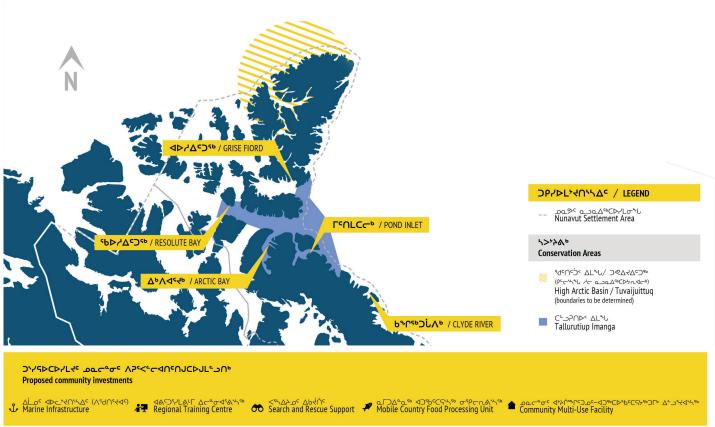


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TALLURUTIUP IMANGA INUIT IMPACT AND BENEFIT AGREEMENT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HIGHLIGHTS



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* Boundaries for potential conservation areas in the "High Arctic Basin" or Tuvaijuittuq are not yet determined and could be larger or smaller than the area depicted.

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) and the Government of Canada (represented by Parks Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Transport Canada) have been actively negotiating an Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement (IIBA) for Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA) since early 2018. The parties have recently reached an Agreement in Principle and wish to share the following highlights of their work.



IIBA for Tallurutiup Imanga NMCA – QIA and the Government of Canada have reached an Agreement in Principle on the following aspects, which recognize the value of Inuit knowledge and set out the leadership role that Inuit will take in the management of the NMCA, and provide the framework for management of Tallurutiup Imanga:

- The preamble and principles of the IIBA;
- A new collaborative governance model; and
- A community advisory body.



High Arctic Basin/Tuvaijuittuq – In collaboration with QIA, the Governments of Nunavut and Canada will begin discussions on a feasibility study to assess options to pursue the creation of marine conservation areas in the area known as the "High Arctic Basin" or Tuvaijuittuq (which means "the ice never melts" in Inuktitut). QIA has agreed in principle to support such an initiative in partnership with the Governments of Canada and Nunavut. The size, geographic boundaries, and designation of this marine protected area will be informed through community consultations, science and a feasibility study.

The vision brought forth by QIA into the IIBA negotiations was one of Inuit Stewardship for the Qikiqtani Region and the advancement of the conservation economy. Specifically, QIA is seeking dedicated investments in Inuit cultural practices such as traditional harvesting, Inuit employment, and infrastructure development. Moving forward, QIA will propose tangible benefits for Inuit that support economic development consistent with the objectives of an NMCA. QIA is seeking:



Proposed Stewardship Programs – Uattijiit Inuit Steward and Harvester positions within each of the five communities in and around Tallurutiup Imanga would realize tangible, direct socio-economic benefits, including food security and addressing research while engaging youth and building Inuit capacity and autonomy



Proposed Infrastructure Support



Marine infrastructure investments in four of the five communities. The Government of Canada and QIA have commenced feasibility studies to advance this work.



Multi-use infrastructure that would sustain safe access to the land and sea in the context of rapid environmental changes and supporting operations of the Uattijiit Inuit Steward and Harvester programs. This would include mobile country food processing units to support food processing and economic activities related to harvesting.



The establishment of a Regional Training Centre to train Inuit within the Qikiqtani Region for employment across various sectors.