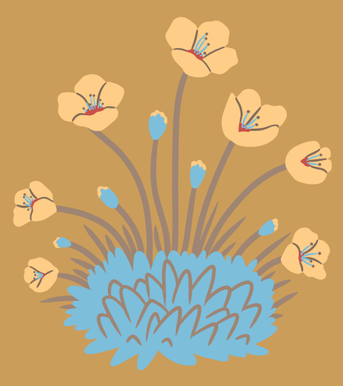
WHAT IS MARINE PLANNING?

Marine planning in the Nunavik Marine Region does not limit the rights of Nunavik Inuit beneficiaries as protected under the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement (NILCA), James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement, or Constitution Act.

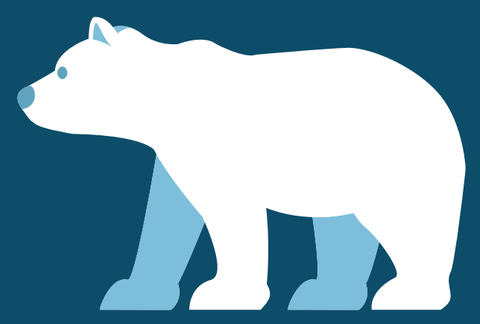
Marine planning is a process for managing oceans spaces. It brings planning partners together to identify opportunities, challenges, and priorities and to set social, cultural, environmental, and economic objectives. Ultimately, marine planning is a tool for setting a shared vision for ocean spaces now and in the future and openly working towards that shared vision together.



Marine planning does not replace existing management for activities such as fishing, hunting and trapping, recreation and tourism, or shipping. Instead, it provides a tool for supporting communication and coordination between these groups AND for all planning partners to help shape how the marine environment is managed.



The outcome of marine planning is a Marine Use Plan. A Marine Use Plan guides the right development to the right places and outlines actions to achieve the objectives identified in the marine planning process.



By bringing planning partners together to work towards shared objectives, marine planning in the Nunavik Marine Region helps to:

- Avoid or minimize conflicts between users of the saltwater and islands
- Protect culture and the environment
- Advance the right development and economic activities

The Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission (NMRPC) depends heavily on the involvement of its planning partners and strives to work inclusively with all Nunavik residents and users of the Nunavik Marine Region. Communication and engagement with all planning partners are of vital importance to the success of the NMRPC. Planning partners include:

- Makivik and the Governments of Canada and Nunavut as the parties who signed the NILCA, the modern-day treaty that established the NMRPC
- Nunavik Inuit, all Nunavimmiut, and adjacent Indigenous Peoples and communities
- Agencies within all levels of government, including indigenous as well as local, regional, provincial, territorial, and federal government agencies
- Businesses and industry
- Other Institutions of Public Government, including the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board
- Individuals and groups with an interest in the social, cultural, economic, or environmental aspects of the Nunavik Marine Region, including public and private non-governmental organizations and Inuit initiatives

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