin anaaguin)	3kg per day, 60kg total	Sewage will be stored in (sealed) buckets and returned to PCSP in Resolute Bay for disposal.	N/A

Avatiliriniqmut Ayurhautingit:

The temporary field camps are small but may result in some localized minor compaction of the soil and possibly vegetation beneath tent sites. This impact would be limited due to the relatively short duration of the camps. We will have a fuel spill kit on site in case of any minor fuel spills from refueling snowmobiles or generators. All food will be stored in sealed containers to prevent access by wildlife. We will generate sewage, waste water from cooking, and a small amount of non-combustible waste. Sewage will be stored in (sealed) buckets and returned to PCSP in Resolute Bay for disposal. Cooking water will be strained, solids added to the non-combustible waste and strained water put into a sump. The non-combustible waste will be stored in sealed buckets and returned to PCSP in Resolute Bay for disposal.

Additional Information

SECTION A1: Project Info

SECTION A2: Allweather Road

SECTION A3: Winter Road

SECTION B1: Project Info

SECTION B2: Exploration Activity

SECTION B3: Geosciences

SECTION B4: Drilling

SECTION B5: Stripping

SECTION B6: Underground Activity

SECTION B7: Waste Rock

SECTION B8: Stockpiles

SECTION B9: Mine Development

SECTION B10: Geology

SECTION B11: Mine

SECTION B12: Mill

SECTION C1: Pits

SECTION D1: Facility

SECTION D2: Facility Construction

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**

Both field locations are in terrain that has been glaciated. However, there is currently no glacier at the Whitsunday Bay location.

Qanurittuq Ittunik Avatinga: Inuuhimayunut Avatinga

There is minimal vegetation at the two field locations, and any vegetation will be under snow cover/not growing given the timeframe of the fieldwork.

Qanurittuq Ittunik Avatinga: Inungit-maniliurutingit Avatinga

The field locations are more than 300 km from Grise Fiord and 500 km from Resolute Bay.

Miscellaneous Project Information

Not applicable

Naunaiyainiq ukuninnga Ayurhautingit unalu Piumayaat Ikikliyuumiutinahuarutit

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Tamatkiumayunik Ihuikgutivaktunik

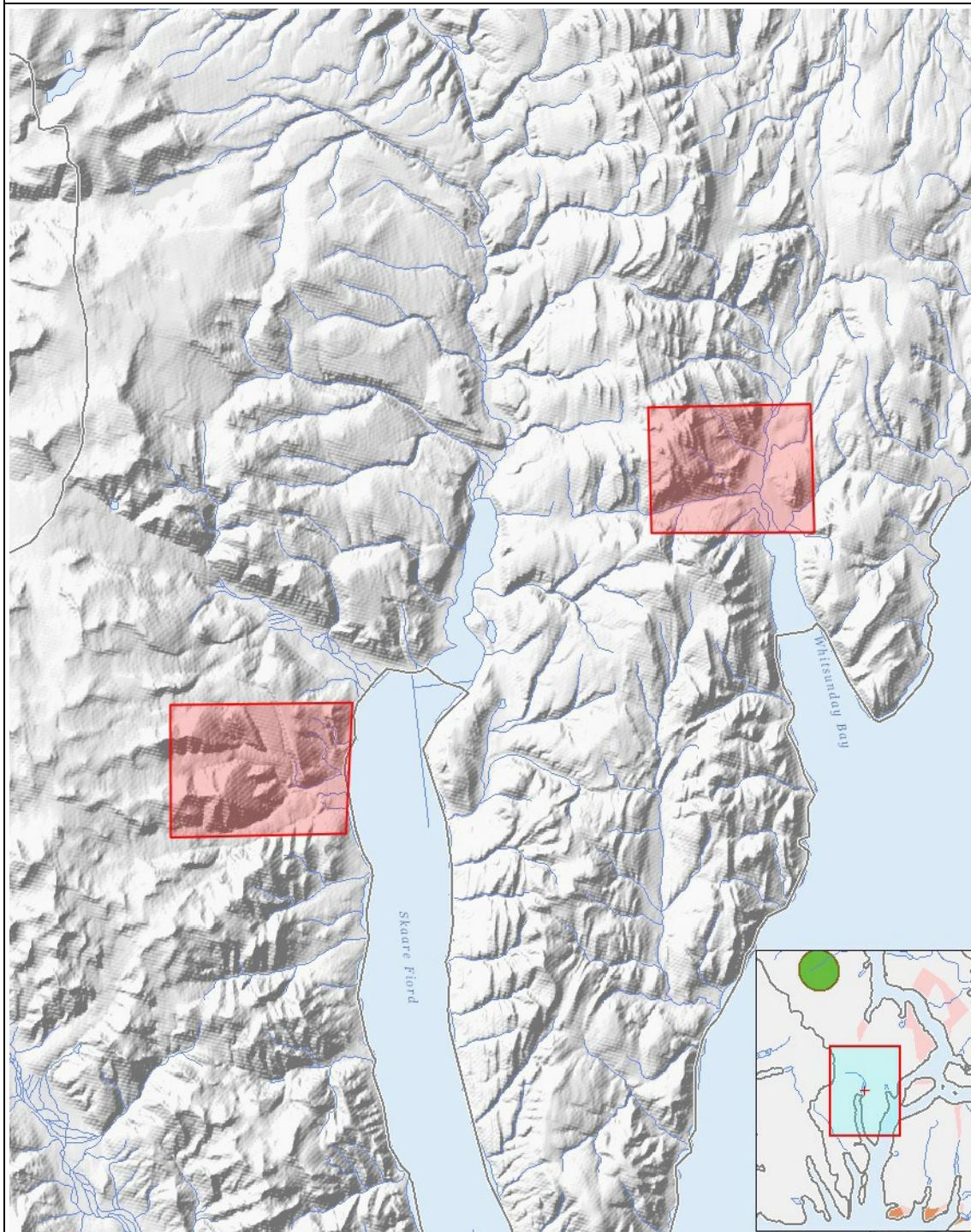
No cumulative effects are anticipated.

Impacts

Iilitariyauniq Avatiliriniqmut Ayurhautingit

(P = Nakuuyuq, N = Nakuungittut unalu mikhilimaittuq, M = Nakuungittut unalu mikhittaaqtuq, U = Naluyaayuq)

Havaariyaukhamut Nayugaa



List of Project Geometries

1	polygon	Fieldwork location - Whitsunday Bay
2	polygon	Fieldwork location - Skaare Fiord