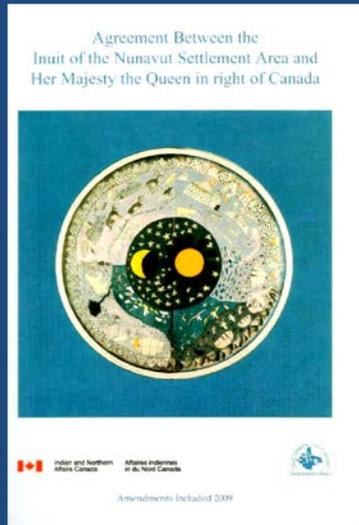






- $>2,000,000 \text{ km}^2$ 
  - 1/5 of Canada
- Population  $\approx 38,243$ 
  - 0.1% of Canada
- 25 communities
  - Air access only
- 4 official languages:
  - Inuktitut,
  - Inuinnaqtun
  - English, French
- GDP  $\approx \$2.5 \text{ B}$  (2016)





**The Nunavut Agreement and  
the Nunavut Act received Royal Assent  
on July 9, 1993, creating Canada's newest  
Territory**

**WHERE WE'VE COME FROM**

# NORTHWEST TERRITORIES 1870



# NORTHWEST TERRITORIES 1898



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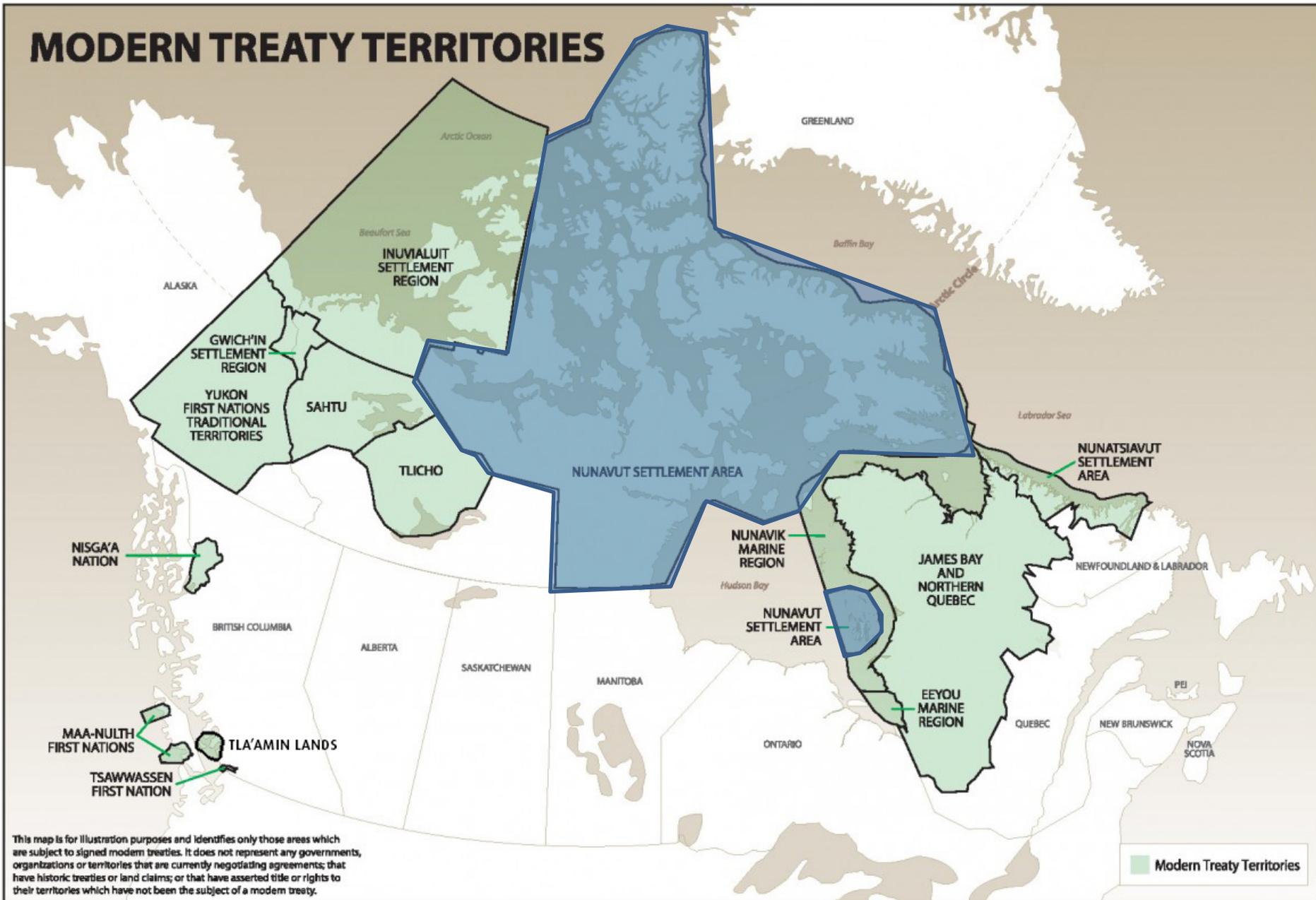
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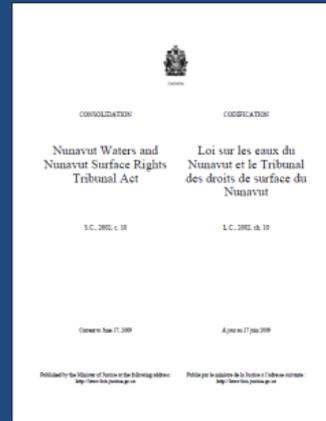
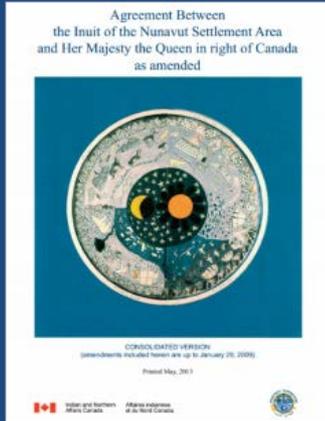


# MODERN TREATY TERRITORIES



This map is for illustration purposes and identifies only those areas which are subject to signed modern treaties. It does not represent any governments, organizations or territories that are currently negotiating agreements; that have historic treaties or land claims; or that have asserted title or rights to their territories which have not been the subject of a modern treaty.

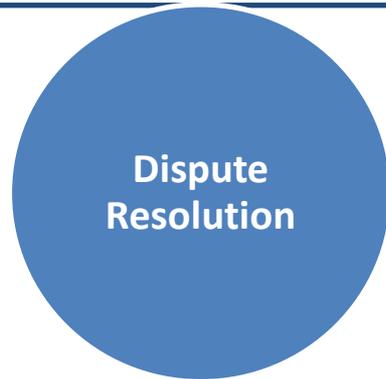
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# WHERE WE ARE NOW



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KANGGANIITONIK ANGGIKTITAJUTIT  
LE TRIBUNAL DES DROITS DE SURFACE DU NUNAVUT



Dispute  
Resolution



Wildlife  
Management



Land &  
Resources



Water Use  
Licencing



Impact  
Assessment



Land Use  
Planning



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# Nunavut Regulatory System

Development proposals must satisfy requirements of:

- Land use planning
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Water and Land Use Licensing
- Timelines, information requirements and best practices are similar to and informed by other Canadian jurisdictions

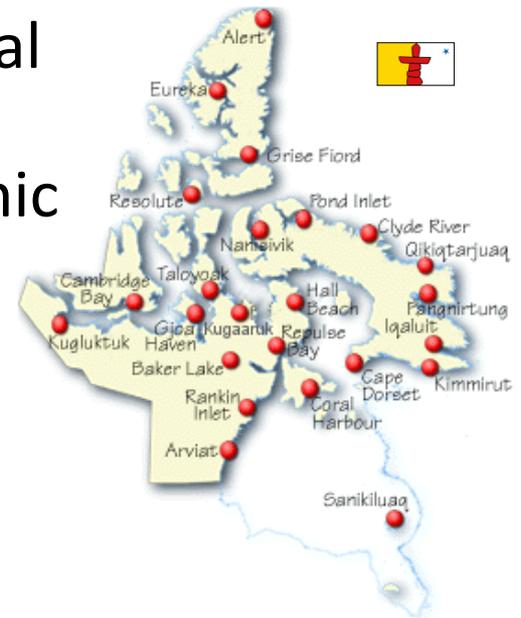


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Nunavut Planning Commission  
Commission d'Aménagement du Nunavut



# Nunavut Impact Assessment

- Screen project proposals to determine whether or not a review is required
- Gauge and define the extent of regional impacts
- Review ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of project proposals
- Determine whether project proposals should proceed, and if so, under what terms and conditions
- Monitor projects that have been approved to proceed



*NIRB compliance monitoring and effects monitoring allow for feedback into ongoing impact assessments*



# Nunavut Impact Assessment

*What types of project proposals does the NIRB assess?*

- Roads / trails
- Marine infrastructure
- Research
- Mineral exploration
- Mining
- Telecommunications
- Oil & gas
- Nuclear power
- Tourism
- Hydro-electric

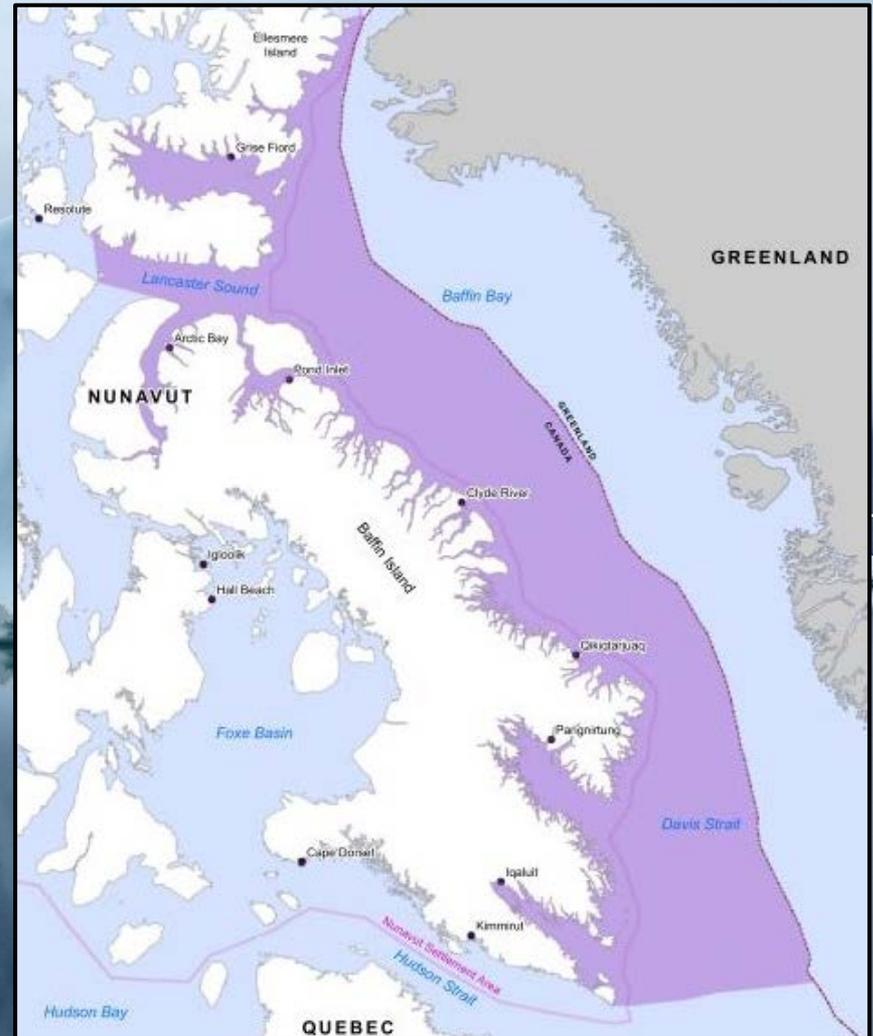


# Monitoring Programs



# SEA in Baffin Bay & Davis Strait

- SEA referred to NIRB in February 2017
- Seek to better understand the potential effects of oil and gas activities and to examine the risks and benefits of the full life cycle of oil and gas activities in the Eastern Arctic, by relying on traditional and scientific knowledge.
- Engagement with 10 communities in Nunavut
- NIRB Final SEA Report due March 2019



# Where we are now

## **Nunavut and Nunavik's Newsmakers of 2016: The Stars**

**Nunatsiaq News, January 4, 2017**

*“This year the NIRB once again demonstrated its competence, saying yes to mining projects in which the benefits outweigh considerable risks and saying no to dubious projects that may be too costly to the environment... This is one organization that strives to get the balance right, in line with Nunavut’s oft-stated commitment to sustainable development”*

**The NIRB's vision for itself is:**

*“to be a leader in Impact Assessment  
by incorporating  
Inuit Quajimajatuqangit  
& Inuit Qaujimajangit  
and promoting public engagement”*

**WHERE WE WANT TO BE**

# Future Direction

- **Upcoming process improvements for Nunavut:**
  - Updated Rules of Procedure
  - Updated Technical Guides
  - Development of Standard EIS Guidelines
  - Increased coordination with water licensing
  - New types of development to assess
  - Emerging issues to address through our assessments
  - Additional Strategic Environmental Assessments
  - Stronger relationships with transboundary groups
  - Improved access for more effective public participation
  - Development of a participant funding program



*Qujannamiik!*

*Thank you!*

*Merci!*

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