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***Appendix A: Workshop Agenda, Purpose and Objectives***

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## **Workshop on the Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Audit**

March 12 & 13, 2002  
Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife, NT

### ***Workshop Purpose and Objectives DRAFT February 25, 2002***

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#### ***Need for the CIMP and Audit***

The Northwest Territories (NWT) is faced with increasing development pressure in many of its regions. As a result, there are corresponding concerns about the potential cumulative impact of activities, including those within the NWT and the potential transboundary effects of those in neighbouring provinces and territories. A number of needs have been identified, including:

- The need for an overall cumulative impact research and monitoring framework;
- The need for baseline and monitoring information (particularly from “other developments” in the case of project-specific cumulative effects assessment) to assist in the prediction, assessment and management of cumulative impacts;
- The need to define and agree upon Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs)/ Valued Social Components and associated cumulative impact indicators, thresholds, and carrying capacities;
- The need to better understand cause and effect linkages for many cumulative impacts;
- The need for a ‘state-of-the-environment’ reporting system that collects monitoring information and evaluates it in terms of environmental trends and thresholds/carrying capacity; and
- The need for an independent audit of the effectiveness of cumulative effects assessment and management activities and processes in the NWT.

#### ***Background***

An NWT-wide Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Audit would address the needs expressed by a number of organizations, as described above. It would also reflect the widespread sense that development of an NWT-wide monitoring program is desirable. The Gwich’in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (1992) and Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (1994) require the development of a program to monitor the cumulative impacts of land and water uses on the environment in the Mackenzie Valley, as well as a periodic environmental audit. The Dogrib Agreement-in-Principle (January 2000) also anticipates the development of a cumulative impact monitoring program and audit. A cumulative impact monitoring program and audit are also requirements of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)* (Part 6, sections 146 and 148).

Elsewhere in the Mackenzie Valley, there are ongoing land claim discussions and negotiations between the Governments of Canada and the NWT, and Aboriginal organizations (i.e., Dogrib Treaty 11 Council, Akaitcho Territory Government, Deh Cho First Nations, South Slave Metis Tribal Council, North Slave Metis Alliance). The outcomes of these processes will likely have implications for the future implementation of the CIMP; and certainly, the CIMP will have to respect the outcomes of these negotiations in terms of how they specifically deal with cumulative impact monitoring and auditing on a regional basis. The participation of regional organizations in the development and implementation of the CIMP and Audit is without prejudice to their positions

regarding any land claim agreements that may be negotiated. A number of self-government negotiation processes are also underway (e.g., Deline, Beaufort Delta), which may also have implications for CIMP implementation. In addition, the details of the Inuvialuit involvement in the CIMP and Audit will have to be further discussed and developed.

### **Key Products – CIMP and the Audit**

The CIMP and Audit will build upon and complement existing monitoring programs, rather than duplicating them, by utilizing information generated by others, and focusing program resources on filling the gaps that may exist with respect to the monitoring of cumulative effects in particular. The key products for the CIMP and the Audit include:

- Preparation of five-year monitoring plans (the first of these is expected to be complete by September 2002)
- Annual summary reports for the CIMP
- Comprehensive 'State-of-the-Environment' monitoring reports evaluating trends over the planning period (for use in the Audit) (the first report is anticipated by August 2002)
- Terms of Reference for the Audit (anticipated for November 2002)
- Auditor's Report (at least every five years) (initial Audit anticipated for end of 2003; based on the initial State-of-the-Environment report), which will include:
  - (a) an evaluation of information, including the information collected or analyzed under the CIMP, in order to determine trends in environmental quality, potential contributing factors to changes in the environment, and the significance of those trends;
  - (b) a review of the effectiveness of methods used for carrying out the CIMP;
  - (c) a review of the effectiveness of the regulation of uses of land and water and deposits of waste on the protection of key components of the environment from significant adverse impact; and
  - (d) a review of the response to any recommendations of previous environmental audits.

### **Who Should Participate in the Workshop?**

The two-day workshop will be of particular relevance to those organizations with an interest or mandate related to cumulative impact monitoring in the NWT.

### **Workshop Purpose**

Since 1999, a Working Group with representation from Aboriginal, federal and territorial governments has been undertaking a number of initiatives in order to move forward with the implementation of the Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (CIMP). The workshop will bring together the CIMP Working Group members with representatives of communities, regional Aboriginal organizations, co-management bodies, federal and territorial governments, industry, environmental non-government organizations, and other groups in the NWT and Nunavut. The workshop is an initial step in the Working Group's efforts to consult within its member organizations, with the regions and communities, and others. It will be followed by more detailed community and regional consultations in the coming months to talk further about the design and implementation of the CIMP and Audit. The workshop is intended to provide participants with information about the various initiatives currently underway. The Working Group is also seeking feedback from a wider audience on the steps that need to be taken towards finalizing the draft Five-Year Strategic Plan and Work Program for the CIMP and the Audit.

## **Workshop Objectives**

The workshop has four objectives:

1. To provide participants with a brief background on the CIMP and Audit:
  - Land claim and statutory context
  - Brief chronology of key events and activities
  - Potential contributions of the CIMP and the Audit
  - Potential user groups
  - Key products and deliverables
  - CIMP Working Group – membership, activities
2. To provide an overview of some of the recent activities/projects of the Working Group:
  - the initial findings of a study examining options for an information management system
  - the CIMP/Tariuq ('Oceans') monitoring inventory database
  - Community-based projects
3. To review and obtain feedback from participants on the Working Group's key products to date, specifically:
  - a) a draft framework for the implementation of the CIMP and Audit, which outlines the nature, mandate and activities of the body that would coordinate the CIMP, and describes the independent Audit in terms of its frequency, components, and relationship to the monitoring program.
  - b) 'State of Knowledge' reports for a number of Valued Ecosystem Components, identified monitoring gaps, and draft work plans for filling the gaps. The emphasis will be on:
    - clarifying the linkages of these activities to the CIMP and the Audit
    - obtaining feedback on the general direction of the activities
    - getting advice from participants as to how partnerships for monitoring programs may be established at the community and regional level, to ensure that community needs are met.
  - c) a draft Five-Year Strategic Plan and Work Program for the CIMP and the Audit. The focus will be on addressing the role of communities, regions and other organizations in implementing this 'road map' for the CIMP and Audit. Where do different organizations and people fit in?
4. To discuss the 'next steps' in moving ahead with the implementation of the CIMP and the Audit. Specific issues to be addressed include:
  - The involvement of various partners
  - The community/regional consultation process over the next few months
  - Discussion of the steps DIAND is taking towards funding

## **Workshop Outcome**

The workshop will result in constructive advice to the CIMP Working Group for consideration in refining the various projects and initiatives it has underway, in anticipation of finalizing the Five-Year Strategic Plan and Work Program and moving ahead with the implementation of the CIMP and Audit.

## Workshop on the Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Audit

**March 12&13, 2002**

Katimavik Rooms, Explorer Hotel  
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

### **DETAILED WORKING AGENDA - February 25, 2002 DRAFT**

#### **Day 1: Tuesday, March 12, 2002**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

#### **Arrival and Registration**

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Welcome *Andy Swiderski, Facilitator*
- Introduction of Participants *All*
- Purpose, Objectives, Outcomes *Facilitator*
- Roles and Responsibilities *Facilitator*
- Agenda Review *Facilitator*
- Resource Binder<sup>4</sup>/Worksheets<sup>5</sup> *Facilitator*
- Questions/Discussion *All*

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

#### **Agenda Item No. 1: Background on the CIMP and Audit (Workshop Objective #1) (Vicki McCulloch)**

##### *Purpose/Approach:*

To set the context for the workshop, a presentation will provide brief background information on the CIMP and Audit, including:

- The land claim and statutory context
- A brief chronology of key events and activities
- Potential contributions of the CIMP and the Audit
- Potential user groups
- Key products and deliverables
- The CIMP Working Group (membership, activities)

Following the presentation, there will be a brief plenary session, where Working Group members can elaborate on questions from participants.

##### *Resource Material:*

- Five-year Strategic Plan and Work Program for the Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program and Audit, Chapters 1 & 2 - February 2002 (Participant Resource Binder Tab 2)

##### *Outcome:*

<sup>4</sup> All of the 'reference material' noted for various sessions will be provided in advance to participants as part of the Participant Resource Binder.

<sup>5</sup> A worksheet will be developed for each of the working group sessions (see Tab 6 of the Participant Resource Binder). Intended to provide participants with some key points for consideration and questions to focus discussion, participants may review them in advance of the workshop with the reference materials, and use them during the working group sessions. Completed worksheets may also be submitted with detailed comments to the Working Group at or following the workshop.

General understanding of the background and purpose of the CIMP and Audit, and the activities undertaken to date by the Working Group

9:45 – 10:25 a.m.      **Agenda Item No. 2:    Options for an Information Management System (Workshop Objective #2) (Bernie Hogan, Northern Research and Evaluation)**

*Purpose/Approach:*

The Working Group has funded a study to examine options for the development of an Information Management System for the CIMP. This presentation by a member of the project team will provide a status report on the project and its key findings. There will be a brief plenary discussion session, where project team members and the Working Group can answer participants' questions.

*Resource Material:*

- Draft report - March, 2002 (Participant Resource Binder Tab3)

*Outcome:* General understanding of the various options for an Information Management System.

10:25 – 10:40 a.m.      **Refreshment Break**

10:40 – 11:00 a.m.      **Agenda Item No. 3:    The CIMP/Tariuq ('Oceans') Monitoring Inventory Database (Workshop Objective #2) (Greg Brady, DIAND)**

*Purpose/Approach:*

A brief presentation on the work undertaken to develop and update the CIMP/Tariuq monitoring inventory database. A brief demonstration of its key features will be provided. The process to complete and maintain the database, and its distribution/availability will also be discussed. Participants will be encouraged to try out the database set up on display during refreshment and lunch breaks throughout the workshop.

*Outcome:*

Understanding of the work undertaken to develop the CIMP/Tariuq monitoring database, the basic functions of the database, and its potential value to a range of organizations.

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.      **Agenda Item No. 4:    Overview of Community-based Projects (Workshop Objective #2) (CIMP Secretariat / Working Group member – to be confirmed [for broad overview]; GRBB – for Peel River fish study TO BE CONFIRMED)**

*Purpose/Approach:*

A brief presentation will review the various community-based projects that have been funded by the Working Group – their purpose, and the scope of projects completed or underway. One of the projects, the Peel River fish study will be described in more detail. The emphasis will be on the contribution that communities and traditional knowledge can make to the CIMP.

*Outcome:* An understanding of the community projects that have been funded to date as part of the development of the CIMP.

11:15 – 12:00 p.m.      **Agenda Item No. 5:    Draft Framework for Implementation  
(Workshop Objective #3a) (Steven Kennett,  
Canadian Institute of Resources Law)**

*Purpose/Approach:*

A presentation will be provided on the draft framework for the implementation of the CIMP and Audit. The framework outlines the nature, mandate and activities of the body that would coordinate the CIMP, and describes the independent Audit in terms of its frequency, components, and relationship to the monitoring program.

*Resource Material:*

- Worksheet – Working Group Session #1 (Tab 6)
- Worksheet – Working Group Session #2 (Tab 6)
- Implementation Framework for Part 6 of the MVRMA (DRAFT – October 19, 2001), and comments received to date (Participant Resource Binder Tab 4)

*Outcome:*

An understanding of the draft framework for implementing the CIMP and Audit being proposed by the Working Group, as a basis for discussion in Working Group Sessions #1 and #2.

12:00 – 1:15 p.m.      **Lunch (not provided)**

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.      **Agenda Item No. 6:    Working Group Session #1 – Cumulative  
Impact Monitoring Program – Proposed  
Framework (Workshop Objective #3a)**

*Purpose/Approach:*

In working groups, workshop participants will review and discuss the information presented in *Agenda Item No. 5*. The focus will be on the structure and activities of the body that will coordinate the CIMP.

*Outcome:*

Feedback from participants on the body that will coordinate the CIMP and its activities.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.      **Agenda Item No. 7:    Plenary Session – Reports from Working  
Groups**

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.      **Refreshment Break**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.      **Agenda Item No. 8:    Working Group Session #2 - Environmental  
Audit and Auditor – Proposed Framework  
(Workshop Objective #3a)**

*Purpose/Approach:*

Returning to the working groups, workshop participants will review and discuss the information presented in *Agenda Item No. 5* relating to the Audit - its frequency, components, and relationship to the monitoring program.

*Outcome:* Comments from participants on the proposed framework for the Audit.

- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.      **Agenda Item No. 9:    Plenary Session – Reporting from Working Groups**
- 5:00 – 5:10 p.m.      **Agenda Item No. 10:   Review of Day One and General Discussions (Facilitator)**
- 5:10 p.m.              **Adjourn**

## **Day 2: Wednesday, March 13, 2002**

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.      **Arrival/Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:10 a.m.      **Review Agenda**
- 9:10 – 9:45 a.m.      **Agenda Item No. 11: Towards the Development of a Cumulative Impact Monitoring Plan (Workshop Objective #3b) (Facilitator)**

*Purpose/Approach:* Valued Ecosystem Component (VEC) Advisory Teams have been formed to initiate work towards the development of a cumulative impact monitoring plan. An overview presentation will be provided on the VEC 'State of Knowledge' reports, identified gaps and the proposed work plans that have been prepared. The work to date by the VEC Teams has been largely from the perspective of conventional science. The presentation will lay the foundation for a discussion on:

- clarifying the linkages of these activities to the CIMP and the Audit
- relationship of CIMP monitoring/reporting to other initiatives (e.g., Mackenzie River Basin Board 'State of the Aquatic Environment' report – 2003)
- obtaining feedback on the general direction of the VEC Team activities
- the linkages between how the work to date, and the work that is proposed, meets the needs and expectations of the communities and regions
- how traditional knowledge will be used in the monitoring program, and
- getting advice from participants as to how partnerships for monitoring programs may be established at the community and regional level, to ensure that community needs are met.

*Resource Material:*

- Worksheet – Working Group Session #3 (Tab 6)
- Worksheet – Working Group Session #4 (Tab 6)
- VEC State of Knowledge reports and proposed Work Plans - February 2002 (Participant Resource Binder Tab 5)

*Outcome:* Setting the context for Working Group Sessions #3 and #4

- 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.      **Agenda Item No. 12: Working Group Session #3 – Feedback on the VEC Team Activities (Workshop Objective #3b)**
- Purpose/Approach:*  
Working in groups, participants will discuss the linkages of the VEC Team activities to the CIMP and the Audit, provide feedback on the identified monitoring and knowledge gaps, and comment on the general direction proposed for the VEC Team activities. Various perspectives on the priorities that can be identified will be sought.
- Outcome:* Feedback from participants on the VEC Teams work to date, and that proposed for the future.
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m.      **Refreshment Break**
- 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.      **Agenda Item No. 13: Plenary Session - Report from Working Groups**
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **Lunch (not provided)**
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.      **Agenda Item No. 14: Working Group Session #4 - Regional and Community Involvement in the CIMP/VEC Activities**
- Purpose/Approach:*  
Working in groups, participants will discuss how the work to date, and the work that is proposed, meets the needs and expectations of the communities and regions. Are community issues being addressed by the proposed monitoring? The contribution of traditional knowledge in the CIMP will also be examined. Advice will be sought from participants as to how partnerships for monitoring programs may be established at the community and regional level, to ensure that community needs are met.
- Outcome:* Input from participants on the linkages between the VEC Teams work and the needs of communities/regions, and the best ways of developing partnerships at the community and regional level.
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.      **Agenda Item No. 15: Plenary Session - Report from Working Groups**
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.      **Refreshment Break**
- 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.      **Agenda Item No. 16: Draft Five-Year Strategic Plan and Work Program for the CIMP and Audit (Workshop Objective # 3c) (Vicki McCulloch)**
- Purpose/Approach:*  
A presentation outlining the Draft Five-Year Strategic Plan and Work Program for the CIMP and Audit will be provided. A plenary discussion will focus on the role of communities, regions and other organizations in the implementing the CIMP and Audit.
- Resource Material:*
- Worksheet – Agenda Item No. 16 (Plenary Discussion) (Tab 6)

- Five-Year Strategic Plan & Work Program for the Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program and Audit, Chapter 4 (Participant Resource Binder Tab 2)

*Outcome:*

An understanding of the proposed Five-Year Strategic Plan and Work Program for the CIMP and Audit, and better understanding of the potential roles of communities and regions in implementation.

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item No. 17: Next Steps (Workshop Objective #4) (Vicki McCulloch)**

*Purpose/Approach:*

A presentation will be provided to stimulate discussion on a number of issues pertaining to the finalization of the CIMP and Audit 5-Year Strategic Plan and Work Program, specifically:

- The involvement of various partners
- Principles and approaches to the consultation process over the next few months
- Discussion of the steps DIAND is taking towards funding

The presentation will be followed by a facilitated plenary discussion with open discussion among all of the participants.

*Outcome:*

Participant input on some key issues pertaining to the finalization of the CIMP and the Audit.

4:30 – 4:45 p.m.

**Agenda Item No 18: Concluding Remarks and Discussion (Andy Swiderski/Working Group Members)**

- Concluding Remarks and Response *Working Group Members /Workshop Participants*

4:45 p.m.

**Adjourn**