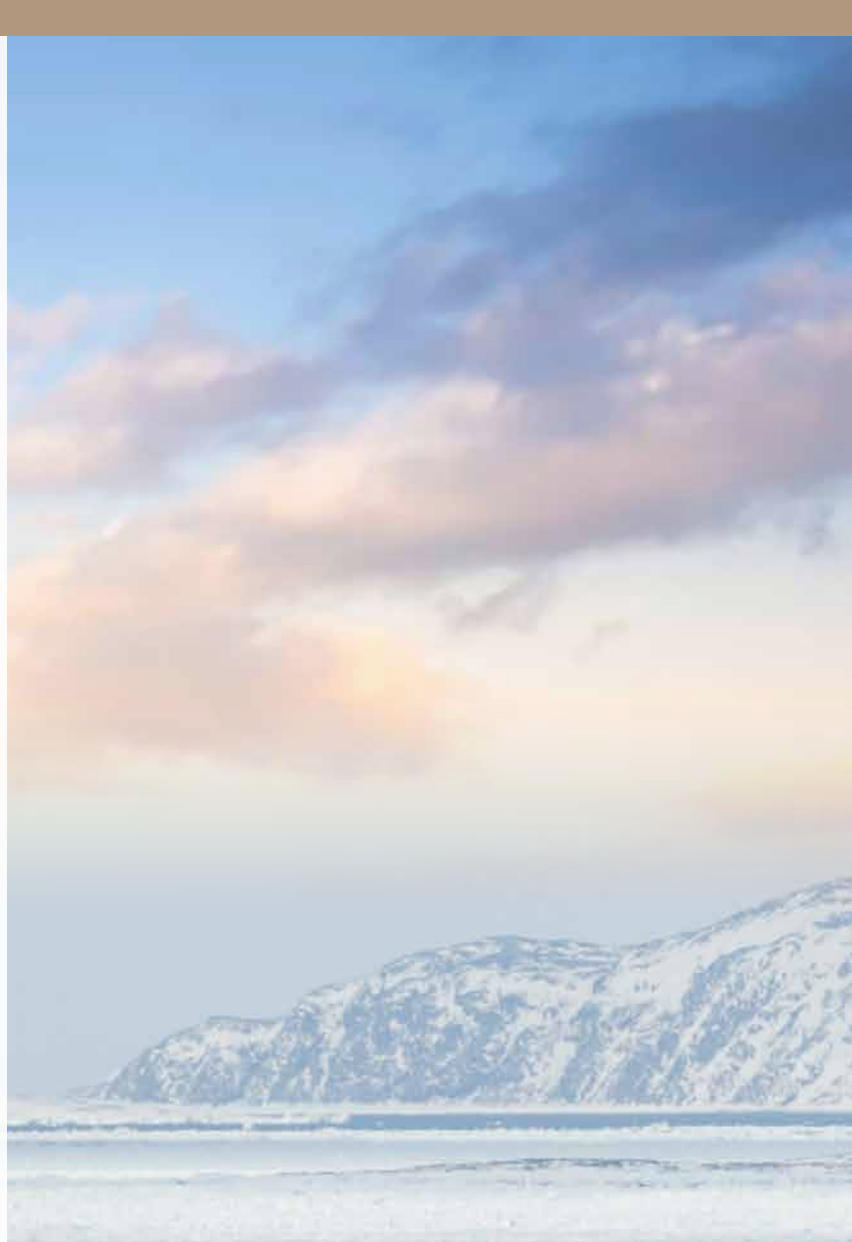


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BACKGROUND

The Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission (NMRPC) is an institution of public government created under the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA). The NILCA tasks the NMRPC with developing a Marine Use Plan to guide and direct resource use and development in the Nunavik Marine Region. The Nunavik Marine Region includes the saltwater and islands offshore of Nunavik, excluding the tidal islands connected to the mainland during low tide (Figure 1).

The NMRPC is responsible for creating a Marine Planning Strategy to lay the foundation for the preparation of the Marine Use Plan. The strategy will provide a roadmap for the marine planning process as well as a tool to hold the NMRPC accountable for its work.

As required under the NILCA, the strategy will contain broad planning **goals, objectives,** and **actions** as well as priorities regarding the conservation, development, management, and use of the saltwater, islands, and resources of the Nunavik Marine Region (NILCA 6.2.2(a), 6.4.1(a)) (Figure 2). In addition, the strategy will contain **values** for the marine planning process and, as per the NILCA, devote special attention to protecting and promoting the existing and future wellbeing of Nunavik Inuit (NILCA 6.2.1(b)).

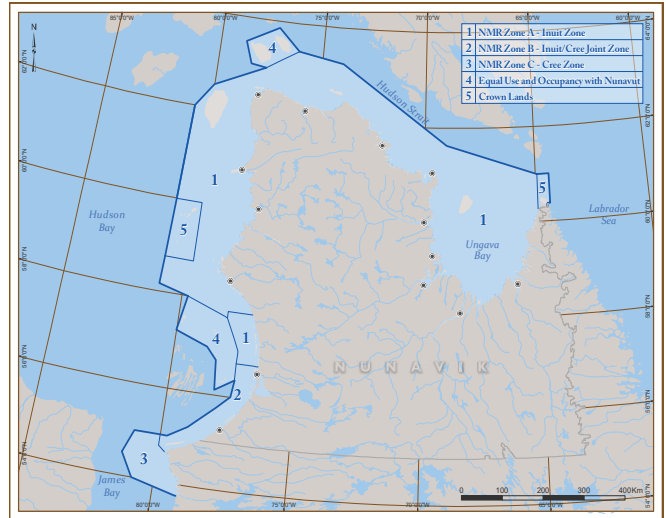


Figure 1: Nunavik Marine Region.

Values are shared ideals. They provide guiding principles for decision-making. **Goals are general targets to aim for.** They provide direction. **Objectives are specific targets to be achieved.** They are “what must be done”. **Actions are activities to be completed.** They are “how objectives can be achieved”. Together, these elements establish a framework for strategic, long-term planning that leads to action.

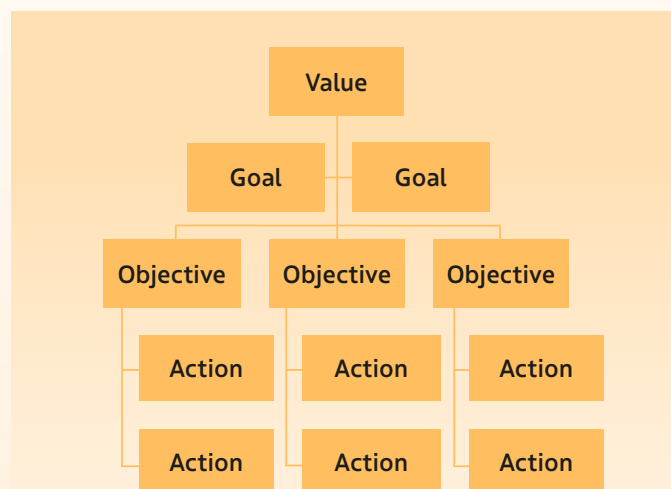


Figure 2: The relationship between values, goals, objectives, and actions.

A broad range of individuals and organizations have activities and/or interests in the Nunavik Marine Region. Early, ongoing, and meaningful engagement is necessary with the full suite of these planning partners to support development of a strategy that is comprehensive, relevant, and achievable. In recognition of this, the NMRPC is co-developing the Marine Planning Strategy with planning partners.

Our engagement on the strategy reached a broad range of planning partners including Nunavimmiut as well as individuals and organizations from across Canada with interests or activities in the Nunavik Marine Region.

This report focuses on the results of the Public Survey. The purpose of conducting the survey was to:

1. Foster awareness of the NMRPC and our role in the marine planning process.
2. Obtain input for the marine planning process from individuals.
3. Identify preferences for how to maintain ongoing engagement.

Using this survey, we invited input from individuals on draft values, goals, and objectives for the Marine Planning Strategy as well as on the tools that the NMRPC can use to maintain ongoing engagement with planning partners. The results of the Public Survey, alongside those of the Targeted and Organization Surveys, will directly inform development of the Marine Planning Strategy. The Marine Planning Strategy will reflect the needs and desires of Nunavimmiut and serve as a tool for creating an effective Marine Use Plan.

The following engagement has taken place to date to support co-development:

Early Engagement Community Tour (2023): We conducted a tour to introduce the NMRPC to Nunavik communities, including Inuit in Chisasibi, and hear their opinions on the Nunavik Marine Region.

Marine Planning Strategy Surveys (2024-2025): We used surveys to validate draft content for the strategy. We used the feedback received during the 2023 community tour to develop the surveys.

- **Targeted Survey** – We delivered a Targeted Survey in-person to experts in the marine environment, with a focus on Nunavik harvesters and Elders.¹
- **Public Survey** – We provided a Public Survey to all Nunavik Inuit, Nunavimmiut, and others from across Canada interested in the Nunavik Marine Region.²
- **Organization Survey** – We shared an Organization Survey with a broad range of agencies from across Canada with activities or interests in the Nunavik Marine Region, including land claims organizations, industry and businesses, government, academia, and non-governmental organizations.³

Wellbeing Workshop Community Tour (2025): We conducted a community tour to all Nunavik communities, including Inuit in Chisasibi, to explore the concept of wellbeing with Nunavimmiut.⁴

¹ Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission. 2024. Marine Planning Strategy: Targeted Survey 2024 for Local Experts from Nunavik Communities.

² Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission. 2025. Public Marine Planning Strategy Report.

³ Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission. 2025. Organization Marine Planning Strategy Report.

⁴ Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission. 2025. Wellbeing Workshops with Nunavimmiut Report.

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THE PUBLIC SURVEY

The NMRPC launched the Public Survey online in fall 2024 in English, Inuktitut, and French using the Survey Monkey platform (see Appendix 1 for the survey questions).

We promoted participation using social media posts, local and regional radio station announcements, and online and print Nunatsiaq News articles. We shared cards with QR codes for the survey during the 2024 ArcticNet Conference in Ottawa and the 2025 Tasiujaqiaqmiut Sheewetaganapoi Consortium Roundtable in Montreal. The NMRPC also distributed the survey in English, Inuktitut, and French to all Nunavik post office boxes, which took place in winter 2025 due to the Canada Post strike. We packaged the 15-question survey in a custom envelope with the leaflet summarizing the results of the Targeted Survey, a pen, and a self-addressed, postage paid envelope for returning the completed survey. A QR code was included on printed materials for those who wanted to complete the survey online. In addition, the NMRPC shared surveys in-person in all Nunavik communities during our 2025 Wellbeing Workshop Community Tour.

To encourage people to complete the survey, the NMRPC held a \$2000 early-bird draw for those who completed the survey by December 1, 2024. At the completion of the survey, we held \$1000 cash draws for all respondents in each Nunavik community with an extra \$1000 draw for those living outside of Nunavik. Everyone who completed the survey by June 2025 received an NMRPC notebook and luggage tag to acknowledge their time and contribution.

When considering the results of the survey, it is important to note that not everyone responded to all the questions. There are many reasons why people may have chosen not to answer a given question or questions: they may have been unclear on the wording or dialect, they may have felt unqualified to respond, or they may simply have chosen not to share their thoughts or opinions on a given subject given the options provided. We understood that a lack of response to a question in the survey did not necessarily indicate lack of support for an issue. In analyzing the survey results, we considered the number of responses received for any given question, a value which we have provided within each section of this report.



WHAT WE HEARD

Respondents

A total of 354 people from Nunavik and across Canada submitted completed Marine Planning Strategy Surveys to the NMRPC. To understand who was completing the Public Survey, we asked people for information about themselves including whether they are Nunavik Inuit, their age, where they live, and their relationship to the Nunavik Marine Region.

Of the 346 respondents that voluntarily identified themselves, 84% (292 people) were Nunavik Inuit. Regarding age, 66% of respondents (283/351 people) were between 26 and 55 years old (Figure 3). The oldest and youngest in the population (ages 66 and older, under 25 years of age) were not well represented and comprised only 10% and 9% of respondents, respectively.

There were 350 survey respondents that stated which community they currently live in (Table 1). We received responses from all Nunavik communities, Whapmagoostui, Inuit in Chisasibi, and other Canadian towns and cities. More responses were submitted from larger Nunavik Inuit communities such as Kuujuaq and Inukjuaq, while less populated communities such as Quaqtuaq and Tasiujaq had fewer respondents overall. Relatively higher numbers of surveys were completed by residents of Aupaluk, Ivujivik, and Umiujaq, despite these communities being among the smallest in Nunavik. Twenty-nine (29) respondents shared that they were living in a community outside of northern Quebec.

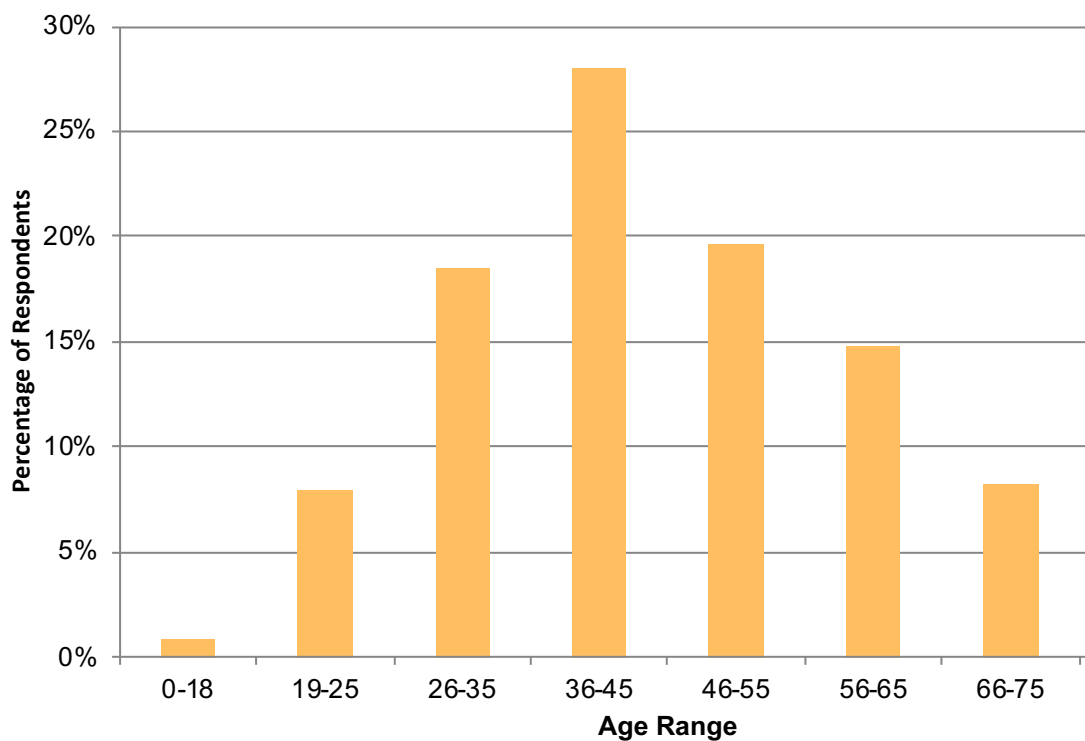


Figure 3: Age distribution of survey respondents.

Table 1: Survey response by community

Community	Number of Surveys	Percentage of Total Survey Number
Akulivik	9	3%
Aupaluk	15	4%
Chisasibi	2	1%
Inukjuak	62	18%
Ivujivik	18	5%
Kangiqualujuaq	4	1%
Kangisujuaq	9	3%
Kangirsuk	12	3%
Kuujuuaq	81	23%
Kuujuaraapik	24	7%
Puvirnituaq	21	6%
Quaqtaq	5	1%
Salluit	27	8%
Tasiujaq	9	3%
Umiujaq	20	6%
Whapmagoostui	3	1%
Other	29	8%
Total Responses	350	100%

We asked people to provide information about their relationship to the Nunavik Marine Region to better understand the experiences and insights they were bringing to the development of the Marine Planning Strategy. A total of 333 people responded to the question. Of these, 10% indicated they worked in tourism in roles such as outfitting guides or tour operators, while 7% indicated they were a businessperson or developer whose work was connected to the Nunavik Marine Region. Seven percent (7%) stated that they were a government representative whose work involves the region.

Seventy-four percent (74%) of the people who replied to the question indicated they harvest from the saltwater or islands, use products harvested from the saltwater or islands such as food or art supplies, and/or spend time on the coast. Interestingly, despite the time and experience that respondents had in the Nunavik Marine Region, only 30% claimed to have relevant knowledge to share (Figure 4). This gap may be due to people not self-identifying as knowledge holders despite having significant experience and insights. As such, there may be a larger proportion of survey respondents with valuable information about the saltwater and islands, based on personal observations and experiences, than reflected in the numbers summarized here.

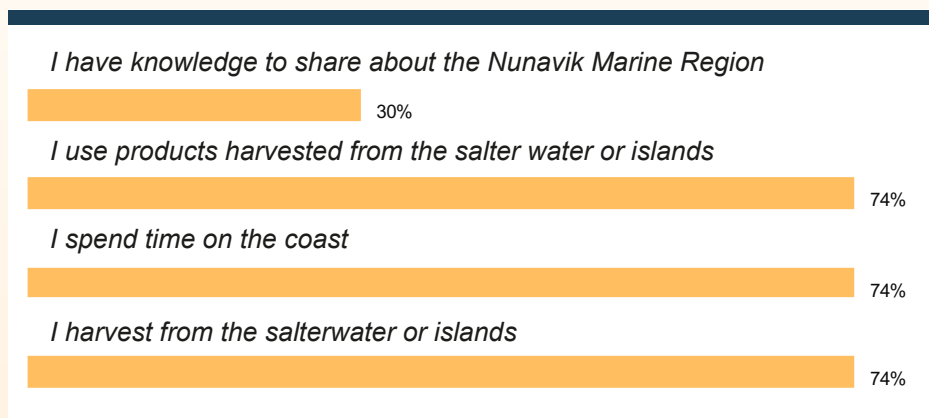


Figure 4: Percentage of survey respondents who indicated they have knowledge to share about the Nunavik Marine Region compared to the percentage that use and enjoy the region.

Values and Goals

The NMRPC's organizational values and goals were adopted following an internal workshop with Board Members and staff in 2022 (opposite page). We asked survey respondents to review the values and goals adopted by the NMRPC and indicate whether they are a good fit for guiding the marine planning process for the Nunavik Marine Region.

An overwhelming 99% of people (350/353) agreed that the NMRPC's values are a good fit for the marine planning process in the Nunavik Marine Region.

Respondents who did not agree were asked to provide an explanation. One person stated that they did not understand the wording of the question, while another cited a lack of

relevant knowledge. Three comments from people who did agree with the values offered recommendations, including revised spellings to reflect dialectal differences and the addition of "Qanuingngisiaqatiqanni", meaning "being in good condition with others including all creatures", and "Avatittinik kamasianiq", meaning "taking care of the environment".

When asked whether they agreed that the NMRPC's goals were a good overall fit for marine planning in the Nunavik Marine Region, 99% responded positively (348/349).

Two comments were provided in response to the goals; however, they related to issues outside the scope of marine planning, including the need for more roadways and broader healthcare options.



NMRPC Values and Goals

Nunaqqatigiinni

The people of Nunavik are defined by their relationships with each other.

Healthy People and Community:

- Promote and protect culture, language, tradition, places of importance, and the uniqueness of Nunavik communities and their institutions.
- Foster community growth by being open, welcoming, and inclusive.



Pivaalliqatigiinni/Makitaniq

The people of Nunavik grow and prosper together.

Healthy Economy:

- Economic opportunities and meeting the needs of the community contribute to the wellbeing of Nunavimmiut.
- Infrastructure, including transportation and communication, contribute to the aspirations and wellbeing of Nunavimmiut.
- A healthy economy that not only meets, but exceeds, the basic needs of Nunavimmiut (housing, healthcare, justice, social services, food security).



Nunamiingaaqniq

The people of Nunavik, their way of life comes from the land and their relationship with the land.

Healthy Environment and Healthy Ecosystems:

- Promote and support traditional economies, alternative energy, and ecofriendly practices for the holistic wellbeing of Nunavimmiut and Nunavik.
- Consider the sustainability of the environment and the integrity of ecosystems in all plans and activities.



Katujjiqatigiinni

Working together and collaboratively to find ways forward.

Integrity & Inclusion:

- Nunavimmiut and planning partners feel included and are engaged in the planning process, the implementation of the plan, validation of results, and the measuring of success.





Objectives

We asked survey respondents to review draft objectives for marine planning in the Nunavik Marine Region as organized under our four draft values. The draft objectives were prepared by NMRPC staff using a range of resources, including documents from other planning processes in Canada's Arctic as well as strategy and policy documents from Inuit and Arctic organizations. To support fulsome engagement, we also invited people to offer their own thoughts by leaving additional comments.

We asked respondents to select priorities for each value that they felt represented ways in which the NMRPC could achieve its goals.

The value related to Nunaqqatigiinniq had 8 draft objectives, the value related to Pivaalliqatigiinniq/Makitaniq had 9, the value related to Nunamiingaaqniq had 6, and the value related to Katujjiqatigiinniq had 8. Overall, the draft objectives related to Nunaqqatigiinniq and Nunamiingaaqniq were selected the most frequently. Of those that responded to these questions, an average of 78% and 76% selected them, respectively. The draft objectives related to Pivaalliqatigiinniq/Makitaniq and Katujjiqatigiinniq were selected relatively less often, with averages of 74% and 70% respectively.

DRAFT OBJECTIVES UNDER THE VALUE OF NUNAQQATIGIINNIQ

We asked people for their thoughts on how the NMRPC can promote and protect Inuit culture. Over 70% of the 350 people who responded to this question indicated their support for one or more of the eight draft objectives set out for consideration (Figure 5). Two draft objectives, “Supporting opportunities to practice and share culturally important traditions, sites, and artifacts” and “Respect and protect the Inuit language”, received the greatest support with selection by 87% of those who responded to this question.

Eighty (80) respondents offered additional thoughts on how the NMRPC can further promote and protect Inuit culture.



“Create a bridge between the Elders and the youth, not through storytelling but through activities, either cultural or social interactions.”

How can the NMRPC help promote and protect Inuit culture?

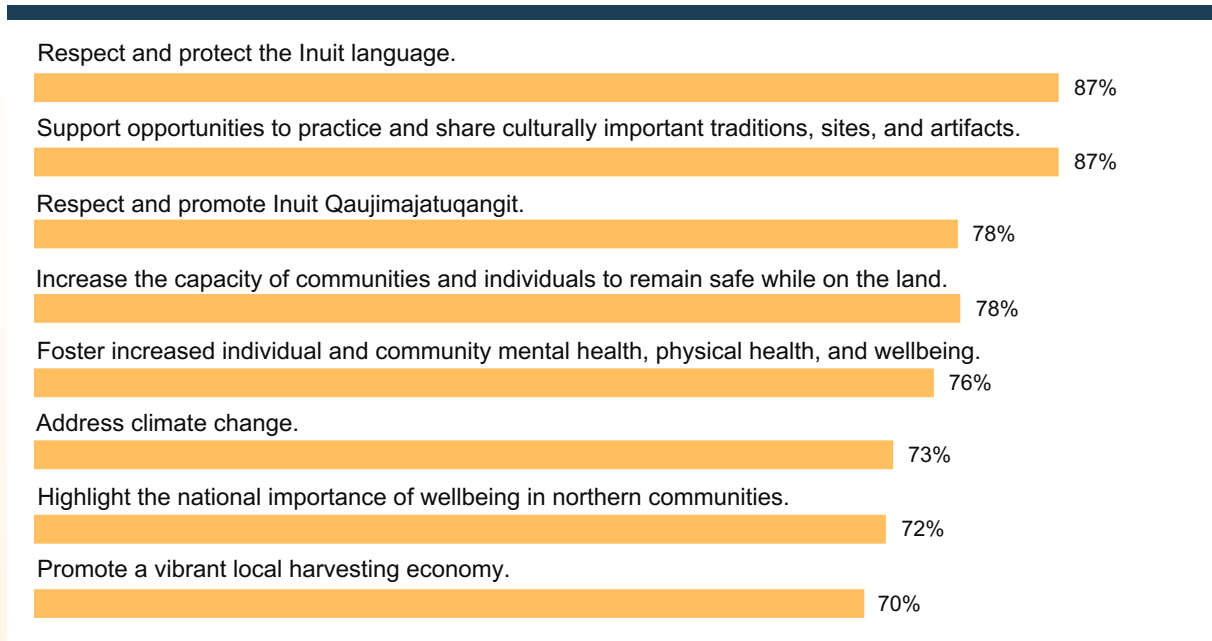


Figure 5: Percentage of respondents who confirmed their agreement with draft objectives to help promote and protect Inuit culture. Respondents were invited to select as many options as they liked.

Five themes emerged from the comments provided:

Theme 1: Support the transfer of traditional knowledge, language, and skills to youth through on-the-land and school-based activities.

- *Promote traditional activities, plan contests or outings, or plan outside suppers when groups return from qajaq activities or walking after fishing.*
- *Respect traditional place names and water names.*
- *Create a bridge between the Elders and the youth...through activities.*
- *.. promote and protect Inuit culture at early age.*
- *...explain, show, pass your knowledge and don't keep it to yourself.*
- *Look at 'father figure' [programs] for those who have no father.*
- *Speak Inuittituk more often.*
- *Language can be learned by anybody.*
- *Protect Inuit way of life, language [oral] also in written.*
- *We need more curriculum in the school about [Inuit culture] in Inuktitut.*
- *At school would be good to promote and protect Inuit culture at early age around grade 1 but I think start with kindergarten. The young ones will grow and learn and understand before they become adult.*

Theme 2: Respect the land, wildlife, and the safety of harvesters.

- *Make urgent action to control all chemicals dumped in Arctic community landfills and mishandled.*
- *Always put away pollutions and make the world more safe.*
- *...not to leave garbage on our beautiful lands.*
- *Teach students more about climate change.*
- *...young people need older/elder people's guidance [on]... best ways to read the land/ weather to stay safe while hunting/camping.*
- *Need to protect as much our environmental to stay healthy.*
- *Protecting and preserving the land so traditional activities can continue without fear of losing our native species and their habitat.*

Theme 3: Align infrastructure, business, and development with Inuit priorities and cultural values.

- *Start commercial small-scale fisheries plant, locals can qualify fishermen benefits during winter.*
- *Ensure any commercial or business activities are majority Inuit owned.*
- *If promotion of Inuit culture is a priority, things like that are more than a step in the right direction.*
- *Set stricter marine guidelines for ballast water and a designated quarantined area for port.*

Theme 4: Extend communications and educational opportunities to include non-Inuit to ensure that all Canadians are educated about the North.

- *Teach more people about the north.*
- *Talk about [Inuit culture] more to... people coming to work in our region.*
- *Raise awareness and educate the non-Inuit population about local values and trades by participating in cultural and social activities.*
- *Invite non-Inuit people to join in land-based excursions and Inuktitut language learning.*

Theme 5: Ensure effective coordination with planning partners, including community members and organizations.

- *Communicate well, especially with Cree/Inuit together.*
- *Coordinate with other bodies' activities.*
- *Inform more on what funding is available.*
- *With good support Inuit will be helped and be more updated.*
- *It would be interesting to see local individuals invited more often. Ones who don't have businesses or in a position of power. It's seems to always be simply the same representative, and that doesn't go far considering [We/ Kuujuaq] may have a wider range of views and opinions on certain subjects.*

DRAFT OBJECTIVES UNDER THE VALUE OF PIVAALLIQATIGIINNIQ/MAKITANIQ

A total of 352 people provided responses regarding the coastal economy in the Nunavik Marine Region. Eighty-four percent (84%) agreed that the NMRPC should understand the economic priorities of Nunavik Inuit and communities (Figure 6). The vast majority of those that responded also agreed that the NMRPC should promote increased employment success of the local population (74%) and support a variety of development (73%). Over sixty percent of the 230 people who responded to this question agreed that all the options presented could support a strong coastal economy in the Nunavik Marine Region. Survey respondents offered 53 comments in response to our request for input on how the NMRPC can support a strong coastal economy in the Nunavik Marine Region.



"I'd like to see training for the field work... we can definitely, work together. Inuit need to be able to monitor the situations happening in their communities. We depend on others and it's important to highlight the training needs for Inuit."

How can the NMRPC support a strong coastal economy?

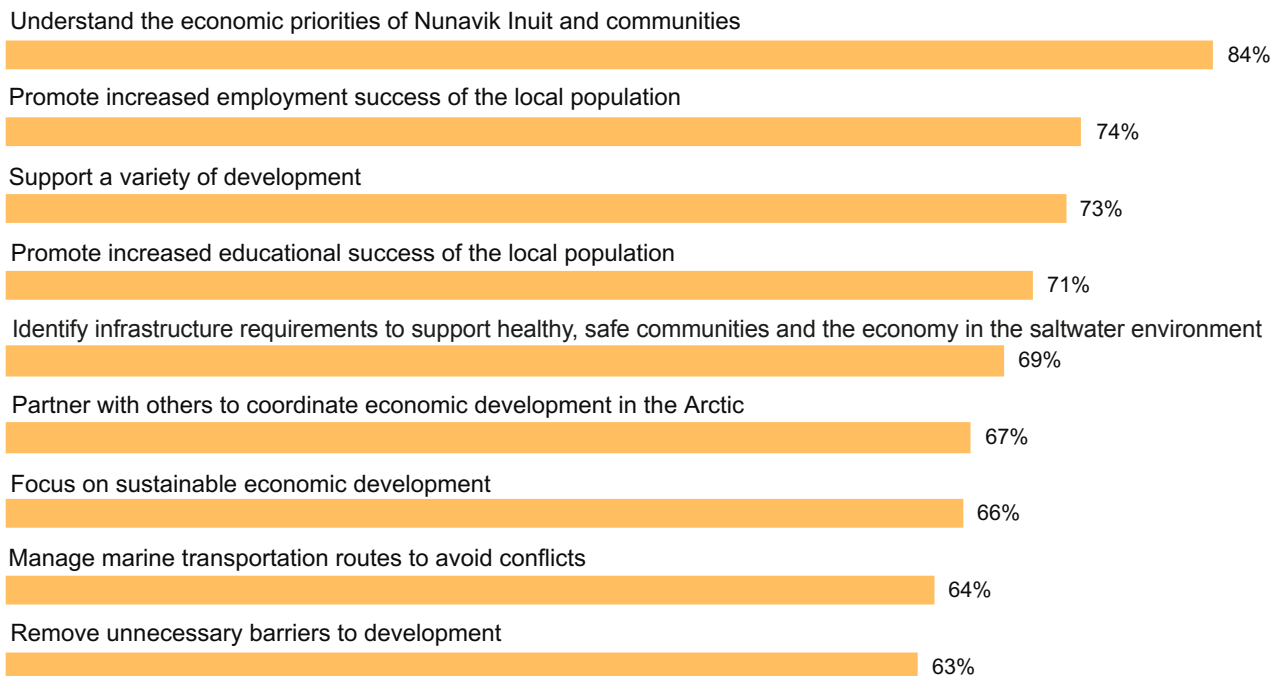


Figure 6: Percentage of respondents who confirmed their agreement with draft objectives to support a strong coastal economy. Respondents were invited to select as many options as they liked.

Four themes emerged from the comments provided:

Theme 1: Support training for youth and adults, emphasizing sustainable development and protecting the lands and waters.

- *Support again people who are selling... fish they need to be supported in maybe ask them how to make business.*
- *Create curriculum for the youth.*
- *I'd like to see training for the field work. There is high rate of Qallunaq in those fields, we can definitely work together...*
- *Use and hire local Inuit for support and educate about fisheries and marine life.*
- *Let Inuit hunt and sell their catch for commercial and to be able to sell their catch with quotas like on arctic char.*
- *Educating the younger generation about keeping the land and water clean, to be respectful of the land. Not to litter and take more than what you need.*
- *Protect the land in so many ways*
- *Promote Indigenous protected and conserve areas.*

Theme 2: Support economic ventures that allow people to access and use the Nunavik Marine Region.

- *People get a chance to go camping, even day trips.*
- *Our islands should be included [in Nunavik's economy], so people of Nunavik have opportunities to be part of these [business opportunities]. For example, [sale of] down feathers, ivory, and others that we traditionally eat.*
- *More economic development in the small community.*
- *Not having a quota on Inuit harvested mammals such as beluga.*
- *[There should be a] taxi-type service for those who'd like to go out [cost of boats, motors is prohibitive].*

Theme 3: Include Inuit in research and sustainable economic development.

- *...Inuit need to be able to monitor the situations happening in their communities.*
- *If not educated a man and woman with hunting and surviving abilities can be hired.*
- *...economics projects has to preserve the environment and culture.*
- *...a definite priority should be put on sustainable economic development.*
- *[Include Inuit] through knowledge and research.*
- *Start collect \$ from passing by cargo/fuel ships to expand & continue your operations.*
- *Nunavik desperately needs... research on animals, weather, water, sea water, this would promote a lot of things, culturally, economically, sustainability and safety for Nunavimmiut.*

Theme 4: Communicate with Inuit and adjacent communities on economic opportunities, including tourism opportunities.

- *Encourage with Eeyou or Marine region to identify opportunities to start local business tourism, etc.*
- *Work more with others.*
- *Work together harder.*
- *Do your best to include knowledge from every community.*
- *Promote local wildlife management – empower them to reach visitors + non-Inuit.*
- *... better knowledge of inter-correlating lands near marine region point of interest.*
- *Partner with outsiders?*



DRAFT OBJECTIVES UNDER THE VALUE OF NUNAMIINGAAQNIQ

Three hundred and thirty-three (333) people provided input on how the NMRPC can protect the health of the environment and ecosystems in the Nunavik Marine Region (Figure 7). The most popular option, selected by 82% of those that responded, was “Support research relevant to Nunavik communities”. This was followed by “Protect and conserve special marine areas and species” (80%). Considering the impacts of multiple projects, or cumulative impacts, received the least support (65% of respondents), which may warrant further inquiry. The concept of cumulative impacts or the steps to identify and address cumulative impacts within a marine planning process may have been unclear, leading to lower support.

When we asked for additional comments regarding how the NMRPC can protect the health of the environment and ecosystems, 41 people responded.



“Work with other countries to protect the ecosystem. Because the world we live in is connected no matter where we are...”

How can the NMRPC protect the health of the environment and the ecosystems in the Nunavik Marine Region?



Figure 7: Percentage of respondents who confirmed their agreement with draft objectives to protect the health of the environment and the ecosystems in the Nunavik Marine Region. Respondents were invited to select as many options as they liked.

Four themes emerged from the comments provided:

Theme 1: Identify and protect important species and areas.

- *Ensure protected areas are immediately identified for zero development and ensure the ecosystems there are never impacted.*
- *Create local and regional bylaws/policies that are best practises in the world dealing with highly sensitive, pristine environments.*
- *Do not touch our environment.*
- *Respect bird colony nesting periods and not disturb them.*
- *...be sure salt water is protected at all time.*

Theme 2: Recognize that the health of ecosystems in the Nunavik Marine Region is linked to other habitats and other jurisdictions.

- *...inside the zone of NRMPC as zone and outside zone share same water.*
- *...the world we live in is connected no matter where we are. example: if our rivers is doomed so as the other countries.*
- *...[seasonal construction in each community] contaminates or destroys the lands and waterways and tundra through their developments of construction by buildings and the usages of their heavy equipment machinery on the tundra landscapes.*

Theme 3: Encourage ongoing communication and engagement with all planning partners, including Nunavik Inuit, government, and non-government bodies within and outside of the Nunavik Marine Region.

- *Work side by side with Inuit people.*
- *Work with other countries to protect the ecosystem.*
- *Make sure you update any new changes.*
- *Connect our communities to south.*
- *Tell people to help each other and help the people who work.*
- *Don't let the people from South collect Inuit knowledge and profits, but let Inuit make money.*
- *More reporters and representatives in our region.*

Theme 4: Promote educated and responsible use of the lands and waters.

- *Never leave waste, garbage, toxic on the land and sea.*
- *Develop relevant educational programs for schools.*
- *Establish marine safety renewal programs. Make available marine life emergency measures to as many as possible. Offer certified first aid.*
- *Hunters should be clearly observed, talked campers about taking their garbage.*
- *I would add that an infrastructure is needed and not just Infrastructure but assets as well to properly document, conserve, monitor.*



DRAFT OBJECTIVES UNDER THE VALUE OF KATUJJIQATIGIINNIQ

The NMRPC asked how it can make Nunavimmiut and its other planning partners feel included and engaged in the management of the Nunavik Marine Region. Other planning partners include a range of organizations such as government, industry, businesses, academia, researchers, and non-governmental organizations. Three hundred and thirty-two (332) people responded to this question. Eighty-nine percent (89%) of these indicated the importance of honouring and respecting the rights and interests of Inuit. Eighty percent (80%) agreed that the NMRPC should ensure that work is open and transparent to promote confidence in the planning process (Figure 8). The least popular draft objective, supported by 64% of respondents, was to provide tools to address disagreements within the scope of work of the NMRPC.



“Pay close attention daily and make sure you know what needs to be known with the people you are working with...”

Respondents offered a total of 47 comments regarding inclusion and engagement in the management of the Nunavik Marine Region.

How can the NMRPC make Nunavimmiut and its other planning partners feel included and engaged in the management of the Nunavik Marine Region?

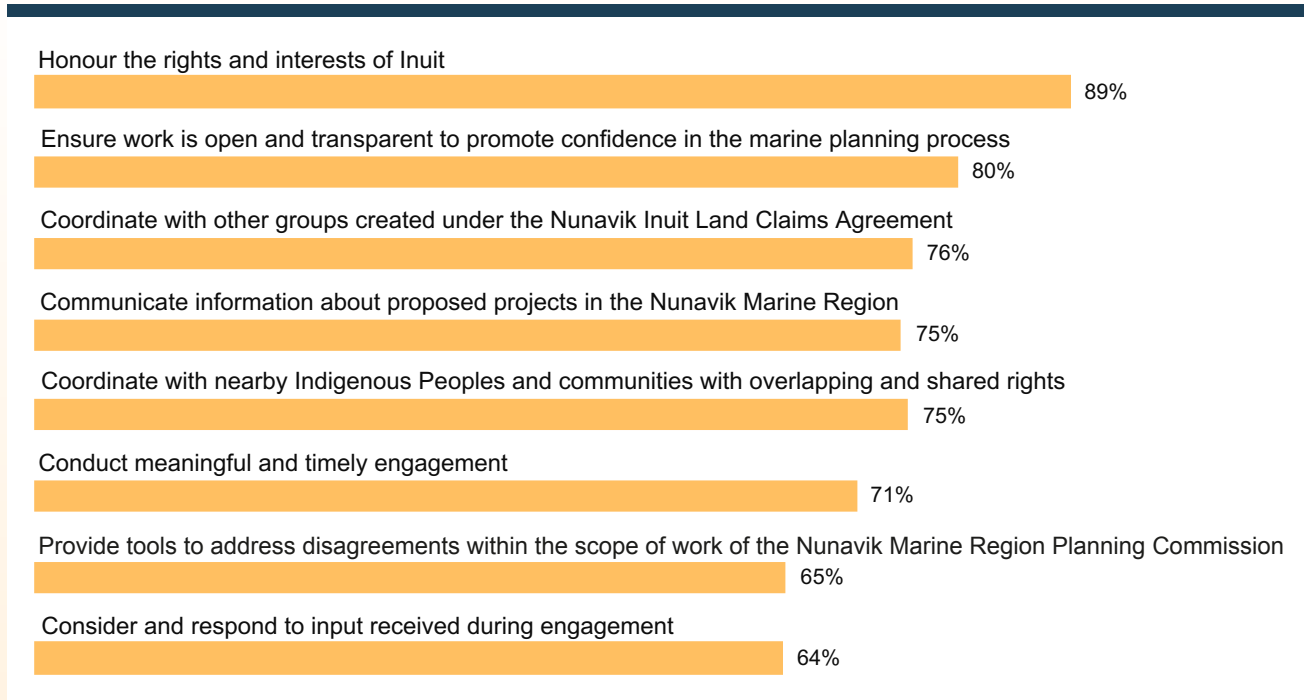


Figure 8: Percentage of respondents who confirmed their agreement with draft objectives to make Nunavimmiut and its other planning partners feel included and engaged in the management of the Nunavik Marine Region. Respondents were invited to select as many options as they liked.

Three themes emerged from the comments provided:

Theme 1: Ensure transparency in the marine planning process by informing planning partners on NMRPC activities and decision-making through various media.

- *Make yourself heard more either by FM radio, or radio so we know more what you are doing.*
- *Please continue to mail into my post office box any newsletter or any announcements.*
- *Including plain language summaries of research studies/activities makes results more accessible.*
- *Paying close attention daily and make sure you know what needs to be known with the people you are working with it would continue smoothly.*
- *Community participation, ways to keep a high number of people involved need to be taken.*
- *All is good as long it is the truth.*

Theme 2: Promote awareness and discussion by inviting community representatives to meetings and conducting meaningful consultation with communities throughout the planning process.

- *Meet regularly with reps... to discuss current events, plans, challenges.*
- *All the communities should have committee or appointee that will help and inform the community...*
- *It is very important that the Inuit are always consulted on projects and also involved.*
- *It is the promoters responsibility before work start on any project to ensure they have consulted the communities...*
- *Ensure local landholding corporations are informed and consulted with everything to do with coastal regions within their category lands.*
- *Always plan together.*
- *Adjust the community consultation according to community activities.*
- *Check with many organizations and create a detailed calendar. This will ensure more contact with as many more experienced individuals.*

Theme 3: Generally, consider the wellbeing of Inuit to ensure inclusivity and successful engagement.

- *Support young people, who has no means to go out on the land.*
- *Respect seasons of hunting and fishing and not disturb them at those times.*
- *Be more available to elders.*
- *Prioritize Nunavik Inuit, partners, and knowledge.*
- *Protect the marine region and wildlife in Nunavik.*
- *Implement resources to ensure proper monitoring of activities.*
- *Treat Inuit fairly and not put them at the lowest salary to begin with. That is discouraging for the population to be able to join these types of programs/companies. Considering Inuit are a great asset.*





On-Going Engagement

The NMRPC is responsible for conducting a marine planning process that provides ongoing opportunities for people to remain informed and provide input. We asked people to tell us how they would like to share their thoughts with the NMRPC going forward. The most popular option was email (selected by 67% of respondents), followed by a fillable form on the NMRPC website (54%), and messaging and comments on social media (51%). When we asked about the best ways to receive information and updates from the NMRPC, people responded that email (63%) and social media (61%) work well, followed by announcements made over local radio (47%).

Additional Comments

The last question of the survey was a request for respondents to help guide our work at the NMRPC. We asked people to share any additional thoughts they might have about priorities, challenges, or opportunities regarding the saltwater and islands of the Nunavik Marine Region. As with the open-ended questions relating to draft objectives, common themes emerged from the 121 comments provided by survey respondents:

Respect Inuit knowledge, culture, and way of life within the marine planning process in the Nunavik Marine Region.

Comments highlighted the importance of ensuring the transfer of language, culture, and traditional knowledge, including the transfer of knowledge to agencies charged with research and decision-making in the region. People highlighted the need for future generations to continue traditional marine activities such as hunting, fishing, and camping.

- *Respect the culture and way of life of the Inuit above all.*
- *I wish we could go out with young people to teach and learn out there... that way we would know more about our marine region.*
- *It is important to promote Inuit knowledge of marine life. Hunting for seals, gathering eggs, and harvesting sea food. Also how to use nets, for seals, beluga, and fish. To respect the waters, are they sustain our way of life.*
- *Time we think further ahead to control our land and water. Need to further negotiate with government.*
- *Listen to our elders and follow their knowledge. Leave our animals live wild and in peace.*
- *Traditional settlements of ancestral families need to be identified and safeguarded.*
- *Us Inuit, we are proud to be Inuk harvesters so it's important to be respected.*

Ensure that development is culturally appropriate and benefits Inuit.

There was strong interest in having ships pay fees to use the waters of the Nunavik Marine Region. These fees could be used to fund research, or to increase capacity to advance local sustainable business opportunities such as tourism, guiding, or small-scale commercial harvesting operations. It was highlighted that culturally appropriate development should respect and preserve important species and areas, such as traditional settlements, marine mammal breeding areas, and calving grounds.

- *Work with Inuit and for Inuit.*
- *It's about time that Inuit benefit from their land.... Nunavik people are struggling financially, and they would benefit if the land is used for economic development.*
- *The islands near Inukjuak are great touristic opportunities.*
- *Economic growth but with controls to ensure preservation.*
- *Economic development of marine foods have to be looked into again and fish, seals, scallops, etc. to export internationally and inter community to ensure food security and local income.*
- *Don't let big business or companies spoil our 'water meat markets'.*
- *Its important to preserve this incredible region for the Inuit and humanity. Economic growth but with controls to ensure preservation.*

Support research and monitoring that is relevant to Nunavimmiut and includes Inuit.

Many comments spoke to the need to ensure the health of wildlife. This was especially true for species that are harvested for country food, such as marine mammals and shellfish. People were concerned about water quality and were curious about studies relating to coastal navigation and economic development opportunities.

- *Let beneficiaries do more research on our land and sea.*
- *... research on land animals, aerial animals and sea mammals, lake animals, seafood that Inuit eat, I suggest they are researched more. In all the communities. It is obviously needed by people of Nunavik.*
- *I feel that more work should be done to map our uncharted coastlines for inter community travel.*
- *Know every animal and what they eat, observe, monitor everything that is in your ocean.*
- *I think monitoring the saltwater would be helpful to make the fishes still in Nunavik.*
- *I just hope that those animals get checked routinely, like walrus get tested and fish have mercury, stuff like that. We never know.*
- *Sometimes I am scared to eat seal raw sometimes when people become sick of it and other saltwater animals. I hope that there is a way to avoid this situation. I love salt fish and oysters.*
- *Marine life, in all shapes should be protected by doing marine research and community involvement locally, in the region and nationally.*

Coordinate and collaborate among agencies with interests or responsibilities in the Nunavik Marine Region.

Survey respondents stated the need for agencies to share information on projects, research, and monitoring efforts. This is particularly important because data sharing can reduce activities on the land and associated impacts on the land and wildlife.

- *More interaction with local authorities would help.*
- *Making sure previously done research and it's findings are available to people planning new research in the region, I've heard of instances where one research group ends up nearly repeating the work of another because they were not aware of such research having previously been done in the region, which can make say the stress induced in animals by a repeat of such actions unnecessary.*
- *Keep each other informed, tell each other 'this part of land needs to be researched'. Our land would be in good shape.*
- *Teach Inuit people so they can understand your interest and work together as one.*





Focus on planning and infrastructure that supports human safety and/or conservation.

People spoke to the need for increased emergency response capacity. They noted the potential role of marine planning and infrastructure development for supporting the protection of marine species.

- *Nunavik has no command center for search and rescue and for research of its water and it's islands, Nunavik desperately needs a command center ...*
- *...make sure that the route for ships are followed for the marine mammals to travel to their destination...*
- *I want cabins built at our camps at Tujjaat and Akullik for boaters to have a place to stay because those islands have polar bears.*
- *Protect areas where sea mammal reproduce or use as mating areas and giving birth areas.*

Generally, encourage the responsible use of the Nunavik Marine Region.

Survey respondents highlighted that individuals, researchers, and developers should never leave garbage on the land. People were equally concerned with the discharge of bilge water and wastewater from ships into the marine environment.

- *It's our land, has to be respected, and maintained, sea and land.*
- *Lots of garbage on the lands and salt waters.*
- *I am wondering about ships/cruise ships, any ships sewage dumping grounds.*
- *Including the cleaning of some marine area near the community where sewage go!*

- *During the annual sealifts from the cargo ships that arrive in each Nunavik community, how do we not know if their ships are discarding their waste materials into our saltwater bays and or harbors? This should be investigated.*

Continue outreach and engagement.

Many of the additional comments offered by respondents at the end of the survey acknowledged the efforts of the NMRPC to ensure transparency in the marine planning process. People encouraged us to continue promoting awareness and discussion of marine planning initiatives, while soliciting input from residents of Nunavik.

- *We have opinions, and we need to be heard. This is the best way and will continue to be this way for a very long time.*
- *Always go back to the people for better results for all.*
- *I'm glad that we get the chance to do this survey. It's good to see business are reach out to us. So thank you.*
- *You guys are doing a great job with promotion and sending the information out in Nunavik!*
- *Thank you for giving us more than one way to give our feedback. If you ever need a volunteer, I'm willing to help.*
- *I think NMRPC is one of org. that work with Inuit, empowering and respect their way of life.*

Elements Outside the Scope of Marine Planning

Marine planning in the Nunavik Marine Region will address social, cultural, environmental, and economic objectives. As the process is relatively broad, most of the feedback provided through the public survey is relevant. However, several comments provided are best actioned outside of the marine planning process. These pieces are listed below, organized into common themes.

Lack of housing and access to clean drinking water:

- *Strengthen access to housing – appropriate, as required by families and young adults.*
- *Help bringing solutions for housing access to water on each villages on the coast, which are basics essentials needs.*
- *Is it possible to sell fresh water from some rivers of Nunavik to international markets?*
- *Get water from the mountain and drink water every day.*

Importance of preserving the integrity of terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems:

- *Less traffic across our region: ie.: many jets past by each day with their diesel fumes.*
- *More of garbages to garbages and recycle to be recycled.*
- *Please tell people to put garbages to garbage. thank you.*
- *Taking out the dump to south. from Nunavik dump.*

- *Clean mine sites, old asbestos hill ex: Putuniq project? Asbestos hill who is gone pay?*
- *Make sure fish can get up the rivers (provide fish ladders) if they are going to dam rivers.*
- *More data collection and faster on site tests plus instant results from tests performed on land. Maybe a body cam would help too.*

Hunter safety and support:

- *Use hunter support or provide hunter support.*
- *I don't like people when they catch their country food and they ship it to other communities and they make or profit a lot of money by selling country food.*
- *If possible, do a complete search of any or all islands at or near the Nunavik Territory for lost or missing family members or friends who never return home from their hunting trips during the spring and summer time while out canoeing or boating.*
- *Please help with safety equipment (life jackets, safety fire arms (sp)).*
- *I'm talking about wild birds and animals that we harvest in nunavik marine region. let's not feed them with (corn) to harvest them. etc. Canada snow geese and black bears. let's do it in old ways. thank you for your attention.*



Other specific concerns:

- *NMRPC, need to look at Salt Water and get compensation from Government. 1975 NQIA was not included Nunavik water.*
- *Separate from the province of Quebec, become an independent jurisdiction. Like Nunavut.*
- *Make it known what LG has done to the water and migrations of birds and animals as much as possible.*
- *Predominance of non-Inuit employees in Nunavik and social issues in Nunavik:*
- *Don't let the people from South collect Inuit knowledge and profits with but let Inuit make money, like this survey, why is it the translation of this following Qallunat and why not other why around?*
- *Do apologize study or survey on the outside contractors arriving in each Nunavik community and check on how they are overshadowing the Inuit population, helping to destroy the ecosystem through seasonal construction in each community that contaminated or destroys the lands and waterways and tundra through their developments of construction by buildings and the usages of their heavy equipment machinery on the tundra landscapes.*
- *If the outside contractors of the south are fulfilling their tasks in construction of buildings or businesses, or K.I are building infrastructures within each of the 14 Nunavik communities, these contractors or outside businesses and or Inuit organizations must*

follow the strict bylaws of each Nunavik community they are employed in. Also, they MUST not believe they are better than those working within their home communities. Do not overstep your boundaries where they believe they can build infrastructures and or pads without the consent of each Landholding Corporation and Town Municipality. There have been times that these outside contractors and or K.I. Staff have built and or tried to intimidate the above said local organizations. They do not follow the signed documents with the town Municipality.

- *Treat Inuit fairly and not put them at the lowest salary to begin with. That is discouraging for the population to be able to join these type of programs/companies. Considering Inuit are a great asset.*
- *There is a widespread epidemic happening in all or most Nunavik communities. This epidemic is alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, community violence, sexual molestation, lack of housing, to many Inuit organizations hiring white people who judge and are racist towards the Inuit. Such as K.I teachers, Nunavik Police Service, Nunavik Regional Health Board and Social Services. When the police, Social Services and youth protection workers clan together, they believe they can lie to hurt the Inuit more. Stereotyping and lying to make them feel godlike.*

WHAT'S NEXT?

We will use the feedback received through the Public Marine Planning Strategy Survey, along with the feedback received through the other engagement activities that the NMRPC has undertaken, to prepare content for the draft Marine Planning Strategy. The draft values, goals, and objectives will be assessed and revised through consideration of the input received. We will also draft new content for the strategy to address gaps identified through our engagement efforts. The draft Marine Planning Strategy will be shared for review and comment, and we will use the feedback to create the final Marine Planning Strategy. Once we have worked together to develop a clear Marine Planning Strategy, it will direct our efforts to develop a Marine Use Plan for the Nunavik Marine Region.

APPENDIX 1

Public Marine Planning Strategy Survey Questions



STRATEGY SURVEY



The Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission (NMRPC) is developing a Marine Planning Strategy. The strategy will guide our efforts to balance environmental, social, cultural, and economic priorities in the Nunavik Marine Region. The Nunavik Marine Region is all the salt waters and islands offshore of Nunavik (see map).

This Survey has 15 questions and takes 15-20 minutes. Please share your thoughts on opportunities, challenges, and priorities in the Nunavik Marine Region. Your personal information (name, email) will not be shared publicly.

Your input is important in shaping the future of the Nunavik Marine Region. This includes how well it will be protected for future generations and what types of development will be allowed and where.

Please return your completed survey using one of the following methods:

1. Mail the completed paper survey in the pre-paid envelope provided



2. Complete the survey online by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ML3YX22> or scanning the QR code below



Mail your paper survey or complete the online survey by April 30, 2025 to be entered into the \$1000 cash draw in your community. Surveys sent to us after this date will be read and will be considered within the work of the NMRPC.

The report summarizing the results of the survey will be shared via our Facebook, Instagram, and website. For more information about the Marine Planning Strategy or this survey, please contact us by calling 1-819-964-0888 or sending an email to admin@nmrhc.ca.

The Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission (NMRPC) was created by the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA).

The NILCA tasks the NMRPC with developing a Marine Use Plan to manage uses in the Nunavik Marine Region.



To receive your thank you gift and to be entered into the \$1000 cash draw in your community, please provide contact information. The information will only be used for this survey and will not be shared outside of the NMRPC.

Name: _____

PO Box: _____

Email: _____

Part 1: Please tell us a little about you.

We want to make sure we've heard from a broad range of people.

1. Are you Nunavik Inuit?

- Yes
- No

2. What age range are you in?

- 0-18
- 19-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- 66-75
- 76+

3. Please check all that apply to you.

- I harvest from the saltwater or islands
- I spend time on the coast (for example, walks on the beach)
- I use products harvested from the saltwater or islands (for example, food or art supplies)
- I work in tourism (for example, outfitting guide or tour operator)
- I am a businessperson or developer, and my work is connected to the Nunavik Marine Region
- I am a government representative and part of my work involves the Nunavik Marine Region
- I have knowledge to share about the Nunavik Marine Region

4. What community do you currently live in?

- Akulivik
- Aupaluk
- Chisasibi
- Inukjuak
- Ivujivik
- Kangiqsualujuaq
- Kangiqsujuaq
- Kangirsuk
- Kuujuaq
- Kuujuaaraapik
- Puvirnituq
- Quaqtuaq
- Salluit
- Tasiujaq
- Umiujaq
- Whapmagoostui
- Other: _____



Part 2: Values and Goals

Values and goals will be used to shape marine planning in the Nunavik Marine Region. For example, when decisions must be made, the options that best fit with the values and goals will be chosen.

BELOW ARE THE CURRENT VALUES THAT GUIDE THE WORK OF THE NMRPC.

VALUES

Nunaqqatigiinniq: The people of Nunavik are defined by their relationships with each other.

Pivaalliqatigiinniq/Makitaniq: The people of Nunavik grow and prosper together.

Nunamiingaaqniq: The people of Nunavik, their way of life comes from the land and their relationship with the land.

Katujiqatigiinniq: Working together and collaboratively to find ways forward.

5. Do you agree that these values are a good overall fit for guiding the management of development and activities in the Nunavik Marine Region?

- Yes
- No

6. If you picked no, please explain why.

BELOW ARE THE CURRENT GOALS THAT GUIDE THE WORK OF THE NMRPC.

GOALS

Healthy People and Community

- Promote and protect culture, language, tradition, places of importance, and the uniqueness of Nunavik communities and their institutions.
- Foster community growth by being open, welcoming, and inclusive.

Healthy Economy

- Economic opportunities and meeting the needs of the community contribute to the wellbeing of Nunavimmiut.
- Infrastructure, including transportation and communication, contribute to the aspirations and wellbeing of Nunavimmiut.
- A healthy economy that not only meets, but exceeds, the basic needs of Nunavimmiut (housing, healthcare, justice, social services, food security).

Healthy Environment and Ecosystems

- Promote and support traditional economies, alternative energy, and eco-friendly practices for the holistic wellbeing of Nunavimmiut and Nunavik.
- Consider the sustainability of the environment and the integrity of ecosystems in all plans and activities.

Integrity & Inclusion

- Nunavimmiut and planning partners feel included and are engaged in the planning process, the implementation of the plan, validation of results, and the measuring of success.

7. Do you agree that these goals are a good overall fit for guiding the management of development and activities in the Nunavik Marine Region?

- Yes
- No

8. If you picked no, please explain why.

Part 3: Ongoing Engagement

We want to make sure that you can easily share your thoughts on the Nunavik Marine Region with us. If you like, we can also provide you with regular updates.

9. What are the best ways for you to share your thoughts? Pick as many options as you like.

- A fillable form on the NMRPC website
- Phone
- Messaging and comments on social media
- Printed forms to be returned by mail
- Using an app on your phone
- Email
- In-Person
- Other: _____

10. What are the best ways for you to receive information and updates? Pick as many options as you like.

- NMRPC website
- Social media
- Local radio
- Canada Post mail outs
- Using an app on your phone
- Email
- In-person
- Other: _____
- If you would like to receive updates from the NMRPC, please enter your email address:

Part 4: Priorities

We want to hear your thoughts about opportunities and challenges in the Nunavik Marine Region to help us shape our work.

11. How can the NMRPC help promote and protect Inuit culture? Pick as many options as you like.

- Support opportunities to practice and share culturally important traditions, sites, and artifacts
Example Actions: Protect areas with Inuit artifacts, support local practices, events, and programs
- Promote a vibrant local harvesting economy
Example Actions: Facilitate access to marine resources for harvesting, support inter-community trade
- Foster increased individual and community mental health, physical health, and wellbeing
Example Actions: Promote the nutritional value and quality of country foods, help people spend time on the saltwater and islands
- Address climate change
Example Actions: Recognize that climate change has environmental and human impacts, help communities adjust to climate change, support steps to reduce the impacts of climate change in the future
- Increase the capacity of communities and individuals to remain safe while on the land
Example Actions: Improve emergency response capacity, prioritize cleaning up hazardous waste sites, explore icebreaking policies that support Inuit transportation and harvesting
- Respect and promote Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ)
Example Actions: Seek and apply IQ when managing uses in the marine environment, recognize holders of IQ, record and preserve IQ shared with the NMRPC
- Respect and protect the Inuit language
Example Actions: Incorporate traditional place names into all documents, ensure all NMRPC materials are translated
- Highlight the national importance of wellbeing in northern communities
Example Actions: Explain that increased wellbeing in Arctic communities supports Inuit self-determination in the North

What did we miss?

Please tell us your thoughts about how we could further promote and protect Inuit culture.

12. How can the NMRPC support a strong coastal economy? Pick as many options as you like.

- Understand the economic priorities of Nunavik Inuit and communities**
Example Action: Engage with Nunavimmiut to identify the development they want to see
- Promote increased educational success of the local population**
Example Action: Increase access to local training and skill development
- Support a variety of development**
Example Actions: Allow a range of development that is consistent with Inuit values and priorities, coordinate with industry to identify important areas for their activities and understand their plans for growth, encourage efforts to help fishers, carvers, outfitters, and others
- Promote increased employment success of the local population**
Example Actions: Support Inuit-owned businesses and Inuit-led collection of data, explore further opportunities in Nunavik with the Inuit Guardians program (a program to prioritize Inuit stewardship of Inuit lands and waters)
- Remove unnecessary barriers to development**
Example Actions: Conduct meaningful engagement before considering restrictions on development, ensure that only necessary restrictions are put in place, provide clear information to developers about the requirements for projects
- Identify infrastructure requirements to support healthy, safe communities and the economy in the saltwater environment**
Example Action: Explore the infrastructure needs of Nunavik communities
- Manage marine transportation routes to avoid conflicts**
Example Action: Support access to transportation infrastructure and corridors for safe passage and economic development
- Partner with others to coordinate economic development in the Arctic**
Example Action: Work with other indigenous organizations in the Arctic
- Focus on sustainable economic development**
Example Action: Prioritize development projects that bring money to Nunavik communities without compromising the health of the environment

What did we miss?

Please tell us your thoughts about how we could further support a strong coastal economy.

13. What should the NMRPC do to protect the health of the environment and the ecosystems in the Nunavik Marine Region? Pick as many options as you like.

- Maintain and, where necessary, restore ecosystem integrity**
Example Actions: Limit development in environmentally sensitive areas, identify waste sites and prioritize their cleanup
- Consider the impacts of multiple projects (also known as cumulative impacts)**
Example Action: Avoid allowing multiple projects in one area that individually would not harm the environment but that together may have harmful impacts
- Protect and conserve special marine areas and species**
Example Actions: Identify areas with rare, unique, and/or culturally valued species; manage development that would harm these areas while respecting Nunavik Inuit's harvesting rights
- Partner with others to protect the environment and animals**
Example Actions: Work with other organizations to help protect migratory species that travel beyond the Nunavik Marine Region, explore working with other Inuit organizations to make a network of protected areas
- Understand the current state of the environment and support monitoring**
Example Action: Learn about how the environment in the Nunavik Marine Region is doing now and track changes over time
- Support research relevant to Nunavik communities**
Example Actions: Support research on topics of interest to Nunavik Inuit, coordinate with Atanniuvik (Nunavik's new research organization)

What did we miss?

Please tell us your thoughts about how we could do more to help protect the environment.

14. How can the NMRPC make Nunavimmiut and its other planning partners (government, industry, businesses, academia, researchers, non-governmental organizations, and others) feel included and engaged in the management of the Nunavik Marine Region? Pick as many options as you like.

- Ensure work is open and transparent to promote confidence in the marine planning process**
Example Actions: Regularly share information about the work being done and how decisions are made, seek and apply a broad range of information sources including IQ, local knowledge, academic literature and guidance, as well as industry and government sources
- Coordinate with other groups created under the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement**
Example Action: Work with the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board and the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board
- Conduct meaningful and timely engagement**
Example Actions: Promote public awareness and discussion with all planning partners, visit Nunavik communities to seek feedback
- Provide tools to address disagreements within the scope of work of the Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission**
Example Actions: Ensure opportunities for discussion, create working groups and committees as needed
- Honour the rights and interests of Inuit**
Example Action: Devote special attention to protecting and promoting the existing and future wellbeing of Inuit and Inuit Owned Land
- Communicate information about proposed projects in the Nunavik Marine Region**
Example Action: Share information online about the projects that people are planning
- Coordinate with nearby Indigenous Peoples and communities with overlapping and shared rights**
Example Action: Partner with the Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission, Nunavut Planning Commission, Nunatsiavut Government, and others
- Consider and respond to input received during engagement**
Example Actions: Work with Nunavik Inuit and other planning partners to learn about their priorities for the Nunavik Marine Region, maintain a publicly available log of feedback received and NMRPC responses to the feedback

What did we miss? Please tell us your thoughts about how we could ensure Nunavimmiut and our other planning partners feel included and engaged in the management of the Nunavik Marine Region.

15. Please share any additional thoughts that you might have about priorities, challenges, or opportunities regarding the saltwater and islands of the Nunavik Marine Region that may be helpful in guiding our work at the NMRPC. All comments are welcome, please write as much or as little as you like.

Thank you!

Your time and input are very much appreciated.

If you have additional comments or would like to learn more about the NMRPC, please email us admin@nmrhc.ca or visit us online.



