



# WHO WE ARE

## INSTITUTION OF PUBLIC GOVERNMENT

The Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission (NMRPC) is an institution of public government created under the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA). We are responsible for developing, reviewing, and administering a Marine Use Plan to guide development in the Nunavik Marine Region. We operate alongside the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB) and the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board (NMRIRB), the other institutions of public government created under the NILCA.



## NUNAVIK INUIT LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT

The NILCA is a treaty and is constitutionally protected within the meaning of Section 35 of the *Constitution Act of 1982*. The purpose of the NILCA is to affirm and define Inuit rights to land, waters, resources, wildlife, and decision making in the Nunavik Inuit Settlement Area, and to establish institutions of public government and rules that governments must follow when making decisions in the region.

- The NILCA was negotiated over 12 years and signed in 2006.
- The NILCA came into legal force in 2008 through the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act, S.C. 2008, c.2.
- The signatories to the NILCA are Makivvik, Government of Canada, and the Government of Nunavut.
- The Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission was established under Article 6 of the NILCA.
- Implementation of the NILCA, including operation of the NMRPC, is informed by the NILCA Implementation Plan.

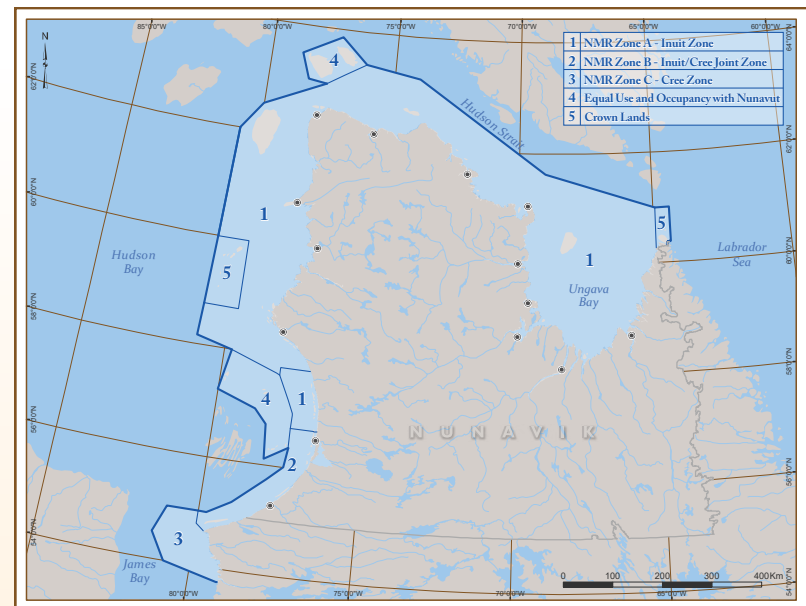


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## WHERE WE WORK

The NMRPC conducts its work in the Nunavik Marine Region. The region includes the waters and islands off the coast of mainland Nunavik beyond the ordinary low water mark (see map).

The Nunavik Marine Region contains Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy with the Inuit of Nunavut, an Overlapping Interests Area with the Cree of Eeyou Istchee, and an overlap area with the Inuit of Labrador.



NUNAVIK MARINE REGION

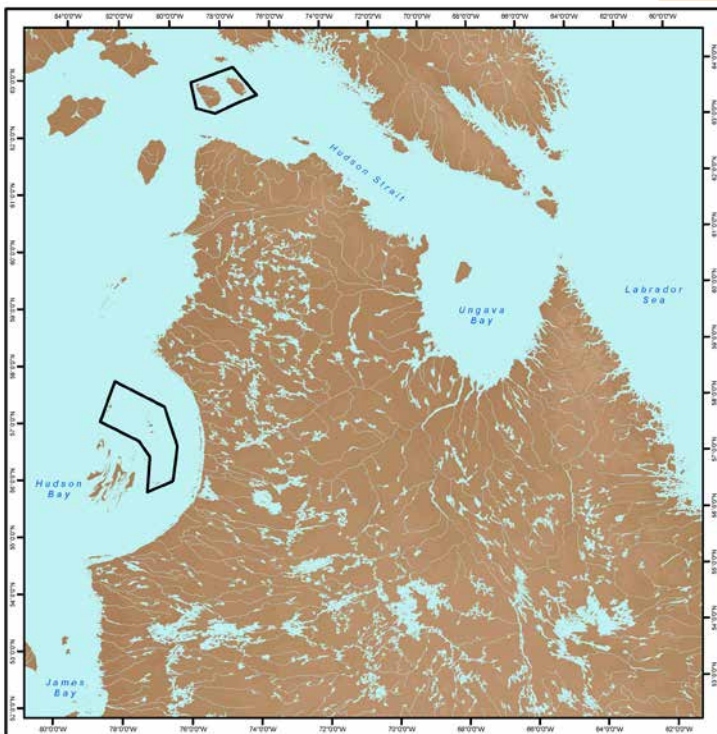


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## AREAS OF EQUAL USE AND OCCUPANCY WITH NUNAVUT

In the Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy between Nunavut and Nunavik, the NILCA and the Nunavut Land Claims agreement (NLCA) both apply. Nunavik Inuit have the same rights and interests in these areas as they do in the rest of the Nunavik Marine Region. However, decisions for these areas are currently made by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC). For decisions made in these areas, Makivvik has the right to the board of the NPC.



## CREE/INUIT OVERLAPPING INTERESTS AREA

In the Cree/Inuit Overlapping Interests Area, the NILCA and Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement (EMRLCA) apply jointly and equally. The Cree/Inuit Offshore Overlapping Interests Area Agreement defines the responsibilities of the NMRPC and the Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission (EMRPC) in the three zones within this area.

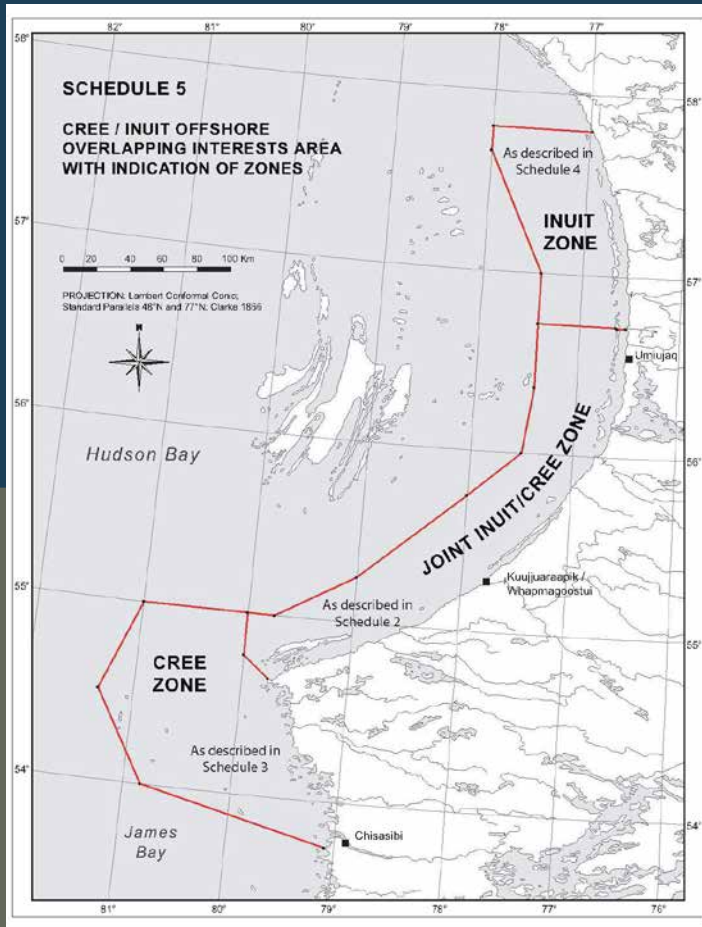
**Inuit Zone:** The NMRPC is responsible for decisions in this area and must ensure effective participation and an effective voice for Eeyou Istchee Cree.

**Joint Inuit/Cree Zone:** The NMRPC and the EMRPC have joint and equal authority in this zone and must make decisions together.

**Cree Zone:** The EMRPC is responsible for decisions in this area and must ensure effective participation and an effective voice for Nunavik Inuit.

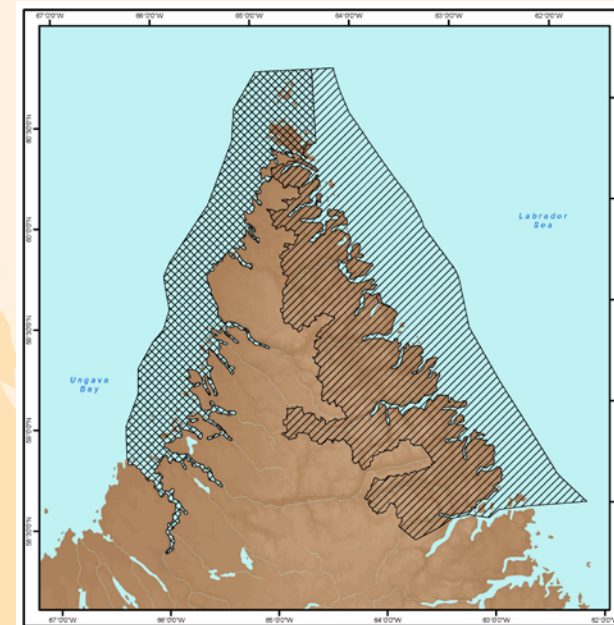


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### OVERLAPPING RIGHTS WITH NUNATSIAVUT

Nunavik Inuit have rights and interests throughout the overlap area with Labrador Inuit. Decisions in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA) are made according to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and Article 29 of the NILCA. The NMRPC has authority and makes decisions for the Nunavik Marine Region portion of the area of overlap with Nunatsiavut.



MAP SHOWS OVERLAP AREA OF THE LISA AND THE NILCA.

## WHAT WE DO

The NMRPC's primary responsibility is the development and implementation of a Marine Use Plan to guide development in the Nunavik Marine Region (NILCA 6.3.1).

As per the NILCA, the purpose of the Marine Use Plan is to protect and promote the existing and future wellbeing of the residents of Nunavik and users of the Nunavik Marine Region, accounting for the interests of all Canadians, and to protect and, where necessary, restore the environmental integrity of the region (NILCA 6.3.2).

As a first step, the NMRPC is responsible for creating a Marine Planning Strategy to lay the foundation for the preparation of the Marine Use Plan. The strategy is a roadmap for the marine planning process. It contains broad planning goals, objectives, and actions as well as priorities regarding the conservation, development, management, and use of the lands, waters and resources of the Nunavik Marine Region (NILCA 6.2.2(a), 6.4.1(a)). In addition, the strategy contains values for the marine planning process and, as required by the NILCA, devotes special attention to protecting and promoting the existing and future wellbeing of Nunavik Inuit (NILCA 6.2.1(b)).

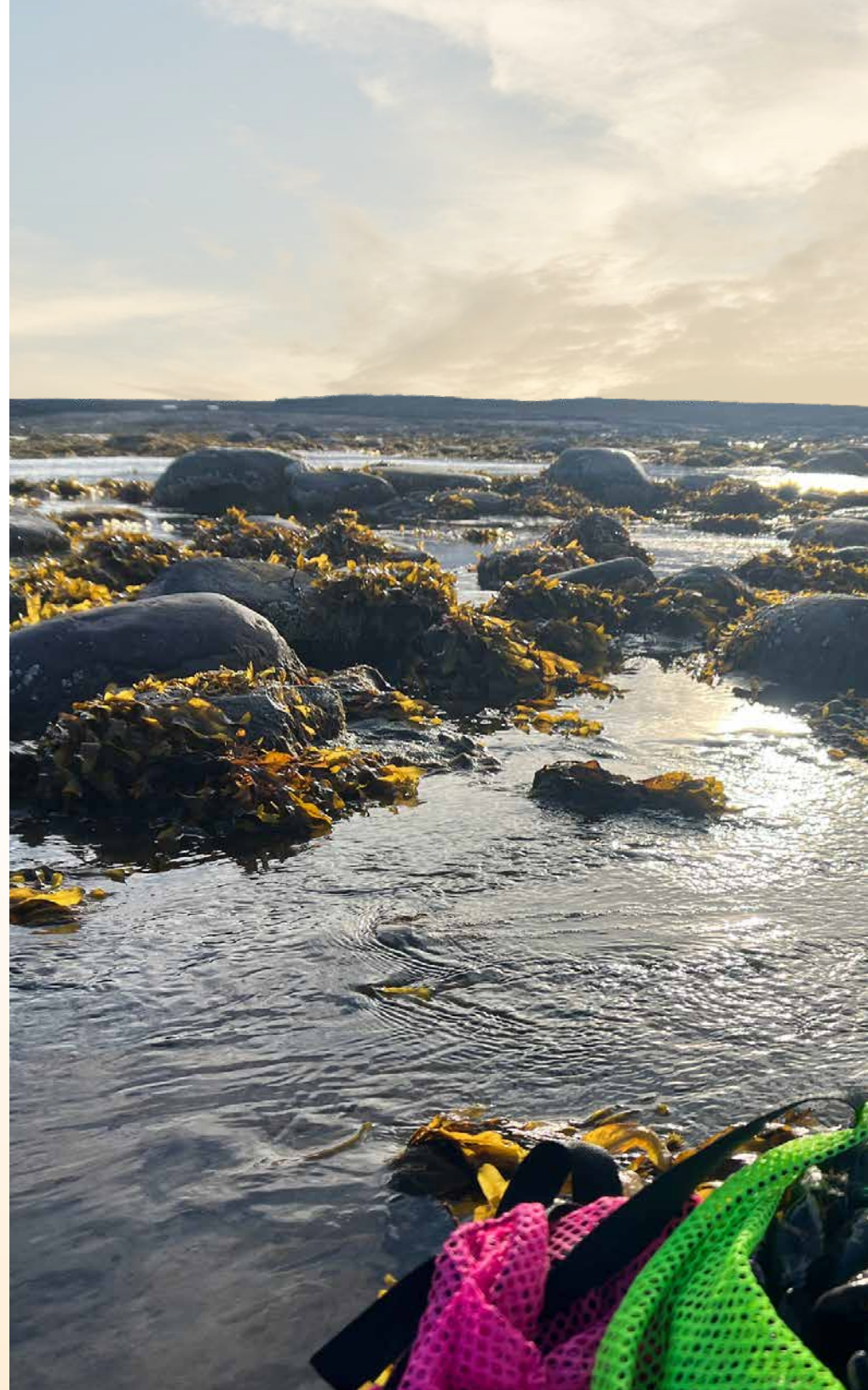




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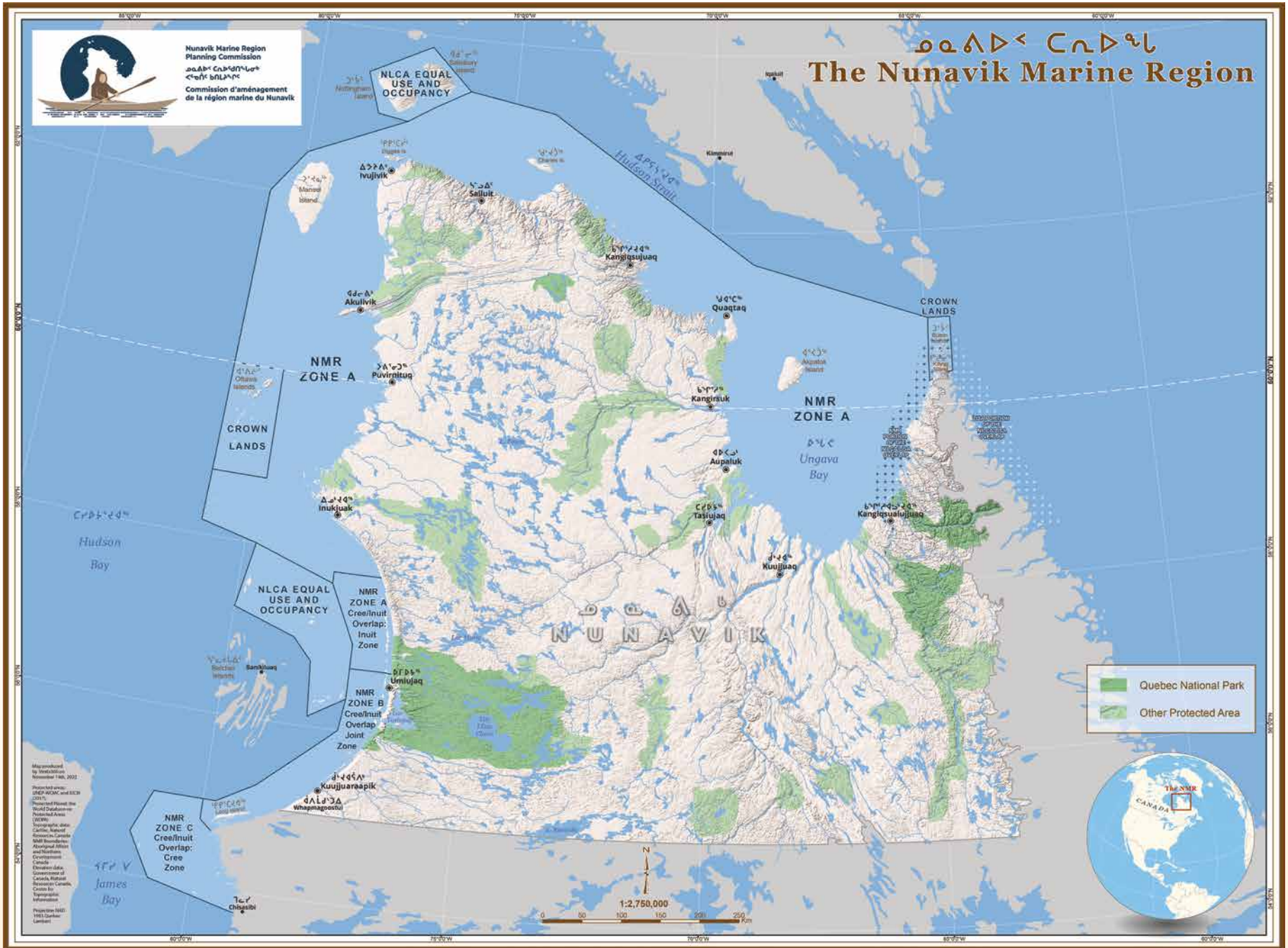
# OUR PARTNERS

Communication and engagement with all planning partners is vital to the success of the NMRPC. Planning partners are landowners, individuals and organizations with uses, interests, and/or responsibilities in the Nunavik Marine Region, including:

- The Government of Canada, the Government of Nunavut, and Makivvik
- Other institutions of public government under the NILCA, including the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board
- Adjacent Indigenous Peoples, communities, governments, and institutions of public government (e.g. Nunavut Inuit, Labrador Inuit, Eeyou Istchee Cree)
- Inuit and non-Inuit Nunavik residents
- The Kativik Regional Government and Nunavik Northern Villages
- Individuals and groups with an interest in the social, cultural, economic, or environmental aspects of the Nunavik Marine Region



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## UNDERTAKING A PROJECT IN THE NUNAVIK MARINE REGION?

Proponents for projects within the boundaries of the Nunavik Marine Region must submit project proposals to the NMRPC for review and possible referral to the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board for impact review screening. Review by the NMRPC, and where necessary by the NMRIRB, must be completed before work is started and before any licence, permit, or approval can be issued by a federal or territorial government.

The NMRPC assesses project proposals to determine and ensure their conformity with a Marine Use Plan (NILCA 6.4.4 (k)) and to determine whether a project is exempt from screening by the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board (NMRIRB) (NILCA 7.3.2, 7.3.5, 7.4.3). In the absence of an approved Marine Use Plan for the Nunavik Marine Region, the NMRPC role is limited to assessing whether a project is exempt or not from screening by the NMRIRB.





### What is a project?

A project is understood by the NMRPC to be any physical work that a proponent proposes to construct, operate, modify, decommission, abandon, or otherwise carry out, or a physical activity that a proponent proposes to undertake or otherwise carry out in the Nunavik Marine Region. A proponent can be an individual, company, or government department.

Project proposals can be submitted using the NMRPC's proponent portal, available online at: <https://portal.nmrpc.ca/projects>.

The NMRPC also provides a variety of resources on our website: [www.nmrpc.ca](http://www.nmrpc.ca)

When submitting a project proposal, be sure to:

- Provide a project summary in English and Inuktitut. Please take the time required for translation into consideration. **The NMRPC will not review a project proposal until the summary has been received in both languages.**
- **Identify all required federal or territorial permits or authorizations** for the project. Proponents are responsible for evaluating what permits and authorizations may be required and for coordinating with responsible agencies.

- **Provide a complete project proposal.** Proposals must identify the proponent clearly and describe the project's purpose, location, scale, and timing, accompanied by maps, site plans, and any relevant access or tenure information. Submissions should also outline the environmental and community context, potential land-use interactions, and any engagement undertaken. Importantly, the project proposal must describe the **full scope** of activities reasonably foreseeable, as **piecemeal submissions covering only one phase or segment of a larger undertaking are not permitted.** The NMRPC and the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board must be able to consider the cumulative and ecosystemic effects of the entire project from the outset.
- Visit the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board website [www.nmrirb.ca](http://www.nmrirb.ca) to view resources and guides relevant to impact review in the Nunavik Marine Region.
- Contact Makivvik to determine if a project requires an Entry and Access Permit for Nunavik Inuit Lands and, if so, obtain a permit via the Land Administration System here: <https://las.makivvik.ca>.
- Consult the NILCA and pay particular attention to Articles 5-7, including Schedule 7-1, and Article 12.



The NILCA does not prescribe timelines for the NMRPC's review of project proposals; however, the NMRPC has been operationally working with the following targets:

Submission to initiation of review: ~ 14 days

Initiation of review to determination: ~ 14 days

The time required for review is heavily dependent on the completeness and accuracy of the project proposal, preparedness of the proponent, and the scale and scope of the proposed project. Other activities and competing priorities of the NMRPC can also influence the timelines for review.

The NMRPC's determinations apply to project proposals as submitted. If a proponent makes a material change to their project proposal after it has been reviewed by the NMRPC, the proponent must submit a request to amend their project proposal to the NMRPC for review and determination. The new activities or works cannot be undertaken until the amendments have gone through the NILCA processes.



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### **NOT SURE YOUR WORK QUALIFIES AS A PROJECT?**

Contact us anytime! [admin@nmrpc.ca](mailto:admin@nmrpc.ca)

### **WANT TO SEE DETAILS ON PROPOSED PROJECTS IN THE NUNAVIK MARINE REGION?**

Visit the NMRPC's Open Information Portal, available online at:  
<https://portal.nmrpc.ca/projects/oip/>.

The portal provides information on proposed projects as well  
as an interactive map and updates on project reviews.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact the NMRPC or visit us online.

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