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Inuvialuit Regional Corporation



The Inuvialuit, Canada and 2 Territorial Governments are Parties to the Inuvialuit Final Agreement – a comprehensive land claim agreement signed and came into force in 1984. The IFA is protected by s. 35 of the *Constitution Act of Canada*.

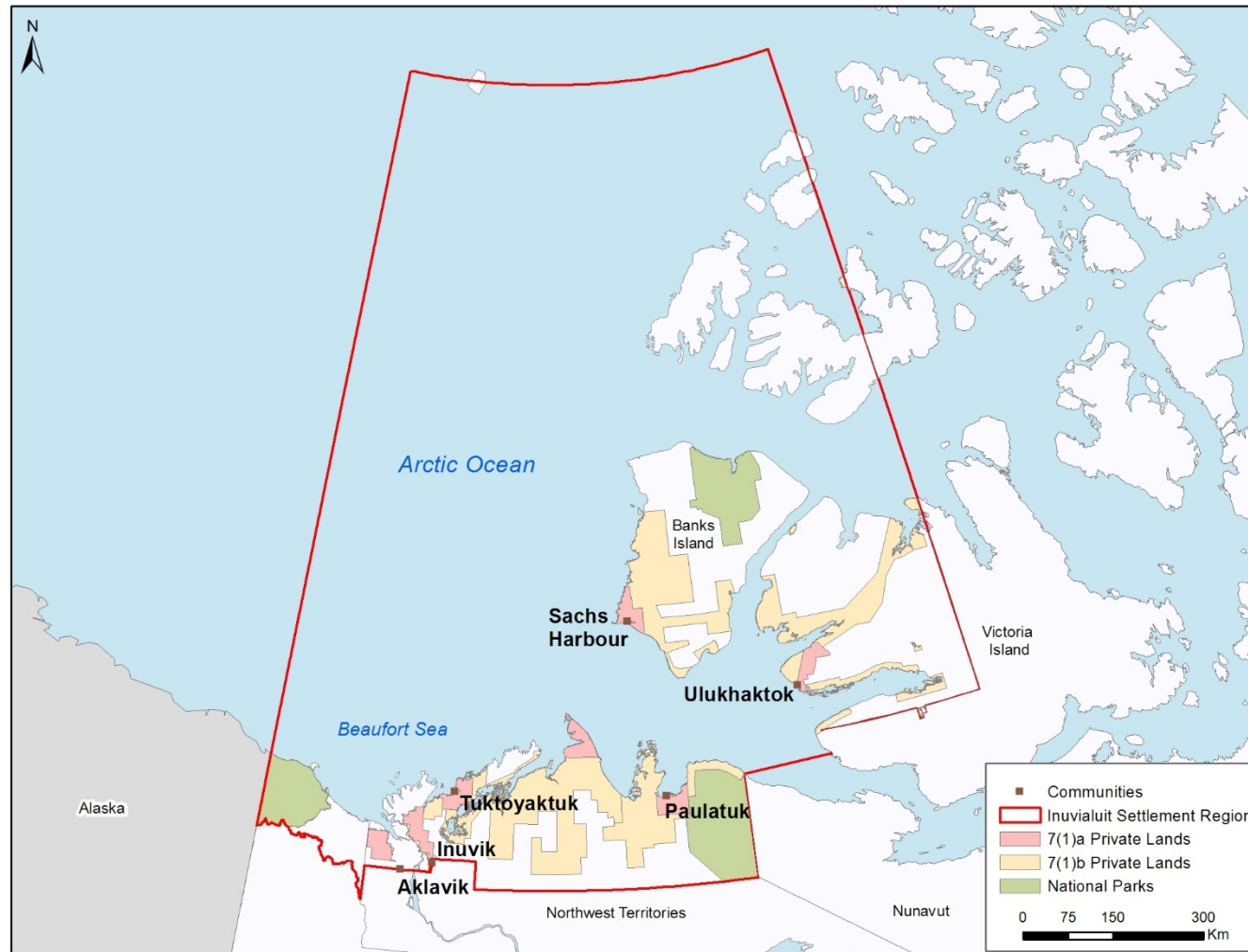
The 3 major goals of the IFA are:

- to preserve Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society;
- to enable Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society; and
- to protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment and biological productivity.

Although all three goals must work together this presentation will focus on the IFA provisions and implementation of the last goal which is the part of the Parliamentary Committee's deliberations.



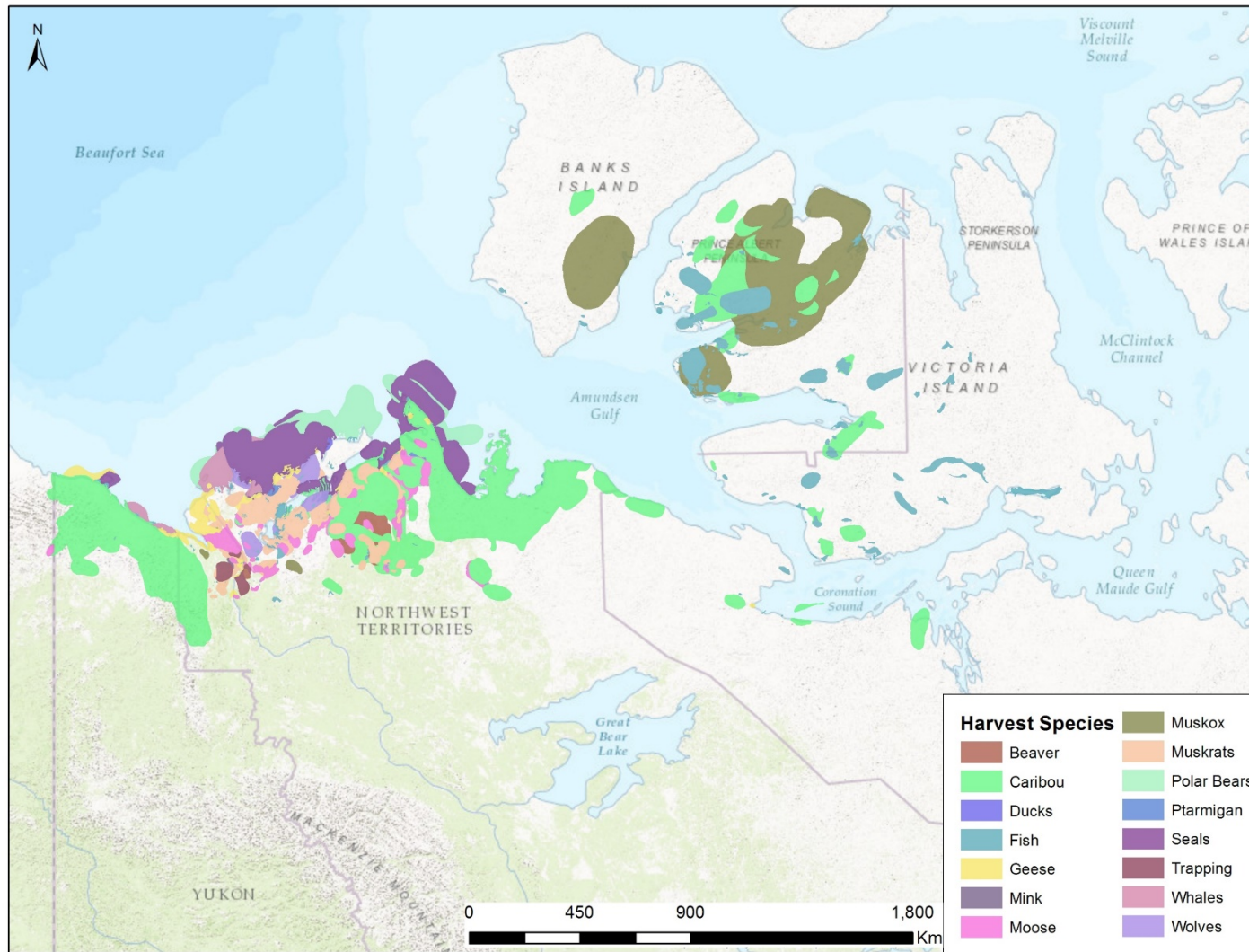
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Private Lands and National Parks  
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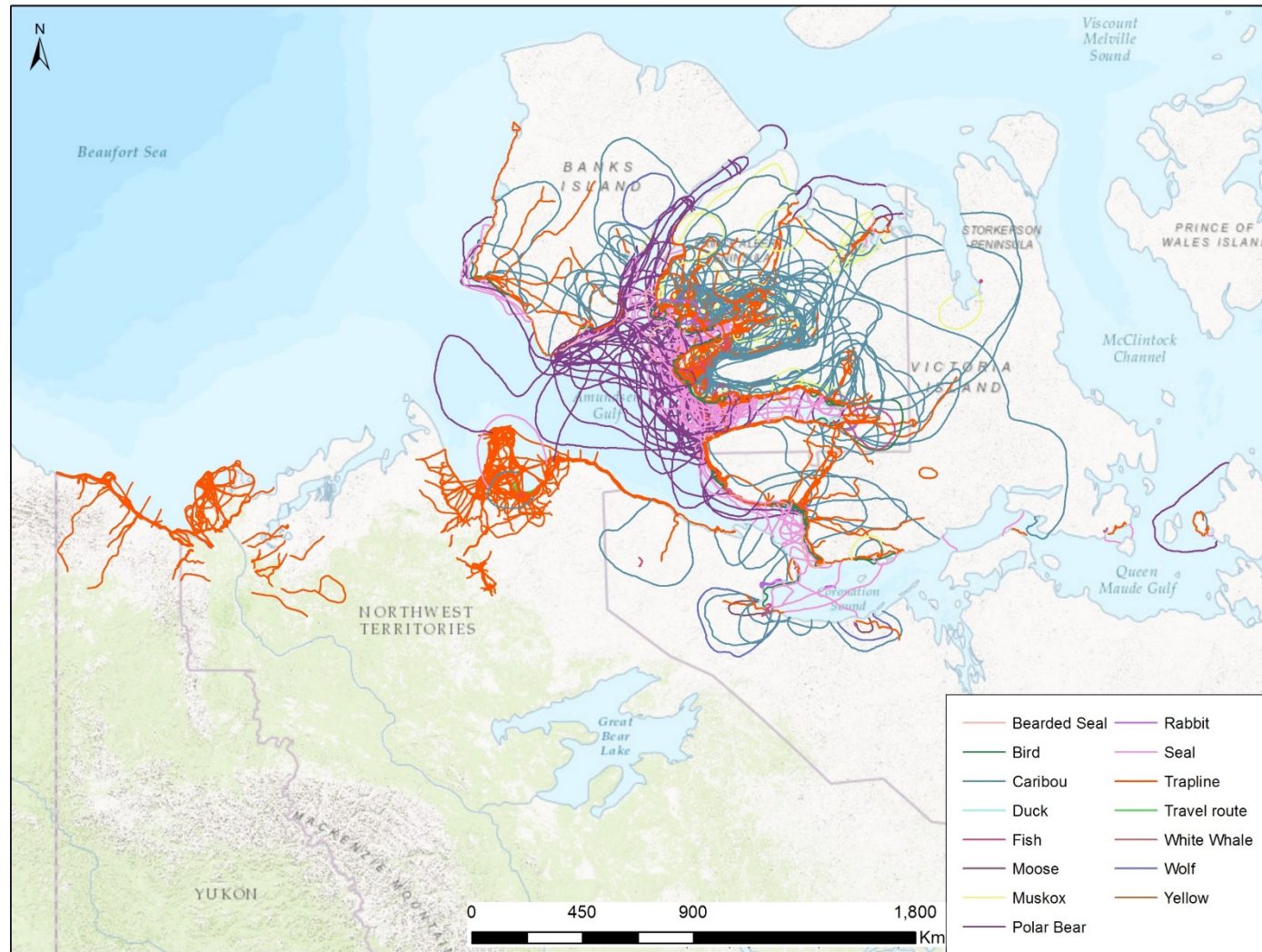


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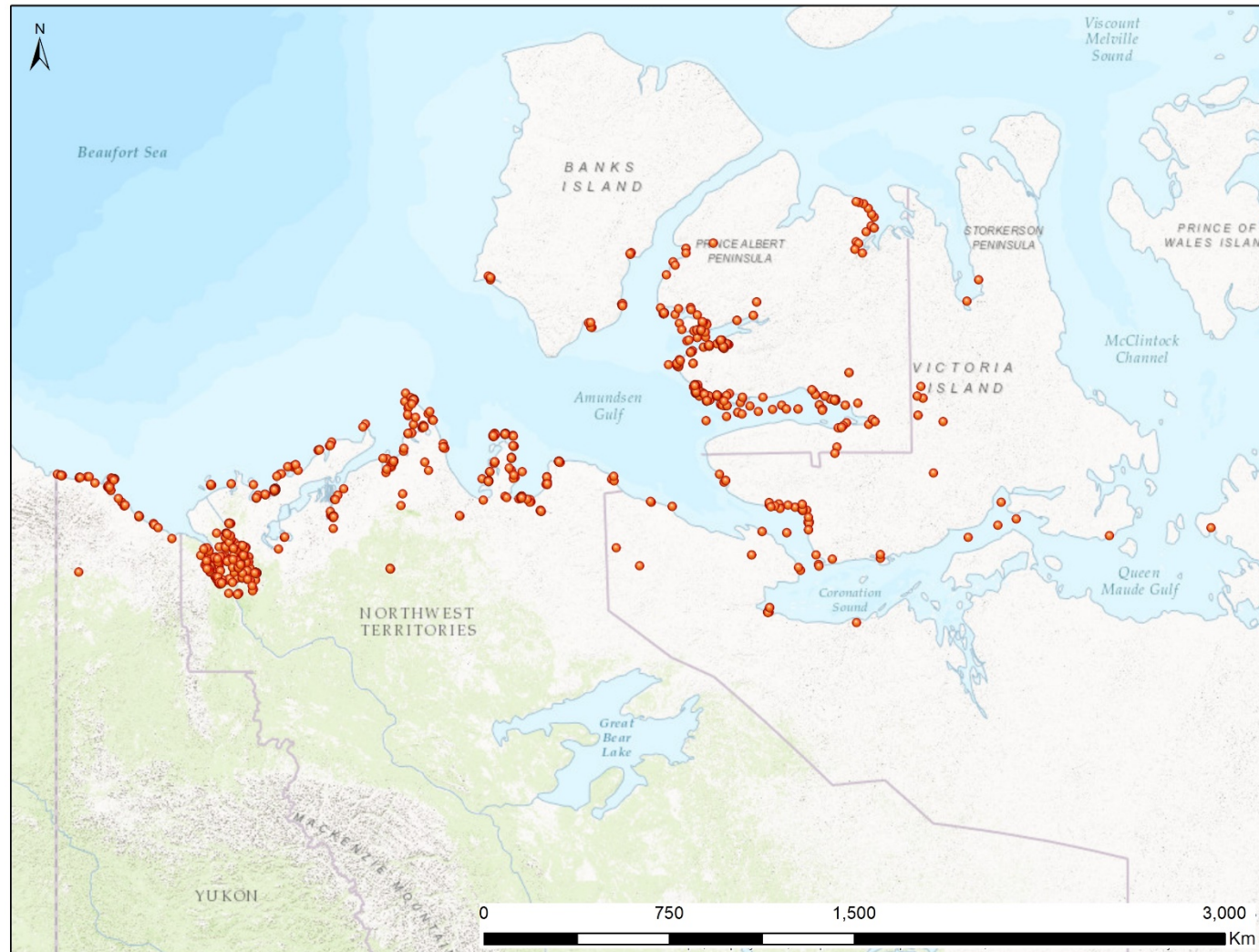


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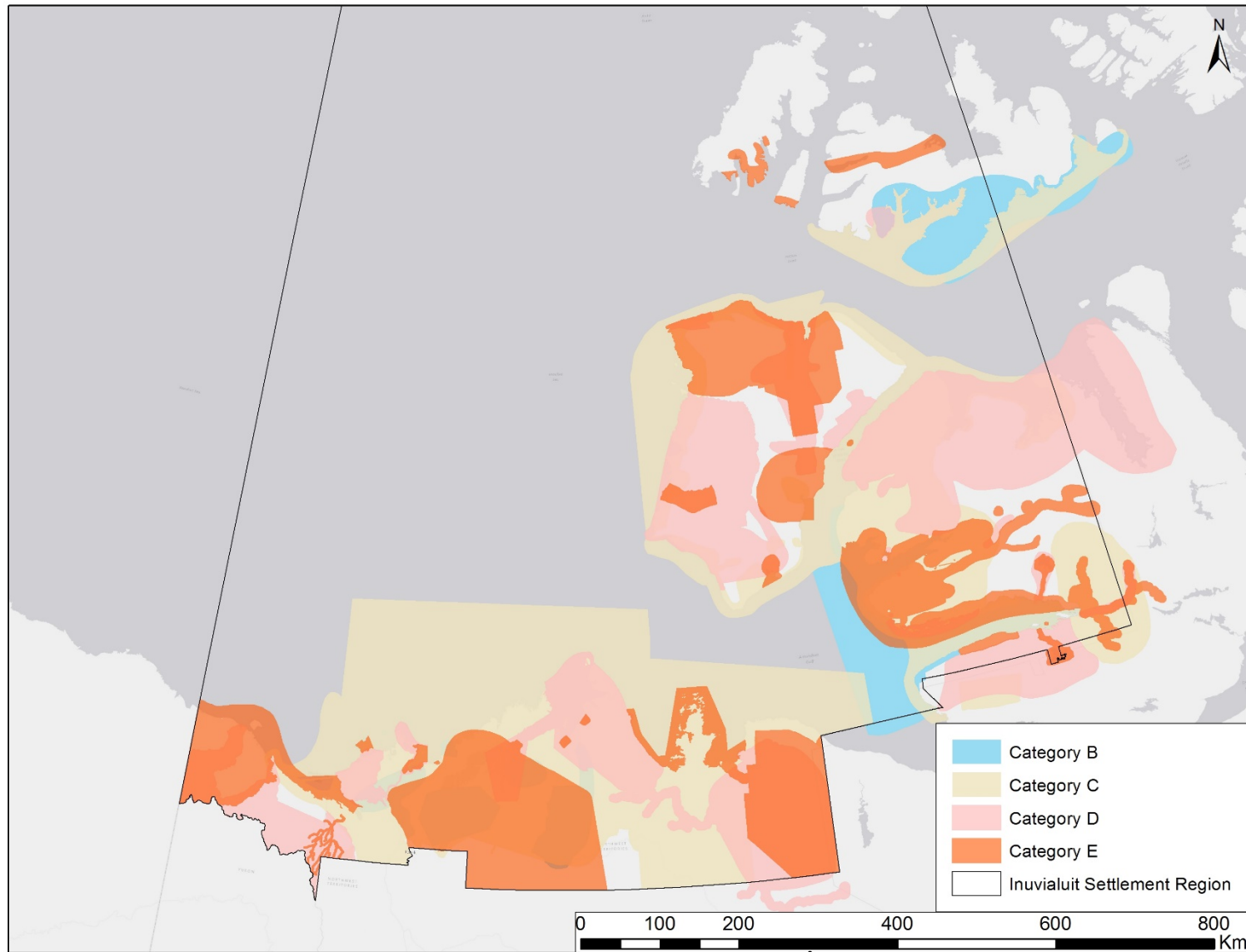


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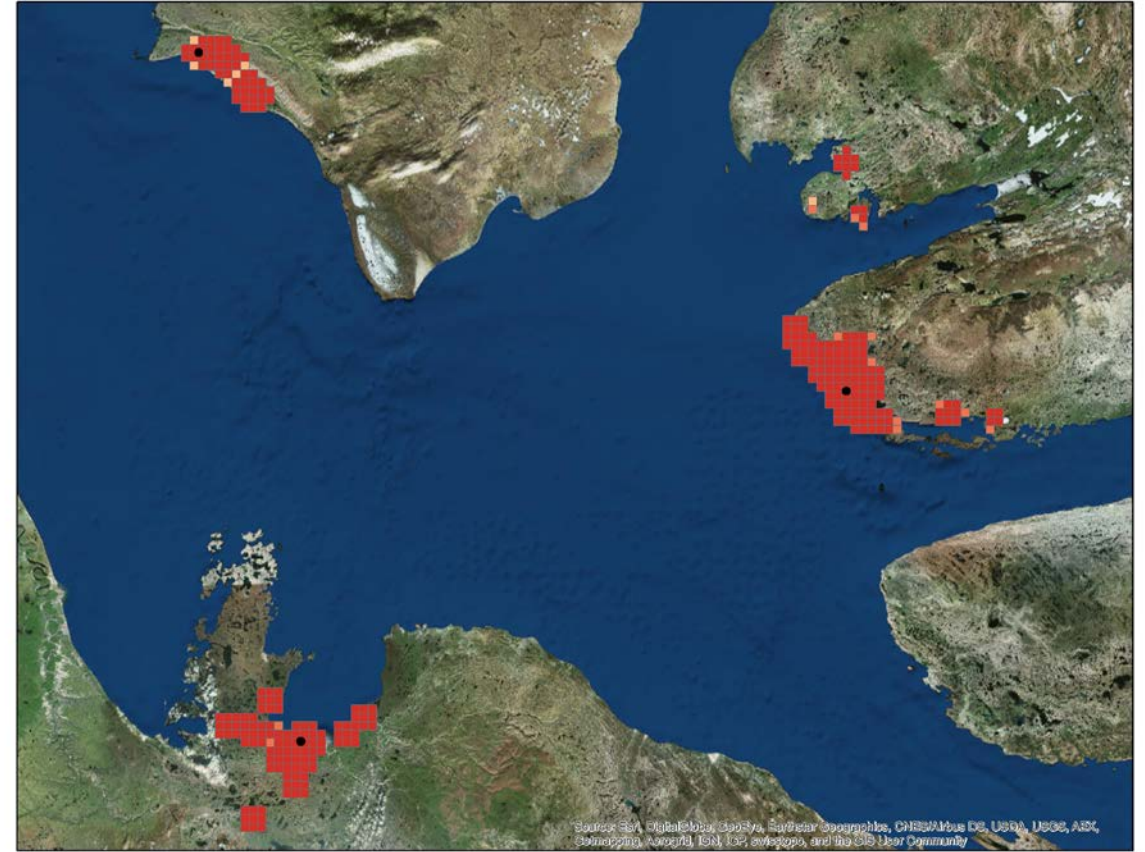
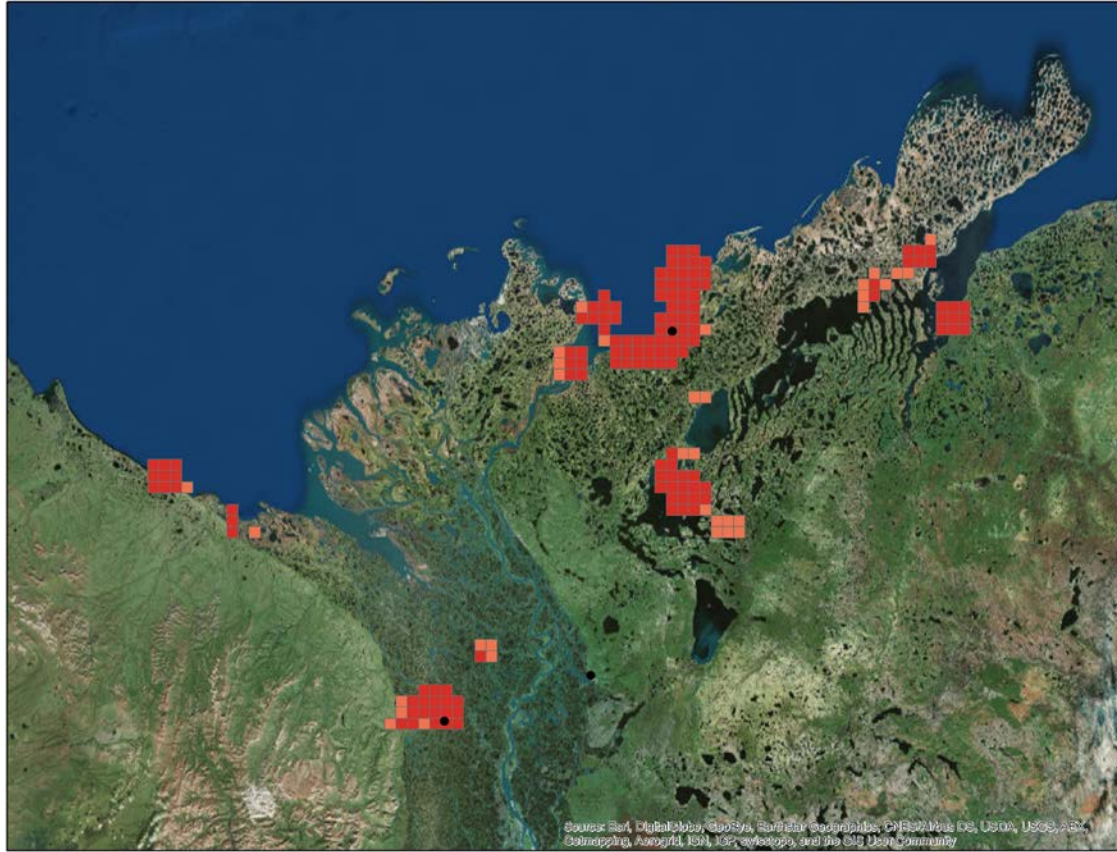


2008 Community Conservation Plans

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2016 Areas of Significance for Harvest  
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The Inuvialuit Settlement Region has:

- 4 National Parks
- 1 Marine Protected Area and another awaiting final approval
- 5 major Bird Sanctuaries
- 1 Territorial (Yukon) Park on Herschel Island
- 1 National Historic Site
- North Slope – managed by the North Slope Wildlife Management Advisory Committee (land withdrawn from development)
- Each community has also established Conservation Plans for their harvesting areas – zones identify sensitivity of areas of important wildlife harvesting and habits – does not formally protect
- Inuvialuit also have title to 7.1.a Lands (surface and subsurface) and 7.1.b Lands – these lands are managed the Inuvialuit Land Commission and Administration.
- The Inuvialuit Game Council and 6 Hunters and Trappers Committee monitor and manage their harvesting.

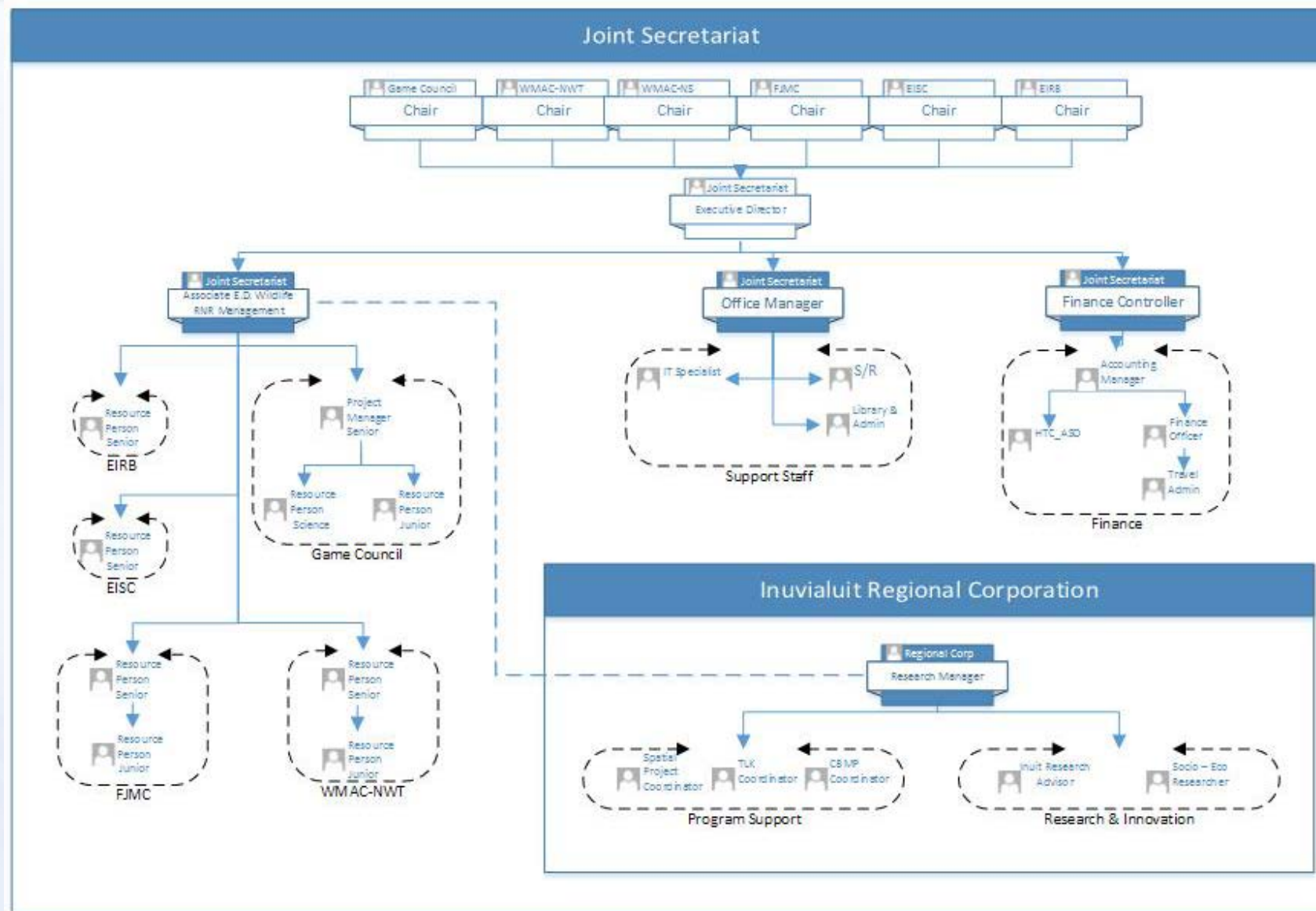


The Inuvialuit was the first comprehensive land claim agreement to establish environmental and wildlife management boards that have appointed representation from the Inuvialuit, Canada and territorial governments.

- Inuvialuit Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) – screens all development proposals within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region – no development can proceed without first been screened by the Committee – EISC may reject, approve with terms and conditions or refer the development to the Inuvialuit Environmental Impact Review Board
- Inuvialuit Environmental Impact Review Board – undertakes a comprehensive review of develop proposals referred to it and advises the Minister
- Inuvialuit Wildlife Management Advisory Board (Northwest Territories) – provides wildlife conservation advise to the Minister
- Inuvialuit Wildlife Management Advisory Board (Yukon) – provides wildlife conservation advise to the Minister
- Inuvialuit Joint Fisheries Management Committee – provides advise to federal Minister on fish and habitat.



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The Inuvialuit are also concerned about the environment and impacts on wildlife and beneficiaries and have

undertaken several Initiatives (may want to have each of these with its own slide:

- Established a geospatial platform
- Community based monitoring system – harvesting activities and other environmental observations (climate changes);
- Social, cultural and economic indicators to measure impact of development on beneficiaries – [www.inuvialuitindicators.com](http://www.inuvialuitindicators.com)
- Series of regional environmental assessments:
  - Beaufort Sea Strategic Plan of Action – comprehensive list of tasks to prepare for any off-shore development



- Beaufort Regional Environmental Assessment
  - eco-system research project,
  - identified social, cultural and economic indicators,
  - design a system of Cumulative Effects Assessment
- Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment – identify information gaps with a view to identifying strategic approaches that may provide a balance between development and the environment and pace and conditions for any developments.



