ICC WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SUMMIT

Cultural Sustainability, Food Security and Conservation Through Use

November 6 to 8, 2017
Albert at Bay Suite Hotel, 435 Albert St.
Ottawa, Ontario
Hunting, gathering and fishing are critical to Inuit culture and economy and the foundation of Inuit food security. The overall goal of the Circumpolar Inuit Wildlife Management Summit is to examine the influence that policies, environmental change, public perceptions, and changing social and economic conditions in the Arctic are having on Arctic wildlife and Inuit food security. The Circumpolar Inuit Wildlife Management Summit will bring Inuit together from Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and Chukotka, which will further strengthen hunting, gathering and fishing culture as a core part of Inuit unity and identity.

The Summit is further directed by the Alaskan Inuit food Security Conceptual Framework: How to Assess the Arctic From an Inuit Perspective. The report, which reflects the views and knowledge of Alaskan Inuit, emphasizes the need to build stronger co-management structures in order to support food security.

### MANDATE

1. To affirm Inuit rights to the use of Arctic wildlife resources, the protection and promotion of Inuit culture, traditional practices and the management of these resources.

2. To share wildlife management practices employed within each country by identifying challenges and opportunities for self-determination, greater well-being, access and overall food security at all scales (local, national and international).

3. To develop common and collaborative Inuit positions and strategies that demonstrate and utilize Inuit Knowledge and traditional management practices, which support and often exceed an ecosystem approach to wildlife management (nationally and across borders), including Inuit-led management and monitoring.

### PRIMARY FOCUS AREAS

- Building an Inuit Wildlife Management network in order to support food security.
- Developing common and collaborative Inuit positions and strategies that demonstrate and utilize Inuit Knowledge and traditional management practices, which support and often exceed an ecosystem approach to wildlife management (nationally and across borders).
- Strengthening access and overall food security at all scales (local, national and international).

### PRODUCTS OF THE SUMMIT

- An ICC wildlife management Summit report.
- An ICC wildlife management Strategic Framework.
- An ICC wildlife management network.
- A strengthened international wildlife management network.

### BACKGROUND

The Summit’s Steering Committee Members:

- **Alaska:** Vernae Angnaboogok, Vera Metcalf
- **Canada:** Tom Sheldon, Natasha Latreille, Pitsey Moss-Davies
- **Greenland:** Mads Faegteborg, Rena Skifte
Cultural Sustainability, Food Security and Conservation Through Use of the Arctic Wildlife Management System

DAY 1

10:00 – 12:00 PM

Panel Discussion with the above panelists

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Panel Discussion

What is influencing management structures, Inuit management practices, self-determination, and how to move forward.

2:00 – 2:15 PM

Pikialasorsuaq Commission Report, Okalik Eegeesiak, Chair of ICC, Pikialasorsuaq International Commissioner

2:15 – 3:15 PM

Bilateral Agreements: Management of shared stocks or management areas (beluga, polar bear, etc.)

Models of Inuit-led management and monitoring

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Panelists

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Duane Smith, Chair and CEO, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

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Adamie Delisle-Alaku, Makivik Vice President, Resource Development Department

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DAY 2

1:30 – 2:30 PM
International: Relevant Instruments Related to Arctic Wildlife (CITES, IWC, NAMMCO, etc.)
- Assessment of various instruments and their impact on Inuit harvesting rights.
  - Alaska: International Whaling Commission (IWC)
    - Arnold Brower Jr., Executive Director, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission
  - Greenland: North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO)
    - Amalie Jessen, Head of Department, Ministry of Fisheries and Hunting, Government of Greenland
  - Canada: Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES)
    - Jim Goudie, Wildlife Manager, Department of Lands and Resources, Nunatsiavut Government
  - Chukotka: TBC

2:30 – 3:00 PM
Plenary discussion: Inuit Rights and Relevant International Instruments
What pressures exist that help or hinder Inuit access to wildlife, food security and culture?
- Governance & regulation, inappropriate management regimes, impact of climate change.

3:00 – 3:30 PM
Break

3:30 – 4:10 PM
What is our vision of wildlife management? How does this lead to collaborative and coordinated circumpolar management by Inuit?
- Participants from Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and Chukotka to discuss.

4:10 – 5:00 PM
Plenary Discussion

DAY 3

9:30 – 9:40 AM
Morning Welcome, Duane Smith, Chair and CEO Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

9:40 AM – 12:00 PM
Draft strategy/work plan development: Line by Line Review of DRAFT

12:00 – 1:00 PM
Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 PM
Facilitated discussion on next steps towards international collaboration and cooperation in relation to wildlife management
- Presentation and discussion of draft strategy and action plan, including draft article for 2018 General Assembly.

DAY 4

10:45 – 12:00 PM
Plenary Discussion—Working with Partners

12:00 – 1:00 PM
Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 PM
How Canadian Inuit participate nationally/internationally collectively despite differing regional regimes
- John Cheechoo, ITK Director of Environment and Wildlife

3:30 – 4:10 PM
Canadian examples of a state process: Inuit/Indigenous and stakeholder engagement
- Environment Canada (TBC)

4:10 – 5:00 PM
Plenary Discussion