

Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission



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Overview

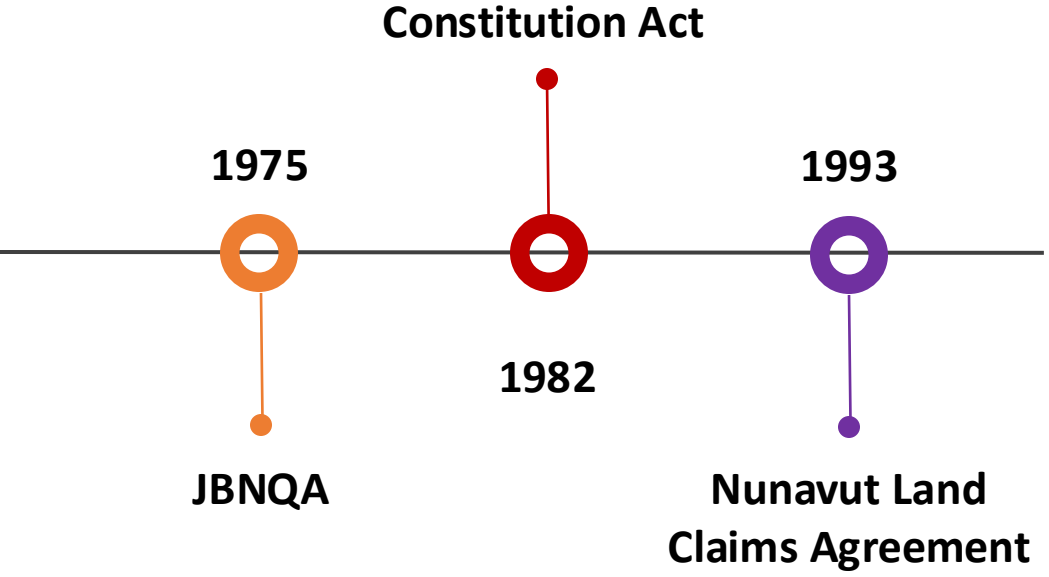
- Historical Context and Traditional Stewardships
- Modern Agreements
- Fostering Meaningful Collaboration



Historical Context and Traditional Stewardships

- Shared history of stewardship and use of the land and waters between Crees and Nunavik Inuit
 - Respective Cree and Inuit concepts of stewardship, harvesting practices, and use of the land.
 - Relationship has changed over time.
- ‘Traditional’ planning (non-written) towards ‘legal framework’ planning

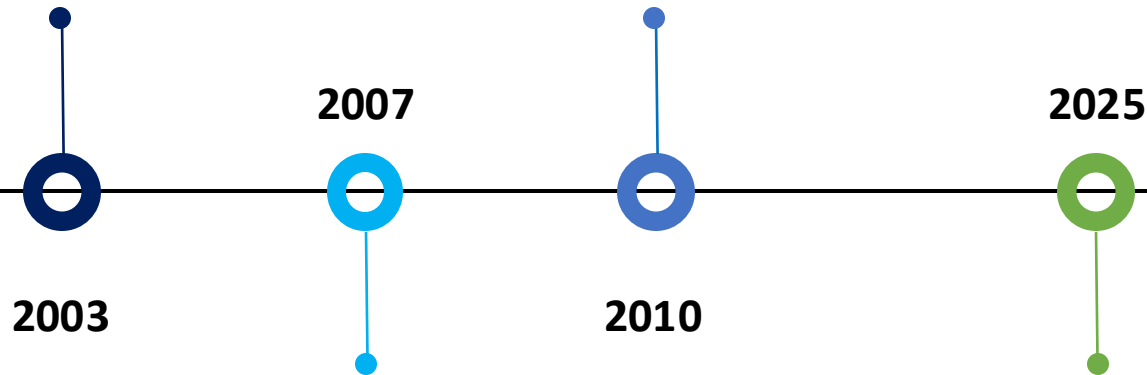
Modern Agreements



Modern Agreements

Agreement Relating to the
Cree/Inuit Offshore
Overlapping Interests Area

Eeyou Marine Region Land
Claims Agreement



2003

2007

2010

2025

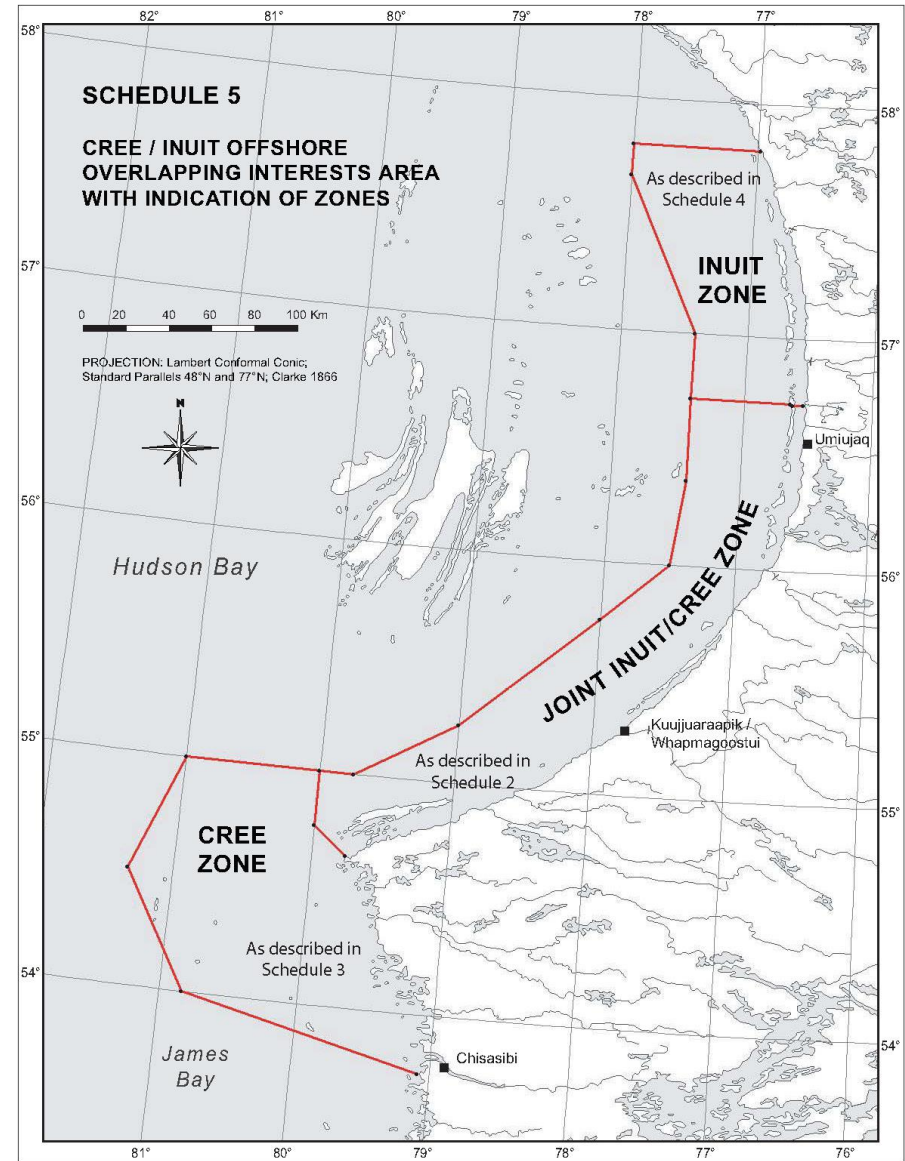
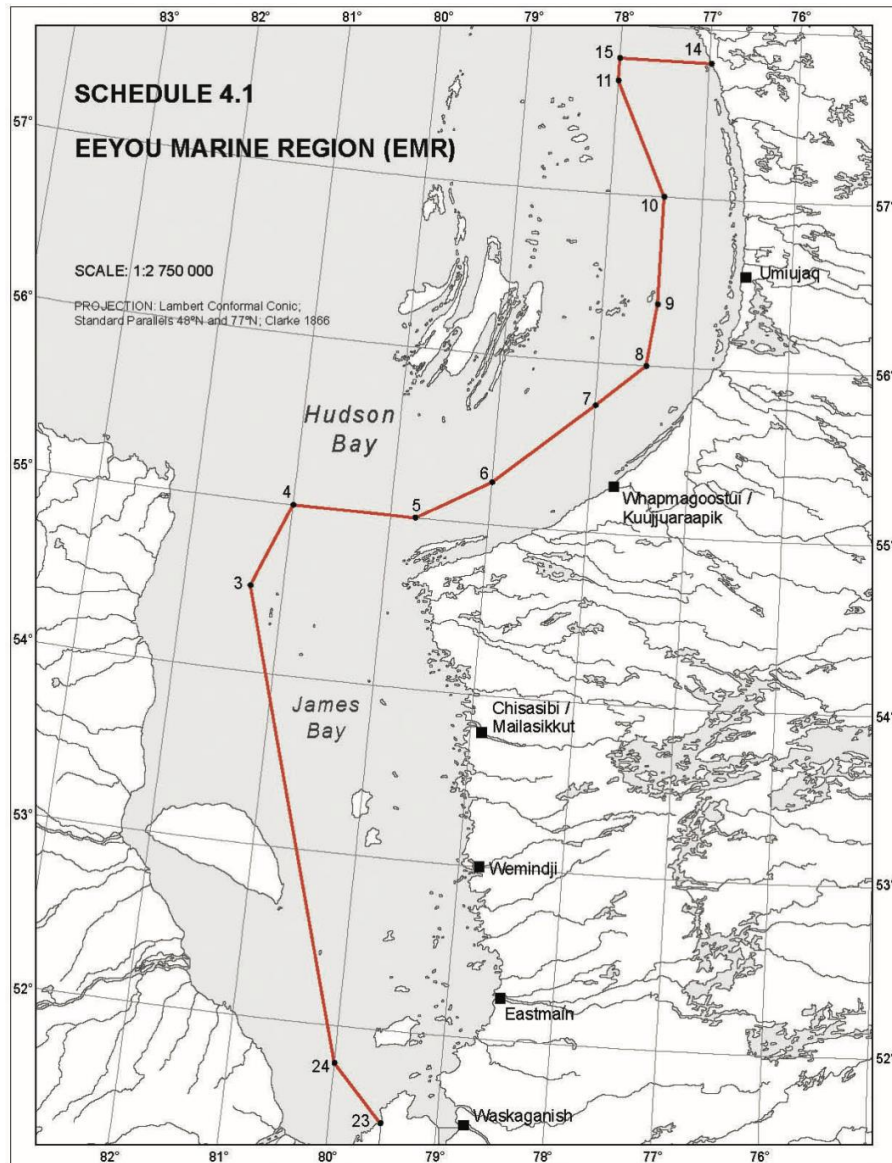
Nunavik Inuit
Land Claims Agreement

Agreement in Principle
Between Canada and Crees for
an Indigenous Protected Area
(IPA) and National Marine
Conservation Area (NMCA) in
the EMR



Modern Agreements

- 1975 James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA)
 - Offshore areas not covered by JBNQA – “unfinished business.”
- 2003 Agreement Relating to the Cree/Inuit Offshore Overlapping Interests Area (“Overlap Agreement”)
 - Agreement between the Crees and Nunavik Inuit which paved the way for final treaties with Canada.
 - **Joint-ownership in the Joint Zone**
 - **Shared-management**
 - **Conflict resolution**
- 2007 Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA)
- 2010 Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement (EMRLCA)
- 2025 Agreement in Principle between Canada and Crees for an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) and National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA) in the EMR
 - An additional framework for co-management in the offshore – Another seat at the table



Fostering Meaningful Collaboration

- Overlap Agreement providing framework for collaboration
 - Cooperation at the local level as well as the political level to ensure equal voice, effective participation, and successful co-management.
- Coordination between bodies created under the land claims agreements
 - Operating procedures for participatory land use planning in shared areas.
- Support from relevant parties to the NILCA and EMRLCA
 - Capacity to carry out respective mandates.





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