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MANDATE

We are a nonprofit association mandated to protect the harvesting rights of Inuit while ensuring that it is done sustainably. We act as an umbrella organization for all wildlife issues and provide direction on harvest, conservation, and research.

We support the Anguvigait, which are elected in each of the fifteen Inuit communities for the purpose of local wildlife and harvesting management. In each community, Anguvigait board members are hunters, trappers, or fishermen whose knowledge and expertise allow them to represent community wildlife priorities and concerns. They determine local management actions and communicate concerns to the regional level.



TEAM

Updated as of July 2024

ANGUVIGAIT

Kangihsualujjuaq

MANAGER: Julianne Imbeault
BOD: Jaiku Angnatuk
 Kenny Angnatuk
 Elijah Imbeault
 Leevan Etok
 Ned Lidd Annanack

Kuujjuaq

MANAGER: Winnie Napartuk
BOD: George Kauki
 Bryan David
 David Dupuis
 Sailasi Kooktook
 Emma Cain

Tasiujaq

MANAGER: Chesley Mesher
BOD: Billy Dan May
 Johnny Cain
 James May
 Arthur Munick
 Jusipi Kauki

Aupaluk

MANAGER: Annie
 Grey-Salawatseak
BOD: Johnny Akpahatak
 Aloupa Grey-Eetok
 Charlie Hashempour Bonabi
 George Eetook
 George Akpahatak

Kangirsuk

MANAGER: Johnny Nassak
BOD: Noah Eetok
 Zack Tukkiapik
 Edua Lucassie
 Billy Airo
 Zebedee Annahatak

Quaqtaq

MANAGER: Penina Tukkiapik
BOD: Johnny Oovaut
 Daniel Oovaut
 Stevie Puttayuk Page
 Jusipi Kulula
 Maasiu Uppik

Kangihsujuaq

MANAGER: James Pilurttut
BOD: Michael Qisiq
 Mary Qumaaluk
 Simon Qumaaluk
 Annie Tertiluk
 Tommy Arngak Jr.

Salluit

MANAGER: Paulusie
 Papigatuk Jr.
BOD: Adamie Kaitak
 Adamie Papigatuk Jr.
 Irsutuk Usuituijuk
 Masiu Alaku
 Eli Quananak

Ivuivik

MANAGER: Salomoni Qavavauk
BOD: Paulusi Tarriasuk
 Daniel Jaaka
 Simiuni Usuarjuk
 Jusi Saala
 Savirjuk Paningajak

Akulivik

MANAGER: Adamie Alayco
BOD: Eli Angiyau
 George Weetaluktuk Qaqutuk
 Qalingo Amamatuak
 Timothy Aliqu

Puvirnituk

MANAGER: Caroline
 Tulugak Napartuk
BOD: Aisa Surusilak
 Jackusi Ittukalak
 Simon Irumiaq
 Adamie Angiyau

Inukjuak

MANAGER: Jackie Williams
BOD: Jobie Oweetaluktuk
 Daniel Aculiak
 Charlie Eliasiapik
 Ricky Moorhouse

Umiujaq

MANAGER: Eddie Qumaluk
BOD: Johnny Kasudluak
 Jack Niviaxie
 Simeonie Naluktuk
 Markusie Nunga Aragutak
 Sarowillie Anowak

Kuujjuarapik

MANAGER: Salamiva
 Weetaltuk
BOD: Daphne Tooktoo
 Lizzie Calvin
 Mary Silarqi Sala
 Serena Weetaltuk
 Peter Fleming JR

Chisasibi

MANAGER: Simon Monger
BOD: Ruby Menarick
 Raymond Menarick
 Nutta Koperkualuk
 Davidee Shauk

EXECUTIVES



**EXECUTIVE
PRESIDENT**

James May



**EXECUTIVE
VICE-PRESIDENT**

Billy Palliser



**EXECUTIVE
TREASURER**

Daniel Oovaut



**EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY**

Billy Dan May

STAFF



**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Mikhaela Neelin



**WILDLIFE SECRETARIAT
MANAGER**

Joy Aragootak



**WILDLIFE SECRETARIAT
ADMINISTRATOR**

Sasha Kokiapik



**HARVEST MONITORING
COORDINATOR**

Raymond Mickpegak



**REGIONAL PROJECT
COORDINATOR**

Alec Nivaxie



**COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR**

Mary Berthe

EXECUTIVE REPORTS





JAMES MAY

PRESIDENT

I hope that everyone has had a good summer. I would like to start by welcoming our newest staff members, Alec Niviaxie and Mary Berthe. We are happy to have them on our team!

It has been a busy year, getting our new office set up in Tasiujaq and lots of travel and meetings. I was able to chair our Annual General Meeting in Umiujaq and our Board of Directors Research Meeting in Kuujjuarapik, as well as the Nunavik Caribou Protection Plan Roundtable meetings. I also co-chaired the Beluga Working Group meetings and the Polar Bear hearing workshop in Montreal. I participate in the Nunavik Climate Change Committee, making recommendations of Nunavik projects that should be accepted for funding through the Climate Change Preparedness in the North (CCPN) and Indigenous Community-Based Climate Monitoring Program (ICBCM) programs. I have been contributing to Makivvik-led Hunter's Support discussions on Inuit concerns and improvements for the program.

Another committee that I am involved in is the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee (HFTCC), which focuses on many different files including outfitter files and regulations.

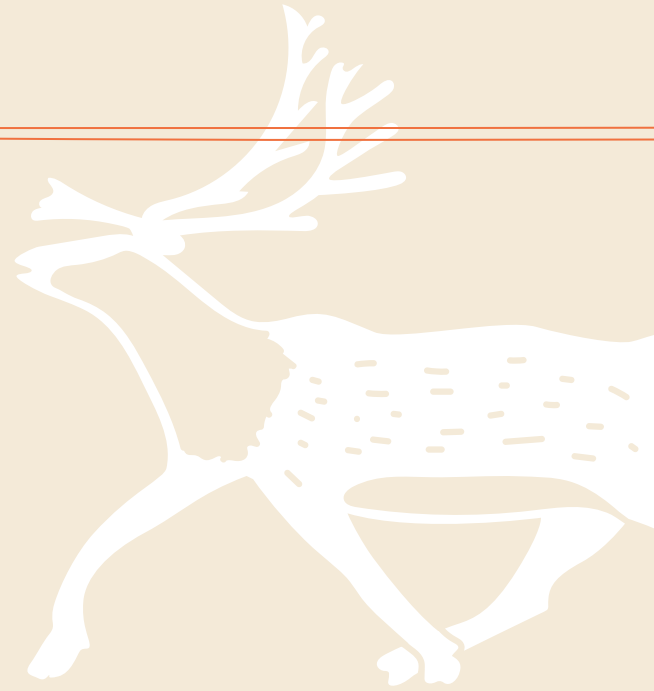
In December, I was invited to be a keynote speaker at ArcticNet, where I presented the Inuit-led research that Anguvigaq is doing. In the spring, a lot of our time was spent working on the Public Hearing on the northern boundary of the Eastern Hudson Bay Arc zone, preparing our submission, questions, and responses. The Nunavik Mining Conference also invited me to present on the importance

of caribou and the impacts of mining. I communicated how important it is that exploration companies have relationships in the communities with Anguvigaq and Landholding Corporations, especially when their work will impact the land and wildlife. There are a lot of impacts that mineral exploration activities can have specifically on caribou migration routes and calving grounds and they need to be aware of this.

I presented the Anguvigaq annual reports to Makivvik and to the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board, and I am glad to say that the Anguvigaq is doing well financially and operationally.

We have been growing very quickly and our work has been recognized by our partners.

I would like to thank the Anguvigaq and Board of Directors for supporting us and we hope to continue working closely in the coming years. It is only through your support that we are growing as much as we are. A big thank you also to the staff for their hard work developing and growing our organization to better serve Nunavimmiut.





BILLY PALLISER

VICE PRESIDENT

First I would like to say I am honored and grateful for the trust the Board of Directors has in me to serve in the position of the Executive VP. This role is a profound responsibility that I do not take lightly.

It is always in my vision and commitment that traditional ecological knowledge be integrated with modern conservation practices to foster effective wildlife management strategies that respect and incorporate Nunavik Inuit knowledge into decision making, ensuring the preservation of our way of life for future generations.

We have been working on a document to make a report on Inuit knowledge of the Eastern Hudson Bay (EHB) beluga stock, focusing on traditional stewardship practices. This project, which is described in more detail in section 6, identified critical gaps between knowledge holders and scientific information. These findings led Anguvigaq to send a letter on December 11, 2023 to the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board, requesting a reassessment of the northernmost total allowable take boundary of the Eastern Hudson Bay arc region. This request prompted the Board to conduct a hybrid public hearing from March 6 to May 28, 2024. We were actively involved throughout this process and are currently awaiting the results of the hearing.

Fall of 2023 also saw a successful completion of three new cabins at Long Island for the three communities of Kuujjuarapik, Umiujaq, and Inukjuak that had been requested for several years. Details of this project can be found in Section 6 of this report. I want to acknowledge the significant complexity of this project and express my appreciation for the crucial role played by our staff and the experienced hunters

from Inukjuak, Umiujaq, and Kuujjuarapik. Their combined expertise, local knowledge, and dedication were vital to the project's success, and we are thankful for their partnership and contributions as well as Makivvik for funding support and belief in the project.

Our staff numbers have been growing steadily, reflecting our ongoing commitment to enhancing our capabilities. However, despite this positive trend, we still need additional technical staff and legal experts within our organization. These roles are crucial as sometimes we are subjected to very complex wildlife management regulatory processes in Nunavik. Moving forward, we will need to secure the necessary funding and recruit the skilled professionals needed to ensure that we are always well-prepared for the future. As a key member of our leadership team, I have been actively involved with the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) regular meetings, as well as our ongoing files, the Beluga Working Group, and the Caribou Protection Plan. In addition to my regular duties, I recently assumed a leadership role with Attanniuvik, the new Nunavik Research authority. I will hold this position until the first Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Our team is dedicated to ensuring the success and growth of our organization.

Recently, we celebrated a significant milestone with the opening of our new office in Tasiujaq. This expansion marks an exciting phase as we continue to grow our team. Our commitment and teamwork remain at the forefront of our endeavors.





DANIEL OOVAUT

TREASURER

Good day, fellow Inuit,

It has been a busy spring 2024 since our research meeting in Kuujuaaraapik in February 2024.

Since then, I attended the all organization self-determination meetings by Makivvik in Montreal in the week right after the Kuujuaaraapik meetings, and after that, I attended the NMRWB regular meetings in Inukjuak but didn't attend the beluga working group due to weather, in between the Kuujuaaraapik and Inukjuak meetings, we were having regular zoom meetings with DFO and Makivvik as the beluga working group, where we were co-chairing along with Makivvik, and since then, I attended the Polar bear working in Montreal, which was organized by Makivvik and during our time in Montreal, we took the time to meet with a representative with BMO (Bank of Montreal) and opened an account to have a bank account as a backup but the main reason was to have an account to use for projects like Marralik, Long Island and others.

A large part of the work that took our time in the winter/spring of the year was the suggestion of moving the delineation line north of Inukjuak to the NMRWB, with the help of the Polynia consultant group.

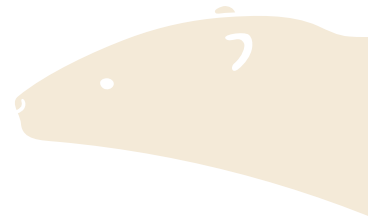
We had our internal Anguvigaq meetings in Tasiujaq in the week of May 13-17, where we worked on fine tuning the working conditions for our staff, our new communications director, Mary Berthe attended for the first time, preparing the equipment list for the Quaqtac bowhead hunt, decisions to be made about

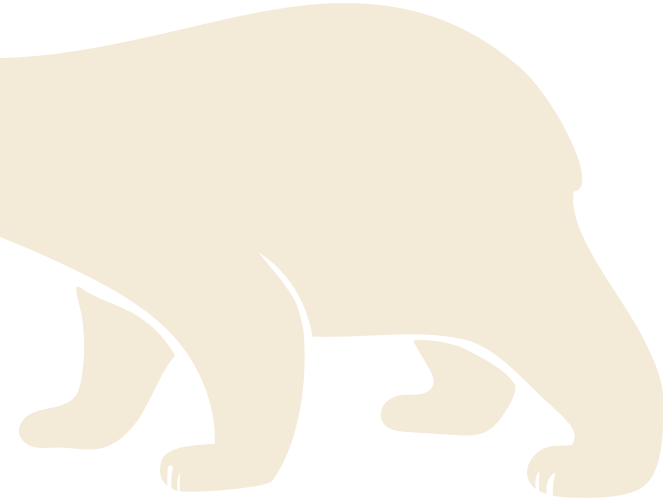
the purchase of the trucks for the LNUKs, we had a zoom meeting with the beluga working group on the changes of the scientific aspects of DFO, we also had a zoom meeting with the new Regional director general for the Arctic region, Mrs Amy Amos, and we had the grand opening of our head office.

Mikhaela and I also attend regular monthly Zoom meetings with the ITK's (Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami) NIWC (National Inuit wildlife committee) representing Nunavik Inuit on the national and international level on wildlife issues where a big part of the discussions, in the last few months, is focusing on polar bear and the ban of sales of fur of Seal and Polar bear skins, working along with ECCC (Environment and Climate Change Canada), ICC (Inuit circumpolar committee) and other respective representatives of the other Inuit Regions, Jonathan Cheechoo advocates for Inuit rights on the Inuit Regions.

I attended the NMRWB meetings in Ottawa in June, Along with VP Billy Palliser, with staff (Mikhaela, Alec and Mary) but I was not able to attend the in-person Beluga working group, due to weather, after, Alec Niviaxie came to Quaqtac to help plan the bowhead hunt in Quaqtac, to meet with the Quaqtac LNUK, with acquiring equipment and the structure of the teams.

Other regular day to day responsibilities that I have, include but not limited to, are to approve payments, approve payment requests, decide on employees tasks, duties, requests for leave and other work required by the staff.

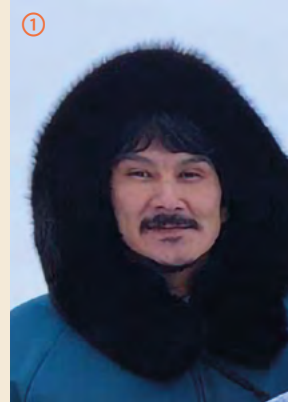




The unexpected resignation of the Executive Secretary, Charlie Angutinguak, also gave extra decisions to take and responsibilities to myself, Billy Palliser and James May in the interim, before the appointment of a new secretary, but since the sole applicant was Billy Dan May, our President James May opted to omit himself with any decision making on the matter, so Billy Palliser and I took the responsibility on heading the appointment decisions.

In the near future, other upcoming tasks and meetings that are scheduled are:

- › To attend ITK monthly zoom meetings but there is an in-person meeting planned in October 2024 in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut;
- › NMRWB regular meetings in October 2024 in Quebec City;
- › Anguvigaq AGM in Kangirsuk, October 2024.



CHARLIE^① ANGUTINGUAK BILLY DAN^② MAY

SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary position was held by Charlie Angutinguak for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Charlie handled many of the research files, including the development of Atanniuvik, the Research Authority in Nunavik, and advising Nunami Takunnatut, a Makivvik-Anguvigaq collaboration that focused on wildlife health monitoring. He participated in NMRWB meetings and Imilik Committee meetings. He was also an integral part of the hiring process and conducted most interviews for candidates alongside our Executive Director and/or Wildlife Secretariat Manager.

At the time of the production of this Annual report, however, the Anguvigaq has a new Executive Secretary. Charlie stepped down from his position due to personal reasons on May 30, 2024. The Board of Directors appointed Billy Dan May as his replacement. He will be presenting his update in the 2024-2025 edition of the Anguvigaq Annual Report.

GENERAL UPDATES

The week of June 3, 2024 some of the staff travelled to the head office to file the archives of Anguvigaaq. The team did an amazing job organizing files from the 1980s to 2000. There is still a lot to be done but the team started off strong.

The Anguvigaaq has had many changes since it started as the name of the association. On October 24, 2023 at the AGM in Umiujaq a resolution was passed to officially change the name from Nunavik Hunters, Fishermen and Trapping Association (NHFTA) to Anguvigaaq.





MEETINGS

MAY 15-17 2023	Atanniuvik Meeting	Kuujuaq	Charlie, Mikhaela
MAY 30-JUNE 1 2023	NMRWB Meeting	Kuujuaq	Billy, Joy, Charlie
JUNE 3-10 2023	Anguvigait Manager Training	Montreal	Joy, Mikhaela, Billy, Raymond, Sasha
JULY 9-15 2023	SIKU training and Bowhead equipment inventory	Kangiqsujaq	Dan, Jordan
AUGUST 27-30 2023	Team Meeting	Kuujuaq	James, Billy, Dan, Charlie, Joy, Jordan, Mikhaela, Sasha
OCTOBER 17-19 2023	NMRWB Meeting	Montreal	Billy, Sasha, Dan, Charlie, Billy
OCTOBER 24-26 2023	Anguvigaq Annual General Meeting	Umiujaq	Everyone
NOVEMBER 5-24 2023	EHB Beluga Inuit knowledge Interviews	EHB Arc Communities	Billy, Sasha, Raymond
NOVEMBER 14-16 2023	Nunavik Nutrition and Health Committee (NNHC) Meeting	Quebec City	Mikhaela
NOVEMBER 20-24 2023	HFTCC Meeting	Montreal	James
NOVEMBER 27-DEC 1 2023	Caribou Protection Plan Meeting	Montreal	James, Mikhaela, Billy
DECEMBER 3-8 2023	Meeting with local Anguvigaq	Salluit	Joy
DECEMBER 4-8 2023	ArcticNet Conference	Iqaluit	James, Billy, Jacob
DECEMBER 12-14 2023	NMRWB Meeting	Montreal	Billy, Dan, James, Sasha, Charlie



JANUARY 9-12 2024	Imilik Meeting	Quaqtaq	James, Charlie, Dan
JANUARY 15-17 2024	Atanniuvik Research Management System Meeting	Kuujuaq	Charlie, Mikhaela
FEBRUARY 6-9 2024	Beluga Working Group Meeting	Tasiujaq	Dan, James, Charlie
FEBRUARY 13-15 2024	Hudson Bay Consortium	Winnipeg	Billy
FEBRUARY 20-22 2024	Board of Directors Research & Management Meeting	Kuujuarapik	James, Charlie, Billy, Daniel, Joy, Sasha, Mikhaela
FEBRUARY 28-29 2024	Nunavik Self-determination meeting	Montreal	Daniel, Joy
FEBRUARY 26-28 2024	Arctic Beaver Observation Network	Alaska	Mikhaela
MARCH 12-14 2024	NMRWB Meeting	Inukjuak	Sasha, James, Dan, Billy
MARCH 19-21 2024	Anguvigait Managers Training	Montreal	Joy, Sasha, Charlie, Mikhaela
MARCH 25-27 2024	Polar Bear Pre-Hearing Workshop	Montreal	Dan, James, Billy, Charlie

PROJECTS



MARRALIK-UNGUNNIAVIK CAMP

In 1986, harvesting of belugas was banned in the Marralik-Ungunniavik estuary (referred to as the “Mucalic estuary” by DFO), an important hunting area between Kuujjuaq and Kangiqsualujjuaq, due to concerns about the abundance of Ungava Bay beluga. This ban had huge impacts on food security, knowledge transfer to youth, and food sharing in those communities. For many years, the Anguvigait of Kuujjuaq and Kangiqsualujjuaq raised concerns about the existence of this beluga stock (many people said that belugas were no longer summering in that area) and the impact of the ban on knowledge transmission to the younger generation. They requested a small hunt and a research project to address these issues.

In 2021, under the leadership of James May and with the direction of the Anguvigait, we coordinated a youth camp and submitted an application for a small beluga hunt.



DFO accepted with strict conditions, because of the research and knowledge-sharing program that was presented. It has been exciting to see the first legal hunt of belugas take place in those areas after a 35 year complete ban, and to see that food be shared with the communities.

Since then, we have hosted an Inuit knowledge-sharing and research camp every year to monitor belugas and train youth.



It is an opportunity for hunters and elders to share their knowledge of the Marralik-Ungunniavik area, harvesting, and safe food preparation. It is also an opportunity to record beluga observations and sample Marralik beluga using non-lethal methods (eDNA and skin samples from the water) to provide genetic samples to DFO. Last year, we also initiated a hydrophone project, recording the underwater calls of belugas in order to document where, when, and for how long belugas visit Marralik-Ungunniavik, and to measure how much this differs between seasons and between years. The research will help DFO reconsider their stock definitions and potentially open up the area in order to improve food security in nearby communities.





This year (2024), the local Anguvigait took over the hunting portion of this project and had a great two-week camp hosting over twenty youth from their communities. Simultaneously, we managed a research camp, including land observations, drone surveys, and hydrophone monitoring of belugas.

LONG ISLAND

This project had been requested for many years by the Anguvigait of Inukjuak, Umiujaq and Kuujjuaraapik. They requested that cabins be built for each respective community, to help provide shelters for the beluga harvesters. This would help prevent the spoilage of mattaq and meat (by using freezers and generators). These cabins will serve as hubs for hunters and provide space for elders and youth to learn traditional food preparation techniques and support culturally sustainable hunting practices.



This project not only preserves our cultural heritage but also strengthens our community's resilience in the face of conservation challenges.

The transport and construction phase of these three 16×20 cabins were completed by September of 2023. Looking forward, the cabins will be maintained by each of the three Anguvigait (LNUKs), with regular upkeep (through the Eastern Hudson Bay Arc Committee) to ensure they remain in good condition. There are also plans to use the cabins for community hunts to expand food security and for space to provide knowledge sharing with youth, further enriching our cultural heritage and community resilience.

We also applied for the Arctic Inspiration Prize to host a camp at this site, and although we were finalists we did not get awarded the money, so we will continue to look into other funding opportunities to support these initiatives.

BOWHEAD WHALE

The Bowhead whale hunt is planned for Quaqtaq in fall 2024. Alec Niviaxie has taken over coordinating many aspects of this project, such as applications for permits, obtaining funding for equipment, and purchase of materials. The hunt is being coordinated locally by Quaqtaq with the support of the Anguvigait.





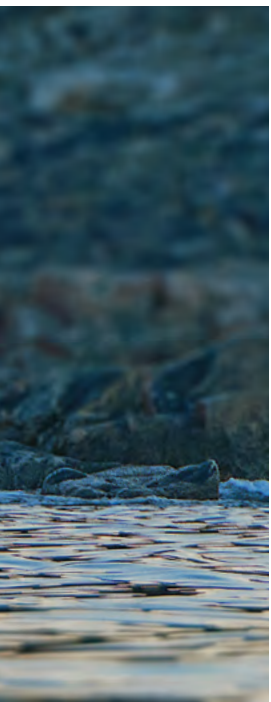
EASTERN HUDSON'S BAY BELUGA INUIT KNOWLEDGE GATHERING PROJECT



This project, led by Billy Palliser, seeks to inform management decisions by exploring the impacts of existing management systems on beluga populations and Inuit harvesting rights and practices. Initiated in April 2023, it involved a comprehensive tour of three Hudson Bay Arc communities from November 5 to November 25, 2023. During the 19-day tour, 30 interview sessions were conducted with 41 participants, including elders, extended knowledge holders, hunters, of the EHB beluga.

The report is in its final stages, with completion anticipated after a validation trip scheduled for September 2024.

We documented traditional Inuit knowledge and practices related to EHB beluga stewardship and assess the effects of current management plan on the beluga stock and Inuit harvesting rights and practices, to provide well-informed recommendations for the next beluga management plan. This project was made possible through the generous support of our funders: Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board, Polar Knowledge Canada, Makivvik, and CCPN. Their contributions have been invaluable in enabling this research and the broader goal of enhancing sustainable and culturally informed management of the EHB beluga.



SIKU

This project aims to develop a community-led approach to climate change monitoring and environmental stewardship across Nunavik. We have been using the SIKU app to collect observations of ice conditions, invasive species, wildlife observations, and animal health. We have been hosting workshops in each community to train hunters in the use of this tool and we are paying them to post observations

during their hunting trips in order to monitor wildlife across the region.

Alec Nivixie has taken over this project from Jordan Shields; he periodically coordinates the payment of registered users that have taken a special training course on how to use the app. He began working in April 2024.



HARVEST MONITORING

Raymond Mickpegak has been working alongside Makivvik's Laurie Beaupré and Oumer Ahmed, with app developer Kamea Lafontaine, on an app that Nunavik Inuit harvesters will use to help centralize information gathering on harvesting. In the future we hope it will help guide us towards a sustainable future where decisions will be made by Inuit for Inuit. The data and information gathered will be confidential and owned by Makivvik and Anguvigait.

NUNAMI TAKUNNATUT (WILDLIFE HEALTH PROJECT)



This project is a collaboration between Makivvik and Anguvigait to assess wildlife health across the region. Hunters usually only send samples from wildlife to the Research Centre when the animal is obviously sick. However, many diseased or contaminated animals may appear healthy externally, so seemingly “healthy” animals need to also be sampled to get a better idea of overall animal health. We are trying to develop a regional sampling program, starting with caribou and fish samples. If this goes well, we will expand to other animals of interest. We gave out sample kits to all interested communities in February and March 2024, and sent out funding to get Anguvigait started in this program.

Another part of this project is workshops to discuss different ways to monitor wildlife health, and which are most effective in Nunavik. The ultimate goal of these meetings is to come up with an ideal wildlife health monitoring system for Nunavimmiut that could be implemented into the future. Charlie Angutinguak was helping to direct this initiative, and Alec Nivixie and Raymond Mickpegak participated in recent workshops.

NANUK NARRATIVES



Nanuk Narratives is a multi-year film and research project that is focused on the documentation, preservation, and communication of Inuit Knowledge about polar bears and their relationships with communities to support Inuit-led polar bear stewardship in Nunavut, Nunavik, and Nunatsiavut. This project is led by a unique partnership between the wildlife co-management boards and hunter and trapper organizations in these three Inuit regions: the Torngat Wildlife & Plants Co-Management Board, the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, the Anguvigaq, and the Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Organization.



Objectives include:

- › Orally and visually document Inuit knowledge, observations, and relationships with polar bears through documentary film;
- › Co-create a series of short videos that highlights the human dimensions of polar bear management;
- › Thematically analyze video interviews to produce qualitative research outputs about Inuit-polar bear connections;
- › Develop an impact plan to mobilize the video and research content for educational and stewardship purposes within and outside Inuit communities.

To date, filming and knowledge gathering has taken place across multiple communities in Nunavik: Inukjuak, Kangiqsuaq and Kangiqsualujuaq. Within these communities, 21 people have been interviewed, including perspectives from different genders, age, and hunting experience. In Kangiqsualujuaq, James May coordinated the hunt in order to visually document the process of tracking, harvesting, and preparing polar bear.



COMMITTEES

ATANNIUVIK

Mission

The mission of Atanniuviik is to manage and oversee research in Nunavik in a way that advances Nunavik Inuit self-determination in research, so as to ensure that research serves Nunavimmiut priorities, needs and aspirations.

Vision

Atanniuviik envisions a future where Nunavik Inuit lead and shape research in our region, transforming it into a powerful tool for self-determination and community empowerment. We strive to create a research landscape that is guided by Inuit values, fully aligned with our communities' priorities, and dedicated to generating positive, lasting impacts for Nunavik.

Five key functions

- 1 Approving and overseeing research
- 2 Identifying, gathering and communicating research priorities
- 3 Managing and communicating research information
- 4 Supporting community research needs
- 5 Supporting researchers

Objectives

Seven objectives are defined to provide specific long-term goals to direct its activities. The organization can advance its mission by ensuring that activities are aligned with these objectives.

- 1 Improve regional coordination and efficiency of research management
- 2 Improve knowledge sharing and communication between organizations, communities and researchers
- 3 Strengthen Nunavimmiut access to and control over research information
- 4 Enhance alignment of research with Nunavik Inuit socio-cultural values and research priorities
- 5 Strengthen researchers' awareness of, and compliance with, existing legislation and ethical standards
- 6 Promote and support capacity-building and enhance training for community-led research
- 7 Promote greater socio-economic value of research for Nunavik society





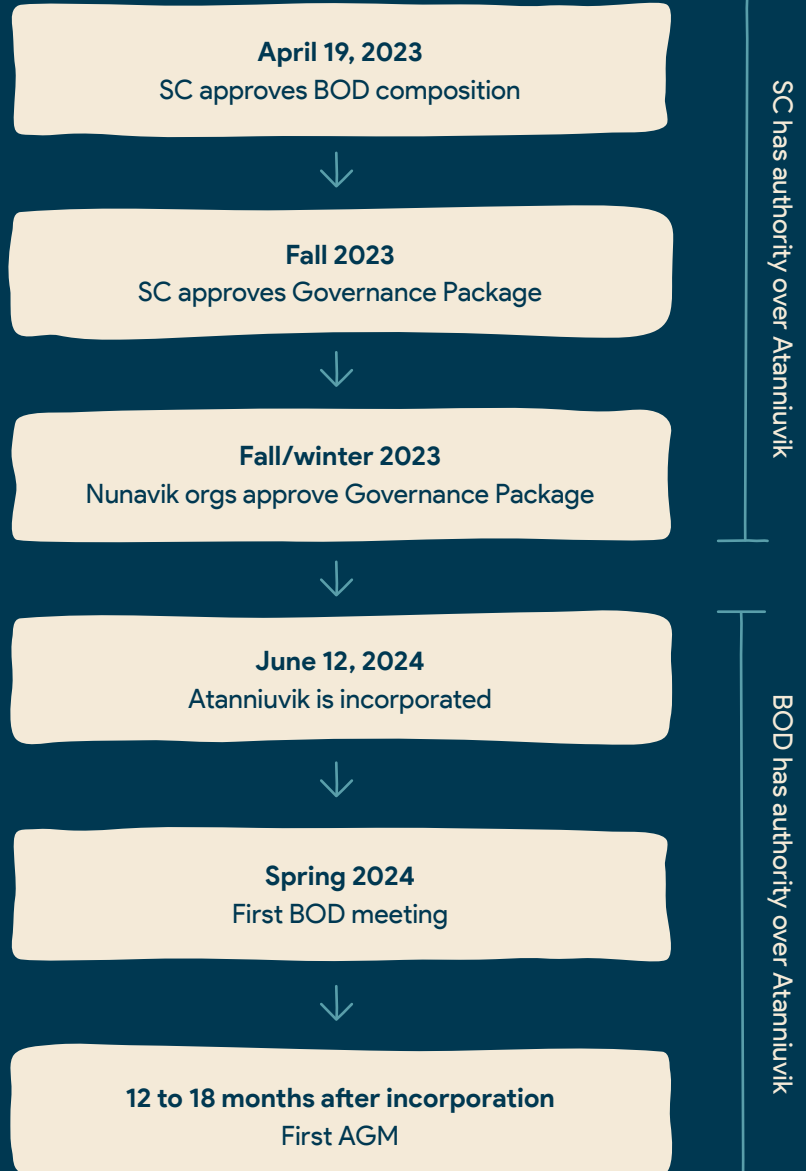
Steps completed this year

- ✓ Regional Research Manager Hiring (Amélie Breton)
- ✓ Incorporation of Atanniuvik (Patent letters)
- ✓ Potential operational funding
- ✓ Management system for the research requests and the Atlas development (with Carleton University)
- ✓ Information gathering for all the research publications about Nunavik (with Université Laval)
- ✓ Board Structure put in place
- ✓ Member selection for the board
- ✓ Completion of Atanniuvik's incorporation
- ✓ Permanent Director Hiring (Lucy Grey)
- ✓ Community Research Manager Hiring (Barbara Ikey-Papigatuk)

Next steps

- Hire Inuit Research Advisor
- Hire 3 Liaison Officers
- Apply for Funding
- Start writing the Nunavik Research Policy (guidelines)
- Start the development of the research criteria for each community
- Start the assessment for research priorities

Incorporation timeline



NUNAVIK CARIBOU PROTECTION PLAN



In 2019 there was a meeting in Salluit to discuss the state of migratory caribou and what actions could be taken to address the declines that Inuit were witnessing. Participants committed to the development of an Inuit-led management regime: the Nunavik Caribou Protection Plan.

The Nunavik Caribou Protection Plan must be founded on Inuit knowledge, so we (Makivvik and Anguvigait) began the process by creating a Nunavik Inuit Knowledge of Caribou report, which include interviews conducted in five communities: Tasiujaq, Kangiqsualujjuaq, Salluit, Inukjuak and Umiujaq. Seven key values were identified, and will be pillars of the Protection Plan:

- 1 Respect the life of the animal
- 2 Take only what you need
- 3 Take care of the herd
- 4 Be observant and thoughtful while harvesting
- 5 Do not waste
- 6 Make good use of and appreciate the animal
- 7 Share the catch

We appointed members to an Expert Roundtable for the Nunavik Caribou Protection Plan, and they have been discussing what to include in the Plan and guiding its creation.

The goal of this Protection Plan is to actively steward and maintain healthy herds of caribou in a way that respects the balance and harmony of the ecosystem with the ultimate goal of sustaining herds of caribou for future generations.

This plan also aims to promote and forward Inuit Knowledge and ways of knowing, reinforce traditional stewardship practices and further Nunavik Inuit self-determination in wildlife management.

We are now hosting issue-based workshops to go more in depth in specific topics to inform the Protection Plan, such as Hunter's Support, Predator control, Sports Hunting, and Research. These workshops will help to refine the plan, and the Anguvigait will have an opportunity to review it.



CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

The Nunavik Climate Change Adaptation Strategy was officially launched in April 2024, after many years of preparations.

Anguvigaq Executives participated in the 2019 workshop to develop a shared understanding of climate change impacts and identify potential adaptation measures. This workshop established the roadmap for the development of the Strategy.

From 2020 to 2022, five multi-organizational working groups focused on different sectors worked to develop this Strategy. The Anguvigaq participated and contributed to the “Harvesting and Food Security” working group.



A community engagement tour was conducted across Nunavik from May to December 2023 to present the Strategy to Nunavimmiut and hear ideas and recommendations to improve the Strategy. Collectively, over 150 knowledge holders and expert representatives from Nunavik organizations contributed to the development of this Strategy from 2019 to 2023.

The Nunavik Climate Change Workshop Report is available at www.makivvik.ca/nccas.

This Strategy is a roadmap to guide climate change adaptation actions within our region, and to inform government and external organizations of Nunavik’s collective priorities and needs.

It was developed so that our communities and especially our youth will continue to thrive on this land in the reality of our changing climate.

NUNAVIK MARINE REGION WILDLIFE BOARD REPORT

A photograph of two people in a small, dark-colored boat on a body of water. The people are wearing dark clothing and hoods. The boat is moving, creating a wake. In the background, another smaller boat is visible on the water. The sky is overcast and grey. The text 'NUNAVIK MARINE REGION WILDLIFE BOARD REPORT' is overlaid in large, bold, white capital letters.

The Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) is an independent institution of public government established under the Agreement between Nunavik Inuit and the Federal Government concerning Nunavik Inuit Lands and the Nunavik Marine Region (NMR). The creation of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA) was formed in 2008 that is the foundation of the NMRWB as well as the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board (NMRIRB) and the Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission (NMRPC).

The NMRWB is the main regulator of access to wildlife and has the primary responsibility for wildlife management in the NMR.



This includes responsibilities such as regulating levels of total allowable take, creating non-quota regulations, setting trophy fees and funding or directing research. For more information, please see sections 5.2.3 and 5.2.4 of the NILCA.

The NMRWB has been focusing on beluga as well as other species that occupy and inhabit the NMR. Work has been continuing on the communications of the 2021-26 Beluga Management Plan that has changed over the years and allowing space for Inuit to take on more leadership and responsibilities to both respect Inuit harvesting rights as well as to consider measures to respect the conservation concerns of the Eastern Hudson Bay Beluga (EHB).

Collaboration with the co-management partners (DFO, Makivvik and the Anguvigait/ Anguvigait) has been taking place to work on local by-laws as well as to put in place measures to help conserve the EHB but to also better understand the migration patterns as well as the stocks themselves that roam the estuaries and waters in the NMR during the summer. Continued collaboration will be needed to better understand the species of belugas by involving traditional knowledge and continuing to expand on the scientific research that is the foundation of the management plans within the NMR and under the NMRWB.

The NMRWB held a virtual/written public hearing in spring 2024 to consider the management boundaries for beluga in the Eastern Hudson Bay Arc area. The NMRWB received excellent participation and input into this hearing from Nunavimmiut and Government agencies. A decision on the matter was submitted in June 2024, and we expect to hear back from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans soon.

Polar Bear is also a species that has been a main species of concern for the NMRWB. There has been attempts to work with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to put in place common management practices that take into consideration both regions' concerns but there have been challenges that have prevented both Boards to come to an agreement and work will need to continue to put in place common management practices that will respect both Board's perspectives.

In the meantime, the NMRWB has been focusing on plans to collaborate with the co-management partners to put in place Non-Quota Limitations (NQL) for the NMR in respect to Polar Bear. This work will continue on in the new fiscal year 2024-25.

The NMRWB will be holding a major Public Hearing for Polar Bear in the month



of November 2024, for all parties to share their knowledge and information for the NMRWB to make a decision in relation to the NQL's for the NMR along with the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board (EMRWB).

The NMRWB has also been working on a new Strategic Plan for the next 10 years, from 2021 to 2031-31. Work includes updating the Human Resources policies and issues such as Equity among staff, Communications improvements, both internally and externally, Research, Efficiencies in Wildlife Management, Administration as well as Board Governance.

The Strategic Plans have been broken down into 3 phases. Phase 1 is focused on Communications and Human Resources for the years 2021 to 2025, whereas Phase 2 is focused on Financial and Administrative efficiencies and Wildlife Research for the years 2025 to 2028. Phase 3 is focused primarily on Wildlife Management and Board Governance for the remaining years of 2028 to 2032. Work with

co-management partners has been ongoing to improve communications as well as to develop bylaws in-line with the management plans, Inuit harvesting rights, traditional knowledge, scientific research and the conservation concerns.

The Anguvigaq and Anguvigait will be supported throughout the process and to develop more programs and workshops to assure they are supported to fulfill their roles and responsibilities in the wildlife management processes within the NMR.

Finally, the NMRWB has approved a new logo and is finalizing an overall brand identity. We look forward to officially announcing this new look in the near future.



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Tininnimiutait

Since 2021, our research team at Université Laval have embarked on a collaborative research project with the Anguvigaq and several Anguvigapiit taking a closer look at Tininnimiutait (those that live along the seashore). This project, inspired by the writings of Mitiarjuk Nappaaluk, places a spotlight on the incredible intertidal marine life of Ungava Bay, bringing science together with Nunavimmiut tradition.

Our goals:

- 1 document traditional knowledge around Tininnimiutait;
- 2 better understand how these foods contribute to health and well-being;
- 3 learn more about the ecology of this group of marine life.

In Tasiujaq, Kangirsuk, and Inukjuak, we embarked on boats to find Tininnimiutait we could pick off by hand on the shore and in deeper waters using the handy Hudson Uviluk-tautik! We went on similar expeditions in winter, in Kangiqsujuaq where Lucassie Nappaaluk introduced us to the world under the ice and in Kangiqsualujuaq, where Kenny Angnatuk took our team and other community members on the ice to collect mussels near Tasikallak. We also participated in the Imalirijit Science and Culture Land Camp where we studied how saltness and temperature influence the shape of mussels and in the Marralik-Ungunniavik Research and Inuit-Knowledge Camp where we studied



kelp beds that are large enough to be seen by satellites in space! All the samples we took were sent for analysis at our laboratories in Université Laval. As we continue to analyze these foods, we are happy to share that they are great contributors of essential nutrients (that our body needs in small amounts) and good sources of fiber (seaweeds) and protein (mussels, clams, etc.).

We are grateful to all the community members involved, who shared with us their time, generosity and knowledge during these interviews and expeditions. We extend our thanks to our partner organizations for all their support: Anguvigaq, Anguvigapiit (Tasiujaq, Kangiqsujuaq, Kangiqsualujuaq, Inukjuak, Kangirsuk and Puvirnituq), Sirivik, Sentinelle Nord, ArcticNet, Chaire Littoral, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique

We are currently working on communicating our results better to you! If you have any ideas or questions, feel free to reach out to us at khmir@ulaval.ca | gevac10@ulaval.ca



OPENING OF NEW OFFICE IN TASIUJAQ

WE HAVE A NEW HEAD OFFICE!

The new Anguvigaq head office in Tasiujaq was opened on May 15, 2024. The Executives and staff held a meeting that week and had an opening of the Anguvigaq office. The turnout was great. Thank you Tasiujarmiut for welcoming the team. We would like to acknowledge the board of directors, Indigenous Guardians Program, Makivvik, Northern Village of Tasiujaq and Arqivik Landholding of Tasiujaq for the help of making this possible.

Thank you.



BELUGA BY-LAWS

We are encouraging the Anguvigait to all create beluga by-laws (or hunt plans) for their communities. The aim of this is to have locally-led beluga management, so that we will be in a better position to provide a recommendation for a new beluga management plan. This is all part of a self-determination process that we are working towards where recommendations and decisions are made by Inuit and for Inuit. Raymond Mickpegak has been supporting these efforts.



TERM OF OFFICE OF EXECUTIVES

The Executives are in office for 2 years from election. Two positions at a time are elected. Example: Executive President and Executive Secretary were elected back in November 2023. The next election would be for Executive Vice-President and Executive Treasurer which would be this October 2024.