Summary of Community Meetings on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan ARVIAT November 6 - 7, 2013



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#### 1.1 Context

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) is preparing a land use plan to guide and direct resource use and development in the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA). As part of its efforts, the NPC is facilitating discussions in each Nunavut community on land use and resource management issues. Information that is obtained from these discussions will be used to inform decisions regarding the further development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP).

#### 1.2 Purpose

This report presents information obtained during the NPC's visit to the community of Arviat. The purpose of the report is to inform decisions regarding the further development of the NLUP, ensuring that the plan reflects the priorities and values of residents.

It is important to note that the information contained in the Community Report will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP

#### 1.3 Methodology

Information was presented to and received from participants in Arviat in accordance with the Nunavut Planning Commission's Community Engagement Strategy (Engagement Strategy). The Engagement Strategy provides for the following methods for presenting and receiving information;

- Open house; information contained in the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP) was presented on 7 multi lingual large format poster boards. Participants were encouraged to review the posters, ask questions and provide feedback. Comments and guestions were recorded by NPC staff and are contained in Appendix 1.
- Elected Officials Meeting; The NPC Chairperson and NPC staff met with senior and elected officials in the community. The development process for the DNLUP, its content and next steps were presented.

Comments and questions were recorded during the session and are contained in Appendix 2.

• **Public Workshop**; A formal presentation of the Draft Plan content was provided to participants, including a slide overview of its content. Following the presentation, an opportunity was provided for questions and comments from participants. There were no comments or questions.

A mapping session followed the presentation of the Draft Plan. The mapping session involved discussions regarding the topics presented in the DNLUP and encouraged participants to identify additional areas and issues important for inclusion in a NLUP. Information received during this session was recorded by NPC staff and is included in Appendix 3.

• Wrap Up Session; Staff was available to discuss the areas identified during the mapping and identify any additional issues or areas of interest.

Areas that participants identified during mapping sessions as important to a particular goal have, in the majority of cases, been included in this report as they were recorded. In instances where participants identified an area that was better suited to another goal, the area has been reclassified to the more suitable goal and has been verified as appropriate to do so by the Community.

A follow-up meeting was held on April 22, 2014 to review a draft version of this report with the Hamlet Council, Hunters and Trappers Organization, and Community Lands and Resource Committee. A summary of this meeting is included in Appendix 4.

#### 1.4 Public Awareness

The NPC raised public awareness regarding its visit to Arviat in accordance with the Engagement Strategy.

The DNLUP and supporting materials were mailed to the Mayor and Council of Arviat, the Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTO) in September 2012. In addition, letters of invitation were sent to the Arviat Mayor and Council and HTO

in advance of the NPC's visit to advise of the meetings and to encourage participation. Follow up phone calls were also made.

Public notice of the various events was provided in the following ways:

- Nunatsiag News and Nunavut News/North; notice of community meetings were posted in both newspapers a minimum of 45 days in advance.
- Co-op cable TV; notice of community meetings was run a minimum of 45 days in advance for one week and run again for no less than 14 days before the meetings.
- Community radio; notices were read by the hosts and a live interview with the Commission Chairperson was conducted.
- **Community bulletin boards;** notices were posted on bulletin boards around the community 45 days and again 14 days in advance of the meetings.
- Community mail drop; one page flyers that announced the meetings and their purpose were delivered to the post office in each community for all mail boxes that accept unaddressed ad-mail.
- nunavut.ca; the schedule of community visits, the • Draft Plan, and all supporting information was available on the Commission's website.

#### 1.5 Community Population and Participation

Arviat is a community of approximately 2320 people (Statistics Canada. 2011 Census). It is located on the northwestern shore of Hudson Bay (see Figure 1).

The Commission visited the community on November 6-7, 2013. All events occurred as scheduled. The sessions were attended as follows:

## Chapter 1: Introduction

- Elected Officials Meeting; the Mayor and members of the Hamlet Council and HTO attended the elected officials meeting.
- **Open house;** approximately 15 people attended the open house to review the Draft Plan.
- Public Workshop; approximately 65 people attended the presentation of the DNLUP and facilitated mapping sessions. Information was recorded in three separate mapping groups.
- Wrap Up Session; 0 people attended the wrap up session.

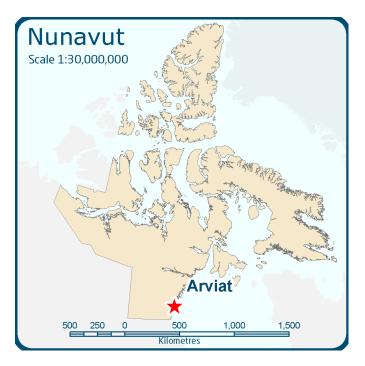


Figure 1. Location of Arviat

## Chapter 2: Protecting and Sustaining the Environment

Protecting and Sustaining the Environment was one of five topics presented to and discussed by participants during the Open House, Elected Officials Meeting, Public Workshop and Wrap up Session, collectively referred to in this document as information sharing and gathering sessions.

#### 2.1 Areas presented to participants

During the information sharing and gathering sessions, participants were presented the following areas and issues as important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment.

- Key bird habitat sites
- Caribou Habitat sites
- Atlantic Cod Lakes
- Cumulative Impacts
- Transboundary considerations
- Climate change

The importance of these issues and areas to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment was not disputed by participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

#### 2.2 Areas identified by participants

Additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment during the information sharing and gathering sessions. These additional areas are;

- Historic areas
- Caribou habitat
- Hunting areas
- Fish habitat
- Muskox habitat

- Grizzly bear habitat
- Polar bear habitat
- Whale habitat
- Wolves/wolverine habitat
- Bird habitat

## 2.3 Areas of importance to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment

Areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment are illustrated on Map 1, including areas identified in the DNLUP and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in Appendix 4.

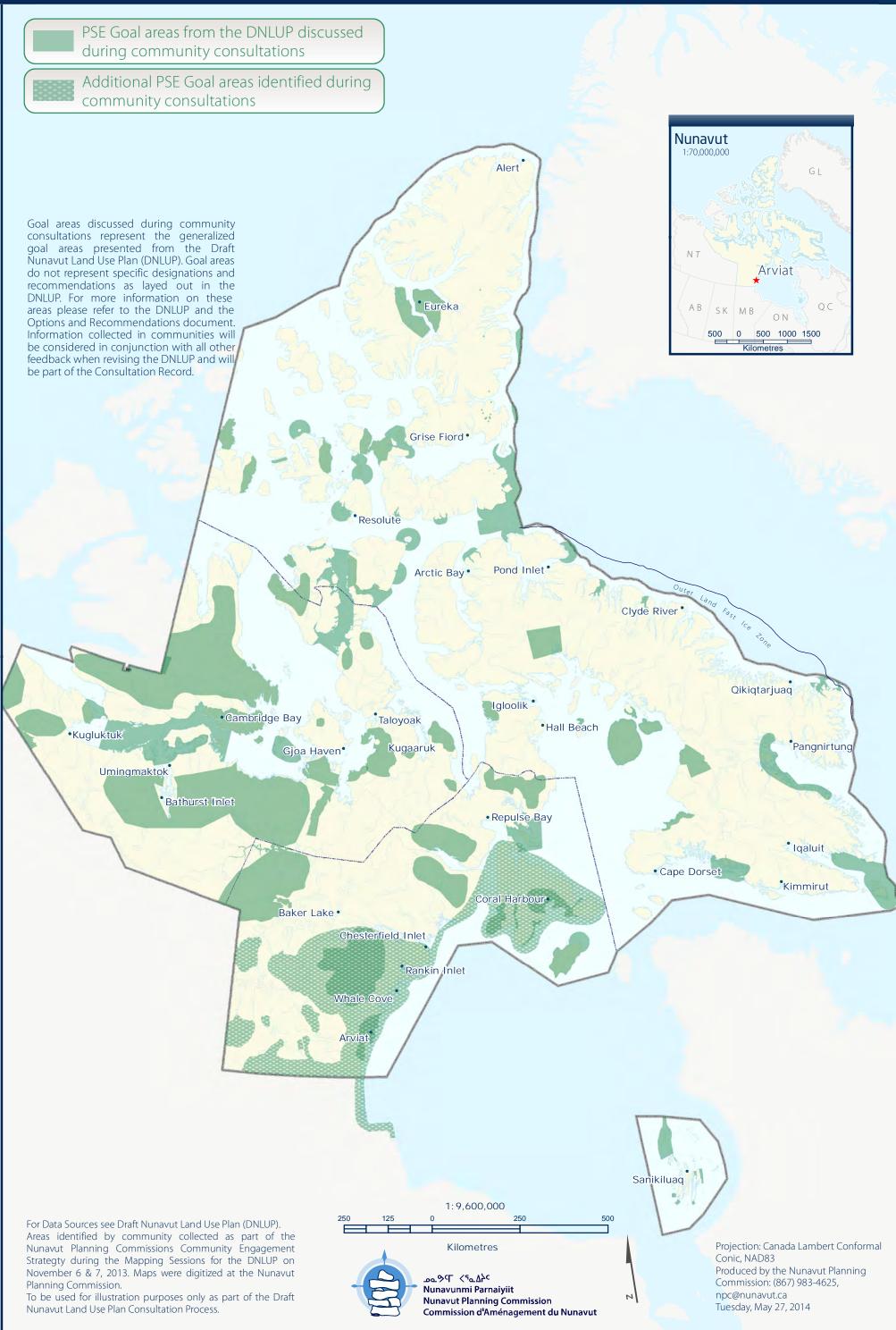
Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

- The areas identified on Map 1 are considered by the Community to be important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP.



### PROTECTING AND SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT (PSE) • ARVIAT • MAP 1



Encouraging Conservation Planning was one of five topics presented to and discussed by the participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

#### 3.1 Areas presented to participants

During the information sharing and gathering sessions, participants were presented the following areas and issues as important to Encouraging Conservation Planning;

- National Parks Awaiting Full Establishment
- Proposed National Parks •
- National Marine Conservation Areas •
- Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary •
- Migratory Bird Sanctuaries ٠
- National Wildlife Areas •
- National Historic Sites
- Territorial Historic Sites
- Heritage Rivers

The importance of these issues and areas to Encouraging Conservation Planning was not disputed by participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

#### Areas identified by participants 3.2

Additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to Encouraging Conservation Planning during the information sharing and gathering sessions. These additional areas are.

- Historic sites
- Camping areas (hunting, trapping, fishing) •
- Caribou habitat •

#### 3.3 Areas of importance to Encouraging **Conservation Planning**

Areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Encouraging Conservation Planning are illustrated on Map 2, including areas identified in the DNLUP and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in Appendix 4.

Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

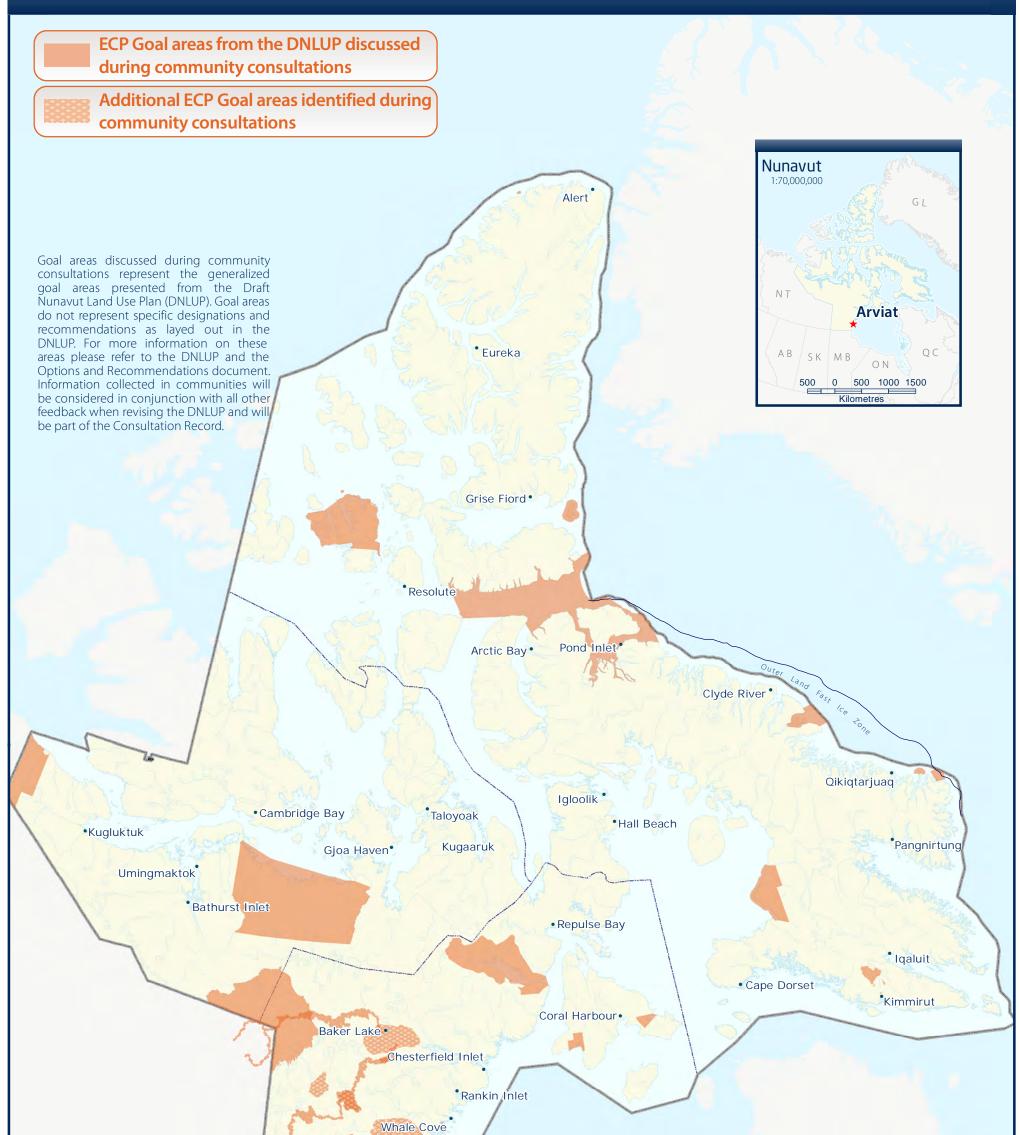
- The areas identified on Map 2 are considered by the Community to be important to Encouraging Conservation Planning.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and management.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP.



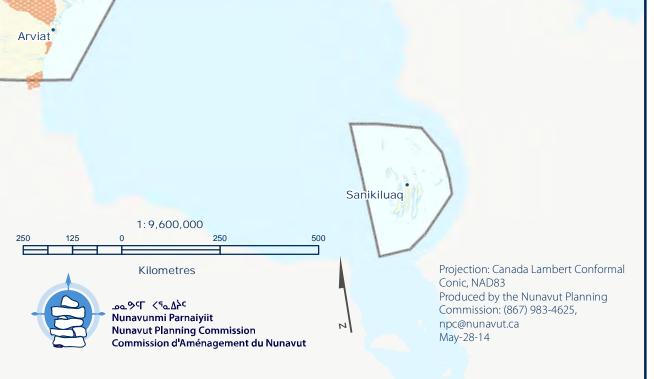
## Chapter 3: Encouraging Conservation Planning

### ENCOURAGING CONSERVATION PLANNING (ECP) • ARVIAT • MAP 2



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Building Healthier Communities was one of five topics presented to and discussed by the participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

#### 4.1 Areas presented to participants

During the information sharing and gathering sessions, participants were presented the following areas and issues as important to Building Healthier Communities;

- Areas of Community Interest
- Community Land Use •
- Transportation Infrastructure •
- Unincorporated Communities •
- Alternative Energy Sources •
- Community drinking water supplies •
- Land remediation .
- Northern Contaminated Sites Program
- Aerodromes •
- Canadian Forces Station •
- Northern Warning System sites •

The importance of these issues and areas to Building Healthier Communities was not disputed by participants.

#### 4.2 Areas identified by participants

Additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to contributing to the goal of Building Healthier Communities during the information sharing and gathering sessions. These additional areas are;

• Transportation routes

- Historic sites
- Contaminated sites
- Drinking water

#### 4.3 Areas of importance to Building Healthier Communities

Areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Building Healthier Communities are illustrated on Map 3, including areas identified in the DNLUP and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in Appendix 4.

Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

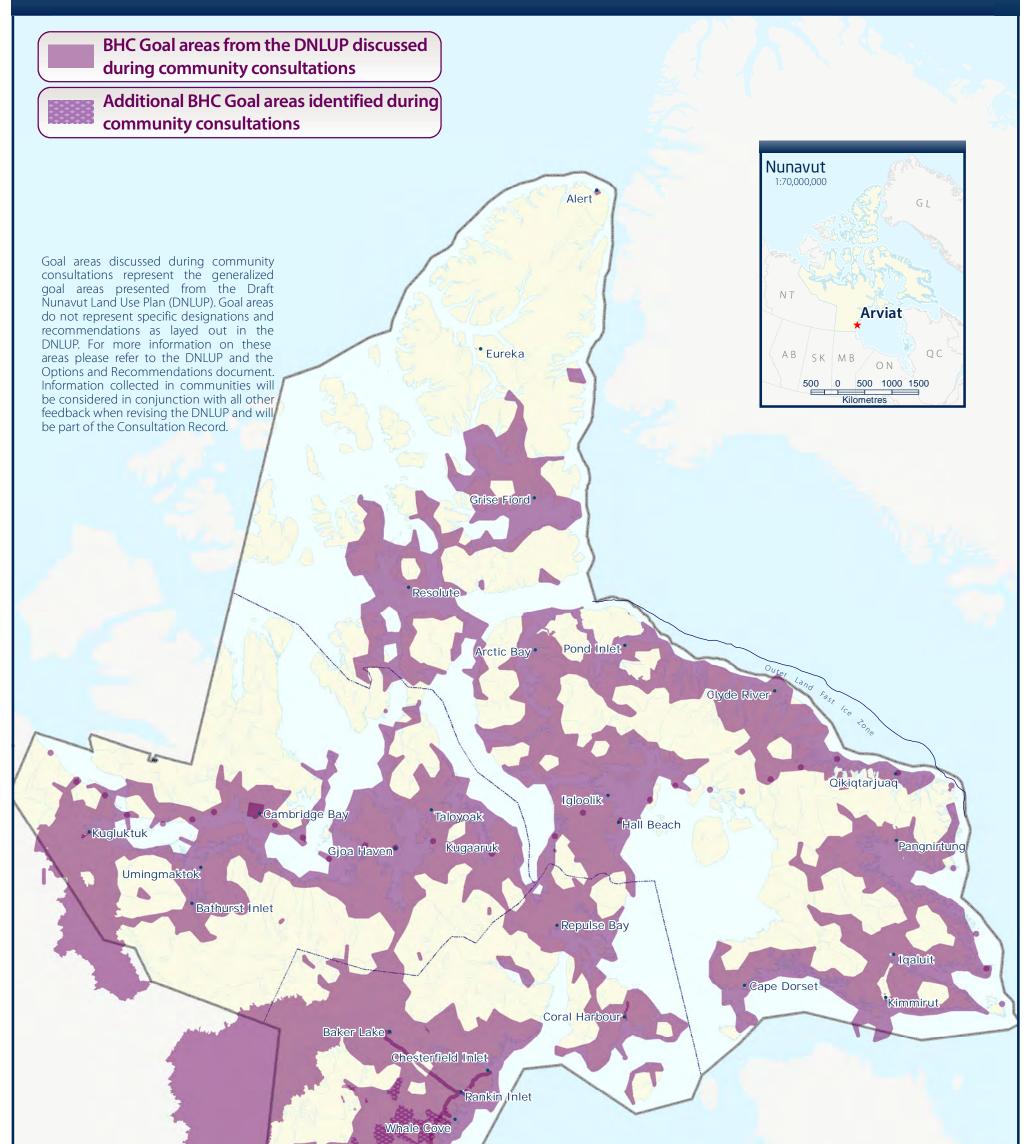
- The areas identified on Map 3 are considered by the Community to be important to Building Healthier Communities.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support community needs and cultural priorities.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP.



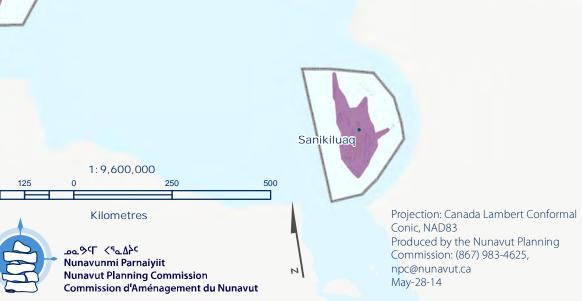
### Chapter 4: **Building Healthier Communities**

## BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES (BHC) • ARVIAT • MAP 3



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### Chapter 5: Encouraging Sustainable Economic D<u>evelopment</u>

Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development was one of five topics presented to and discussed by the participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

#### 5.1 Areas presented to participants

During the information sharing and gathering sessions, participants were presented with the following areas important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development;

- Mineral Exploration and Production
- Oil and Gas Exploration
- Commercial Fisheries

The importance of these issues and areas to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development was not disputed by participants during the information sharing and gathering sessions.

#### 5.2 Areas identified by participants

Additional areas and issues were identified by participants as important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development during the information sharing and gathering sessions. The additional areas identified are;

- Sports hunting and fishing
- Soapstone quarry
- Seal and caribou hunting

## 5.3 Areas of importance to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development

Areas and issues discussed during the information sharing and gathering sessions as important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development are illustrated on Map 4, including areas identified in the DNLUP and areas identified by the community. Scanned images of the maps on which community feedback was recorded can be found in Appendix 4.

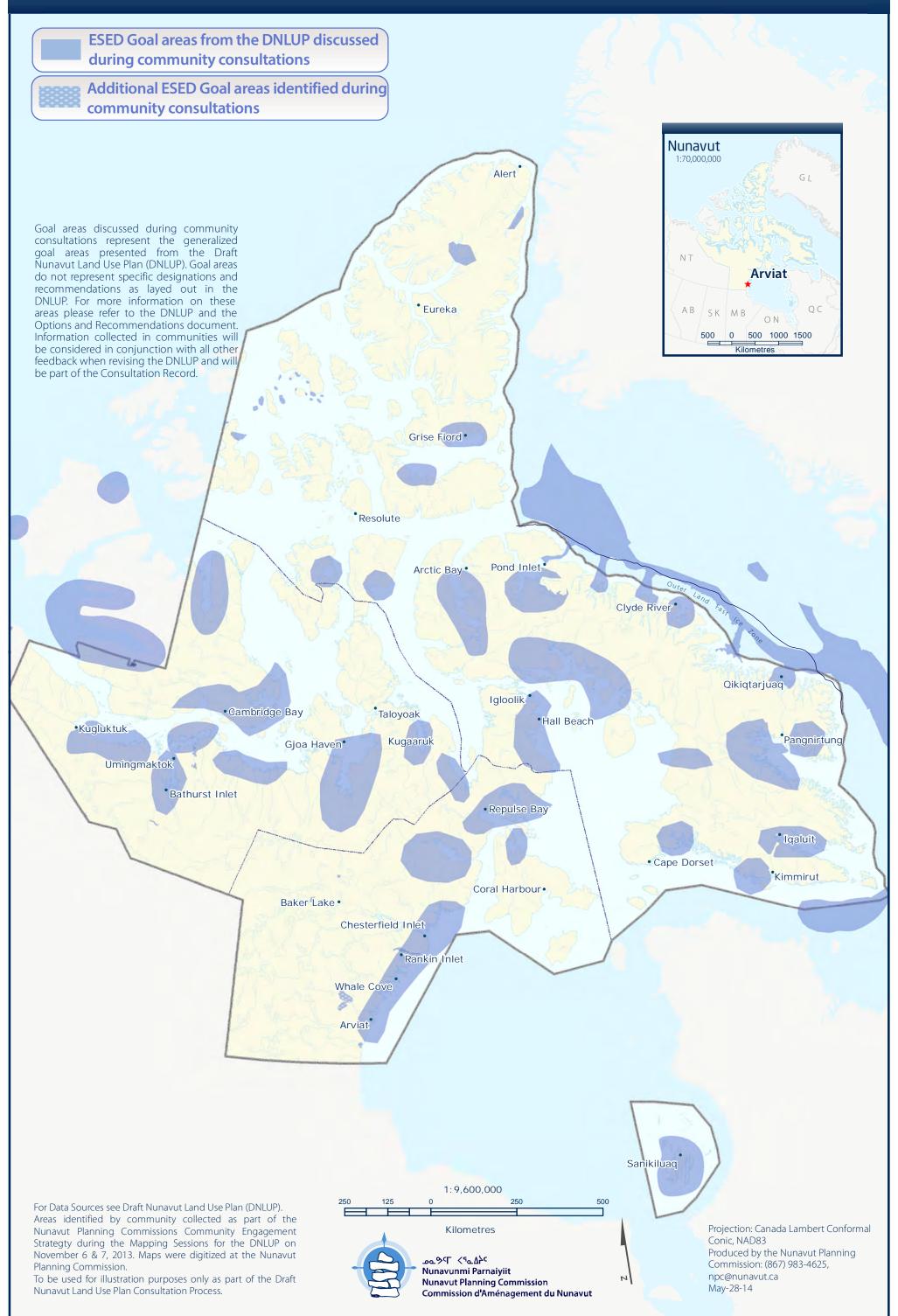
Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

- The areas identified on Map 4 are considered by the Community to be important to Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support economic opportunities and needs.

This feedback will be considered in conjunction with all other feedback when revising the DNLUP.



### ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ESED) • ARVIAT • MAP 4



#### 6.1 Areas identified in the Draft Plan

The DNLUP identifies areas important for a variety of uses. These areas were presented to participants during the workshop as Mixed Use Areas. These areas, as they occur around the community, are illustrated on Map 5.

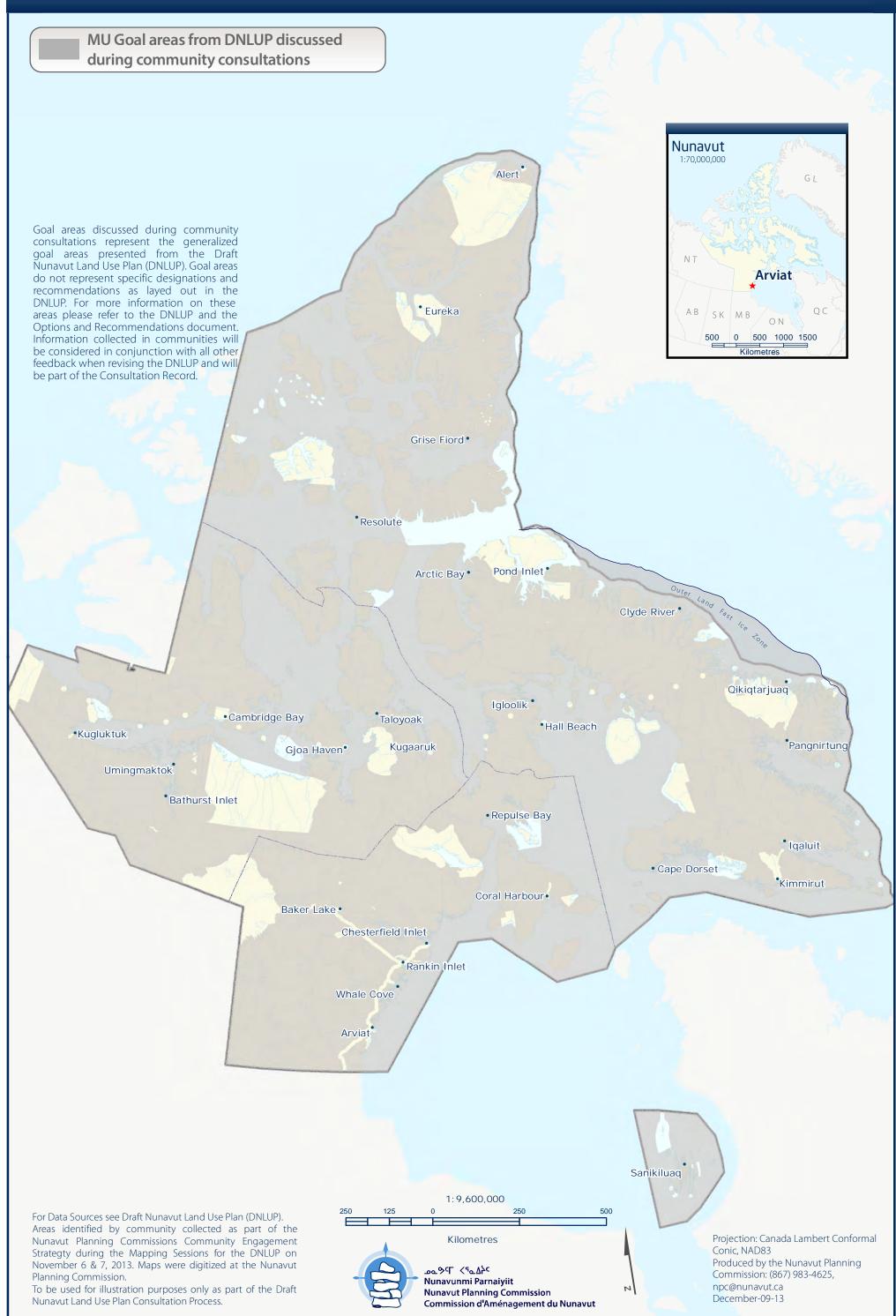
#### 6.2 Areas identified by participants

No additional areas were identified as Mixed Use by participants. However, some areas identified as Mixed Use in the DNLUP were considered by participants to require additional protection because of their particular qualities. These areas and the goals they are important for are identified on Map 6.

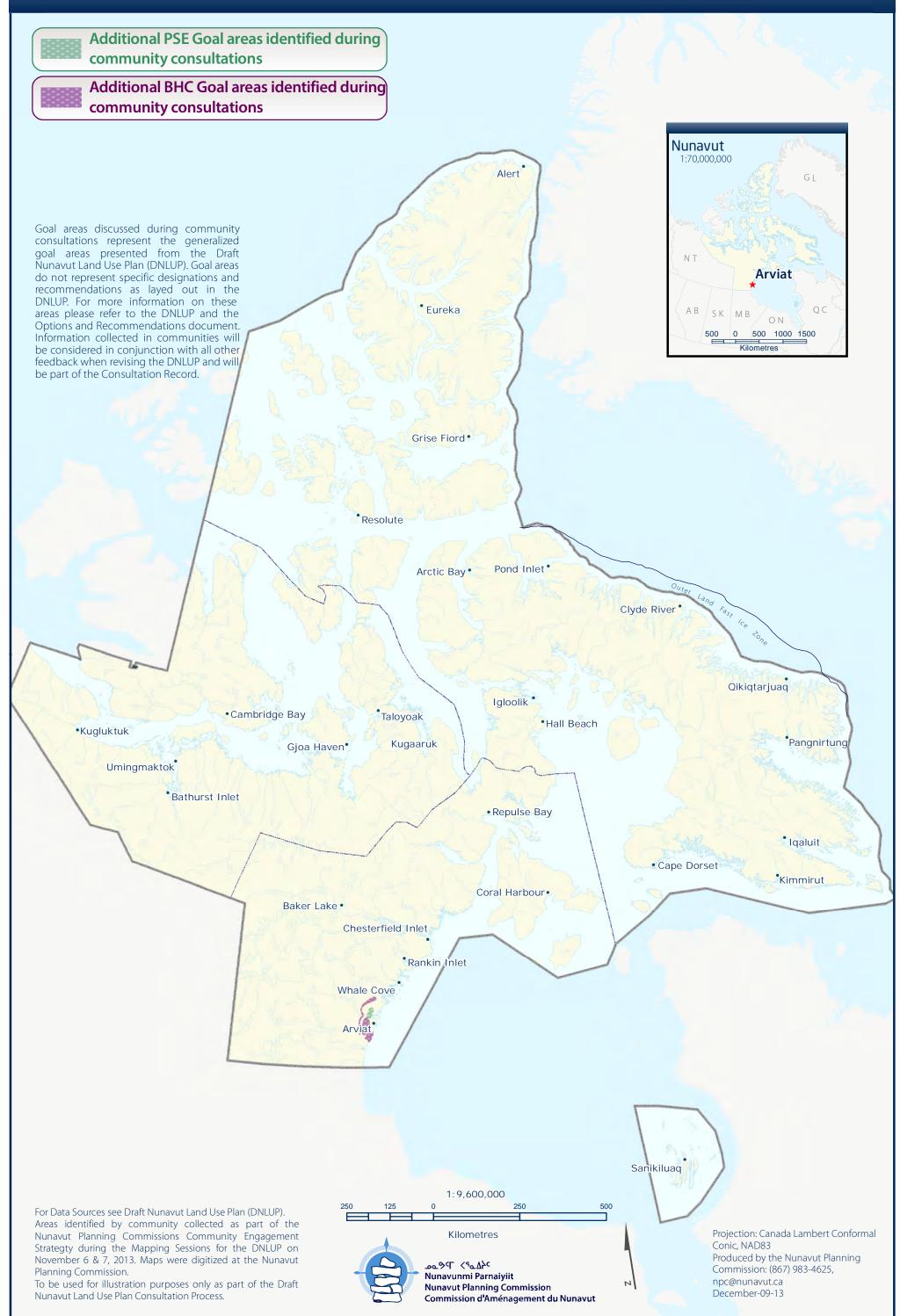


## Chapter 6: Mixed Use

### MIXED USE (MU) • ARVIAT • MAP 5



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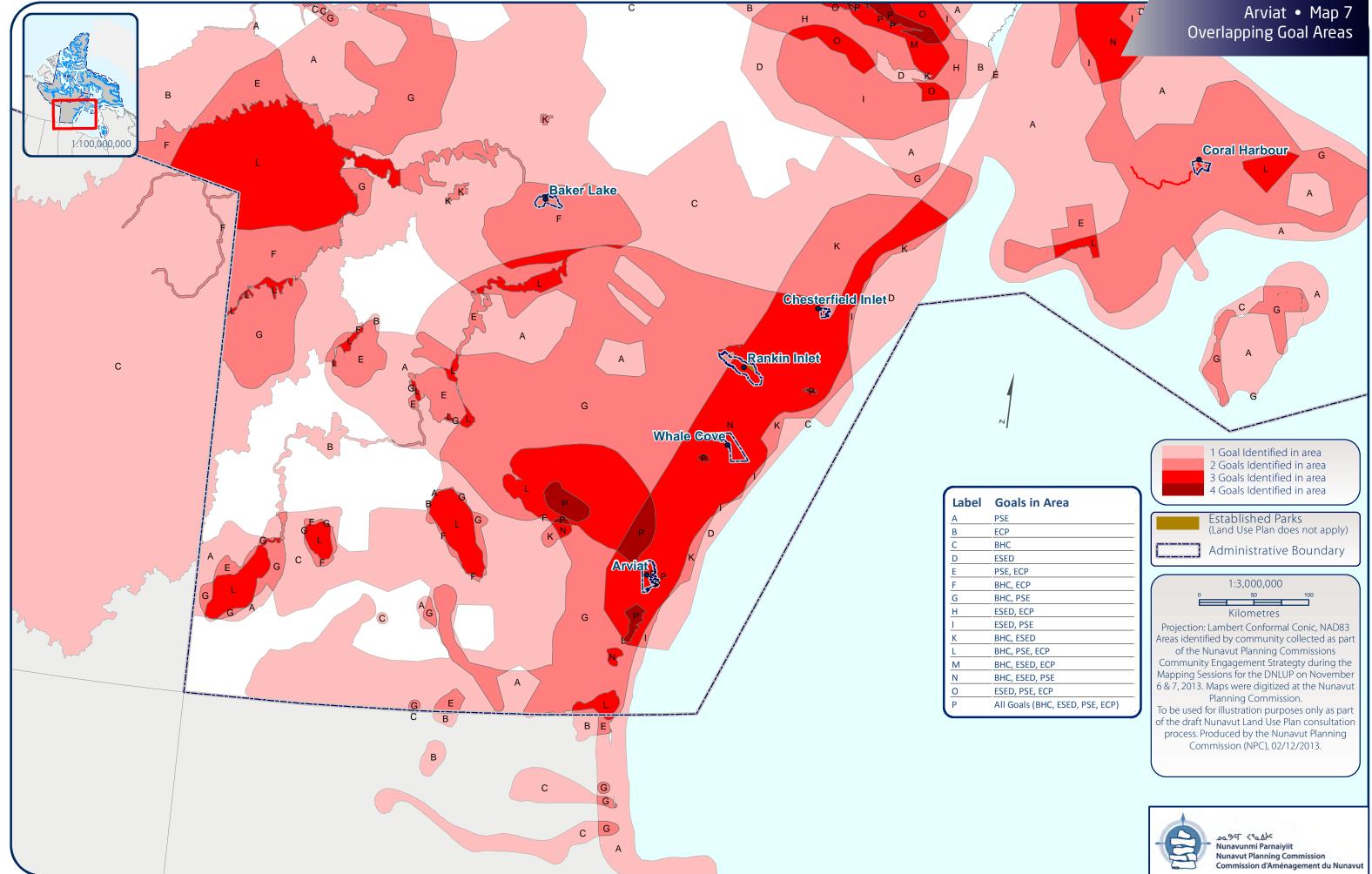


### 7.1 Areas identified for multiple goals

All areas discussed with the community as important for a particular goal are shown on Map 7. In some instances, areas have been identified as important for multiple goals. These areas, and the specific goals they are important to, are also shown on Map 7. In these areas, the NPC will take all of the identified goals and all other feedback into consideration when revising the DNLUP.



## Chapter 7: Overlapping Goals



During the open house, participants raised the following issues:

- Sandy Point is important for hunting and fishing. Whales come from south (Churchill – Beluga). Lots of Arctic Char.
- Quite a few seals using all of the points of land. Ring seals.
- Beluga in July and August. In September they go back south.
- Lots of foxes pelts worth \$25-30. Some guys go hunting for wolves in trees in March and April.
- In June we get Canada Geese and other birds from the south.



## Appendix 1: Open House

## Appendix 2: Elected Officials Meeting

The elected officials meeting was attended by the Mayor and members of the Hamlet Council and HTO. During the meeting, participants raised the following issues:

- Committee has a concern about particular areas around McConnell River Bird Sanctuary area. We are concerned about this area. Regulations have been in place for a long time but we have asked CWS to be part of our group.
- We are concerned about development in calving grounds. The calving grounds are being used and we have to be careful about what we permit.





## Appendix 3: Community Workshop Scanned Maps

Two groups completed the mapping session to identify important areas. This Appendix contains the maps that were used by participants to identify areas that are important to the following land use planning goals:

- Protecting and Sustaining the Environment
- Encouraging Conservation Planning
- Building Healthier Communities
- Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development
- Mixed Use

Also included on each map is a reference table that includes the specific values that were identified for the area.

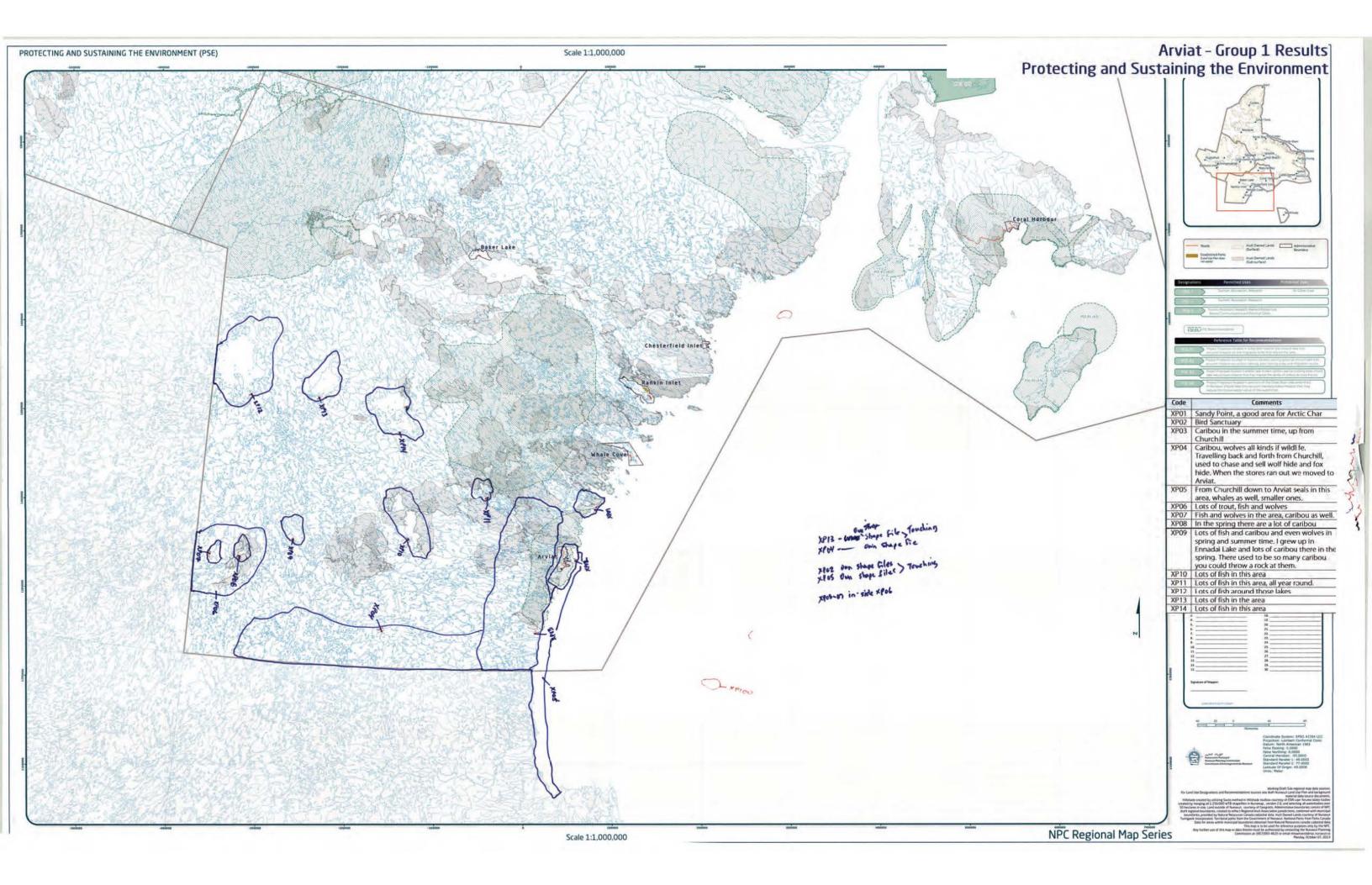
Note: The documented comments for Group 1 were not verified with an audio recording.

During the mapping portion of the community workshop, the following concerns were raised that did not apply to a specific area that was identified on the maps:

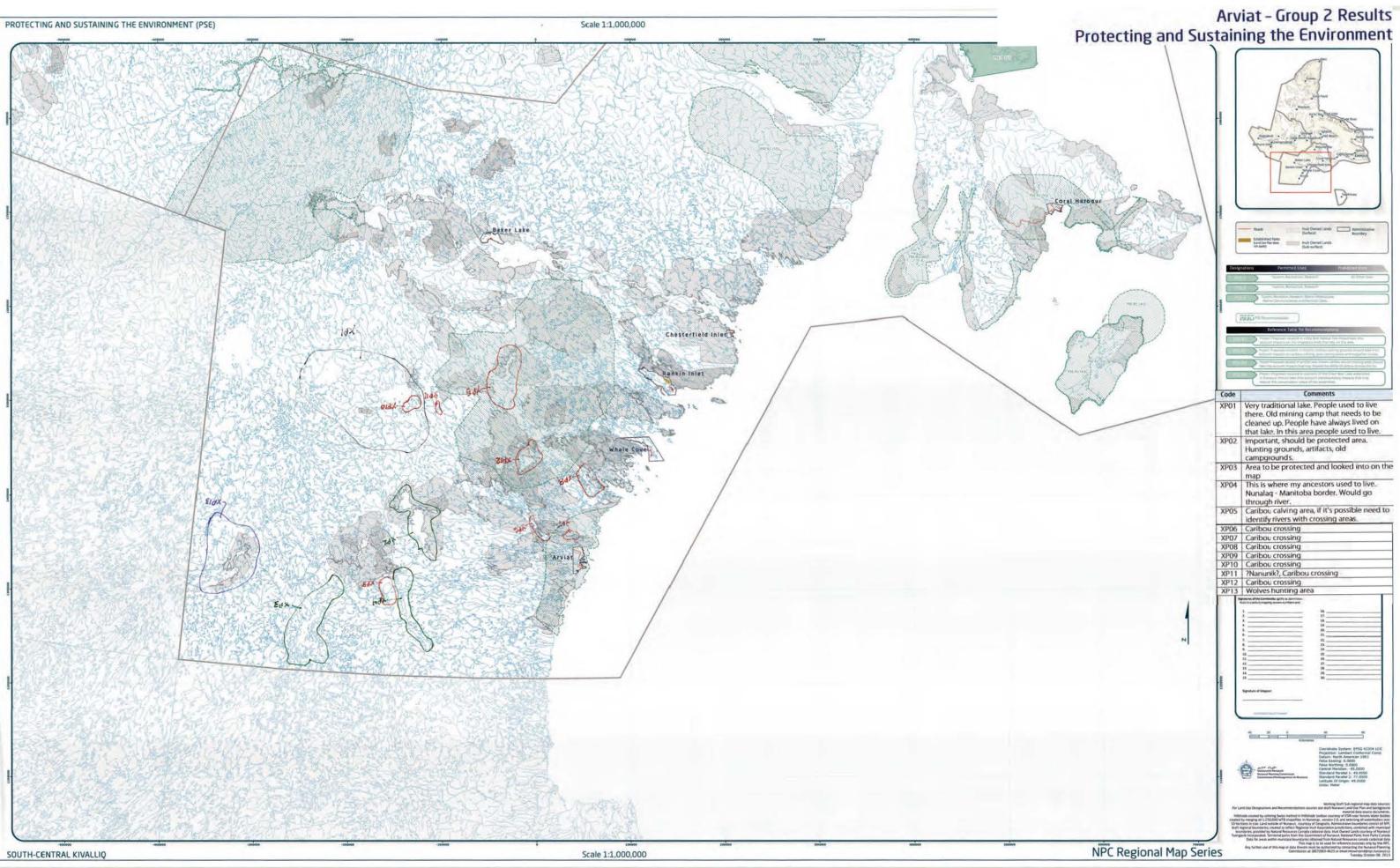
- Path of caribou when migrating needs to be identified.
- We missed out on McConnell River Bird Sanctuary. Reference to Article 8 of NLCA. We formed committee to keep an eye on the proposed happenings. We talked about what we should protect. Economic reasons - Tourism. People are interested in respect to bird watchers. It is a protected area. Small place and important for community to make money out of. A lot of Polar Bears for tourists to see. Because it is important, we formed a committee. Committee will enhance it. Also regarding traditional campsites.
- Used to be sod houses around Arviat but all torn down now.
- Historically travelled to Manitoba to hunt.
- From Arviat to Marble Island people usually hunt seals & beluga, these 3 rivers in between we do net fishing,

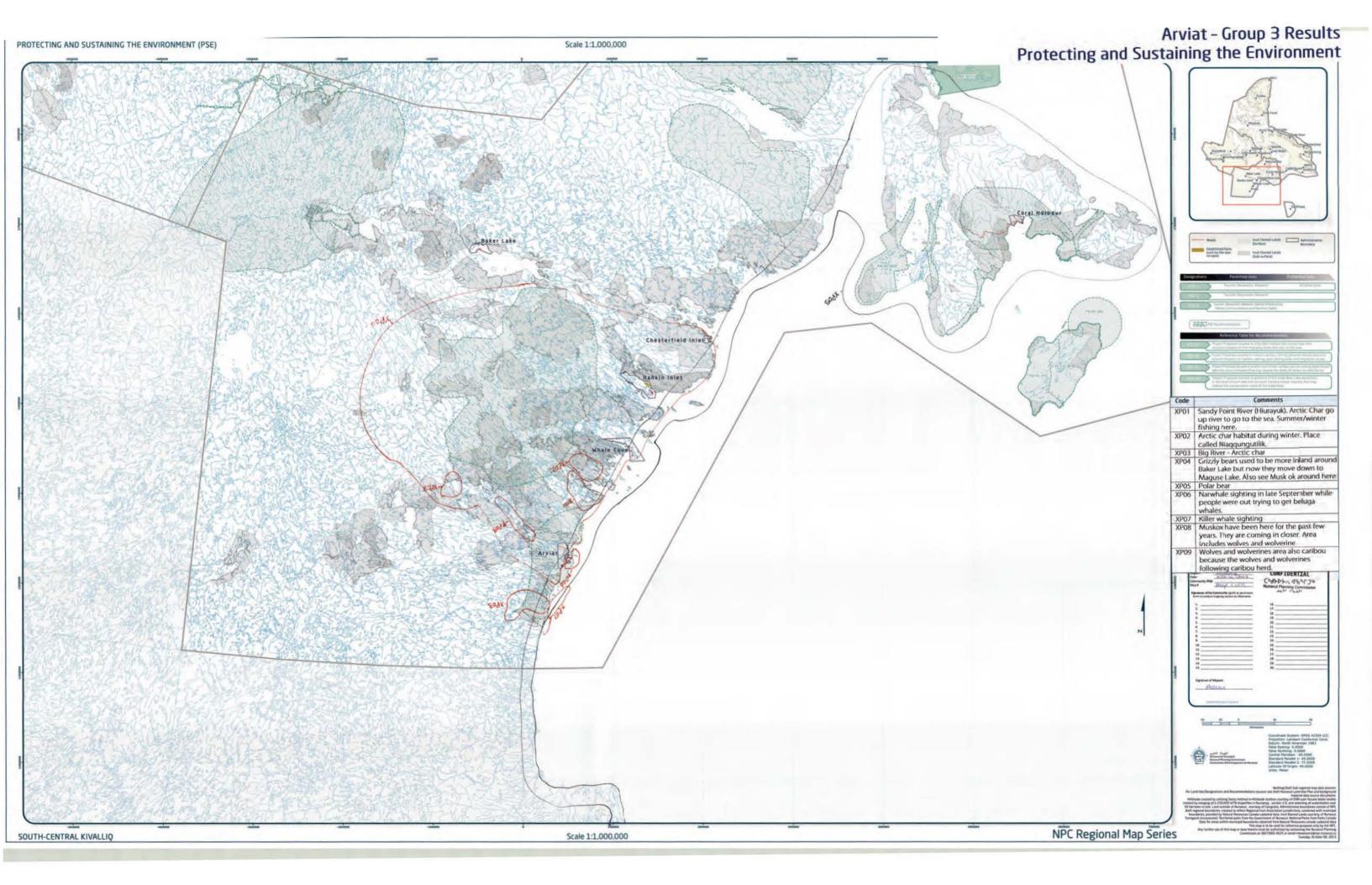
and all the way up to Nunalaaq we can catch arctic char and seals, beluga whales. It's all marked on the BHC map.

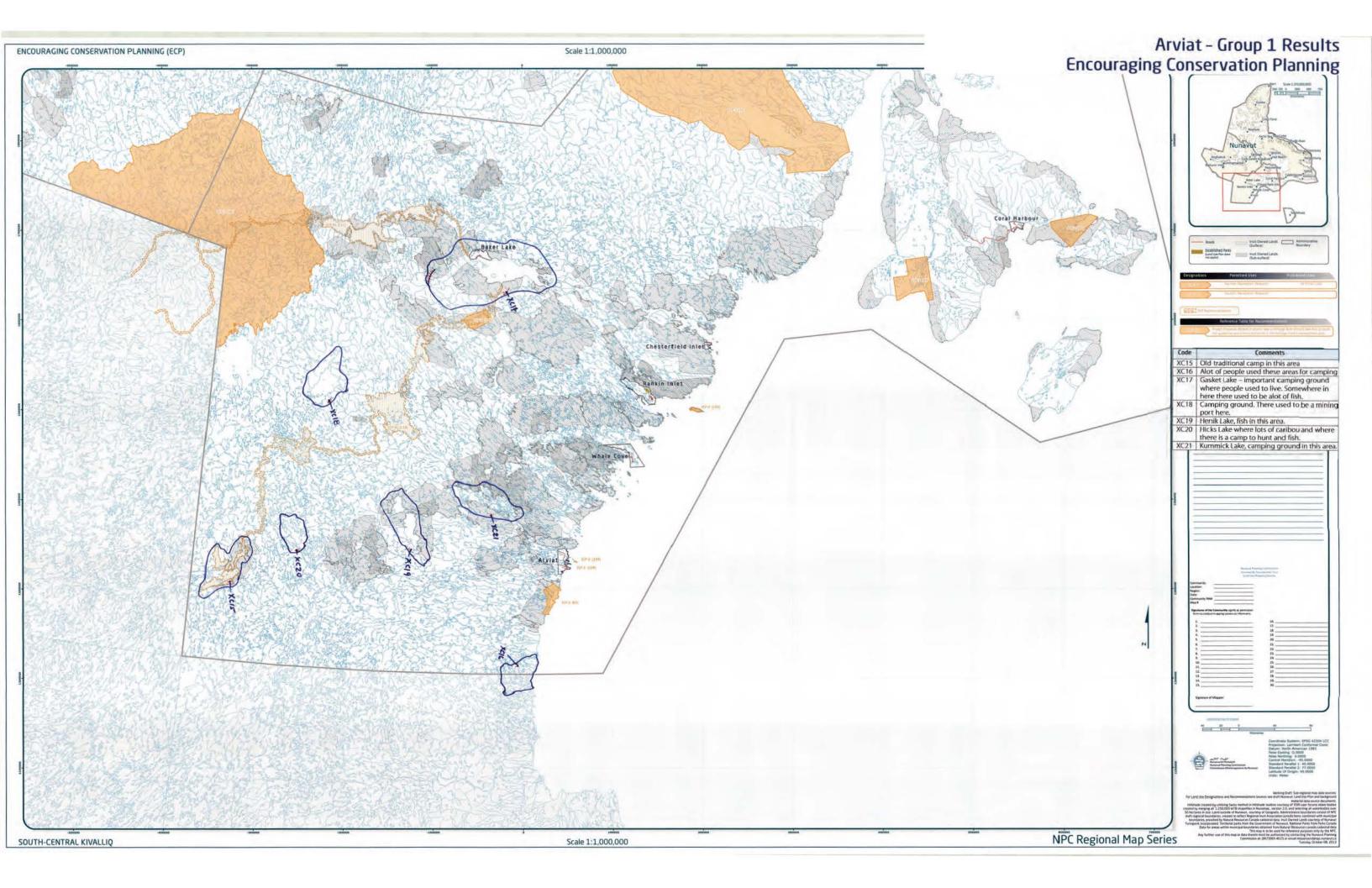
• Economic activities are important.

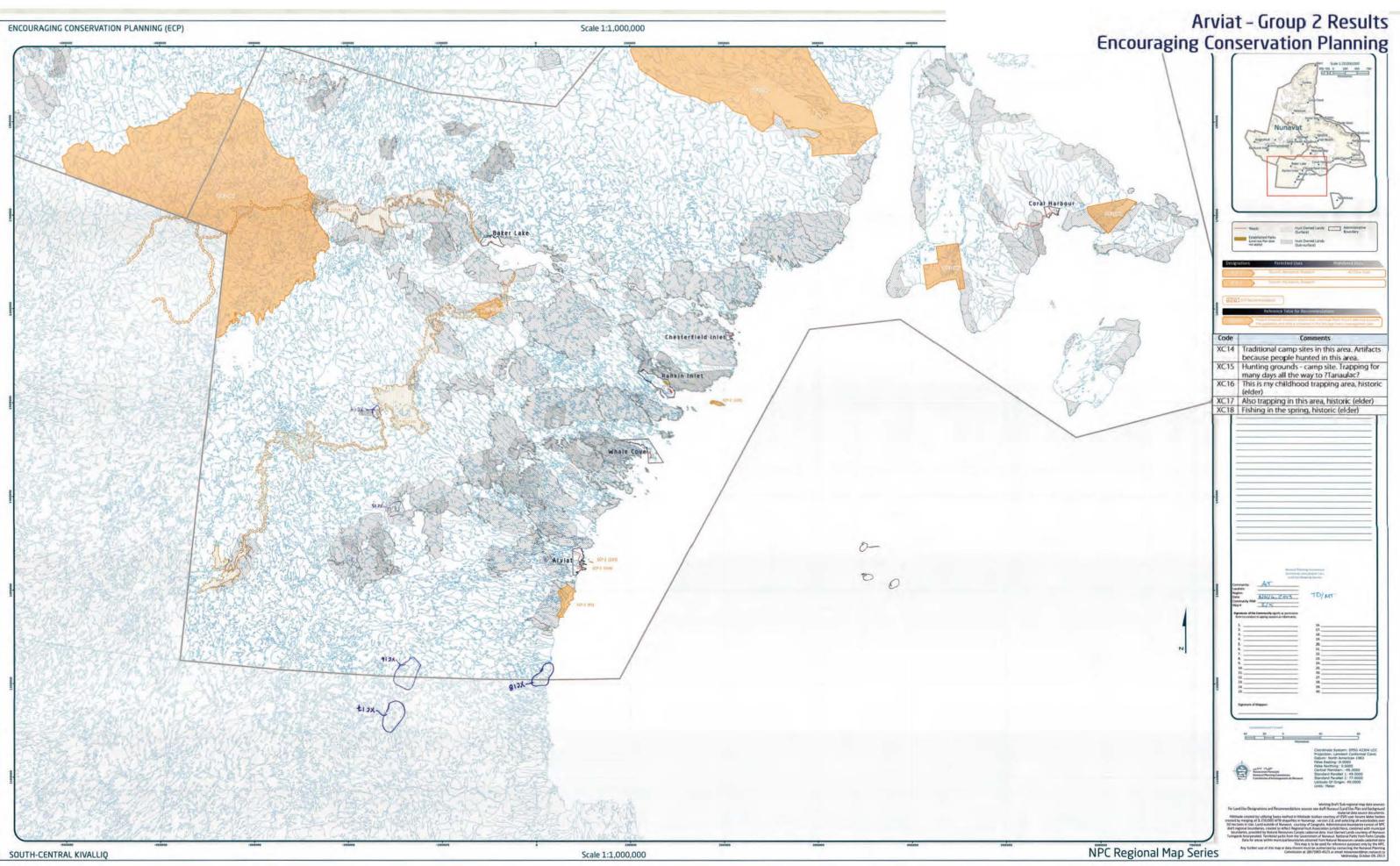


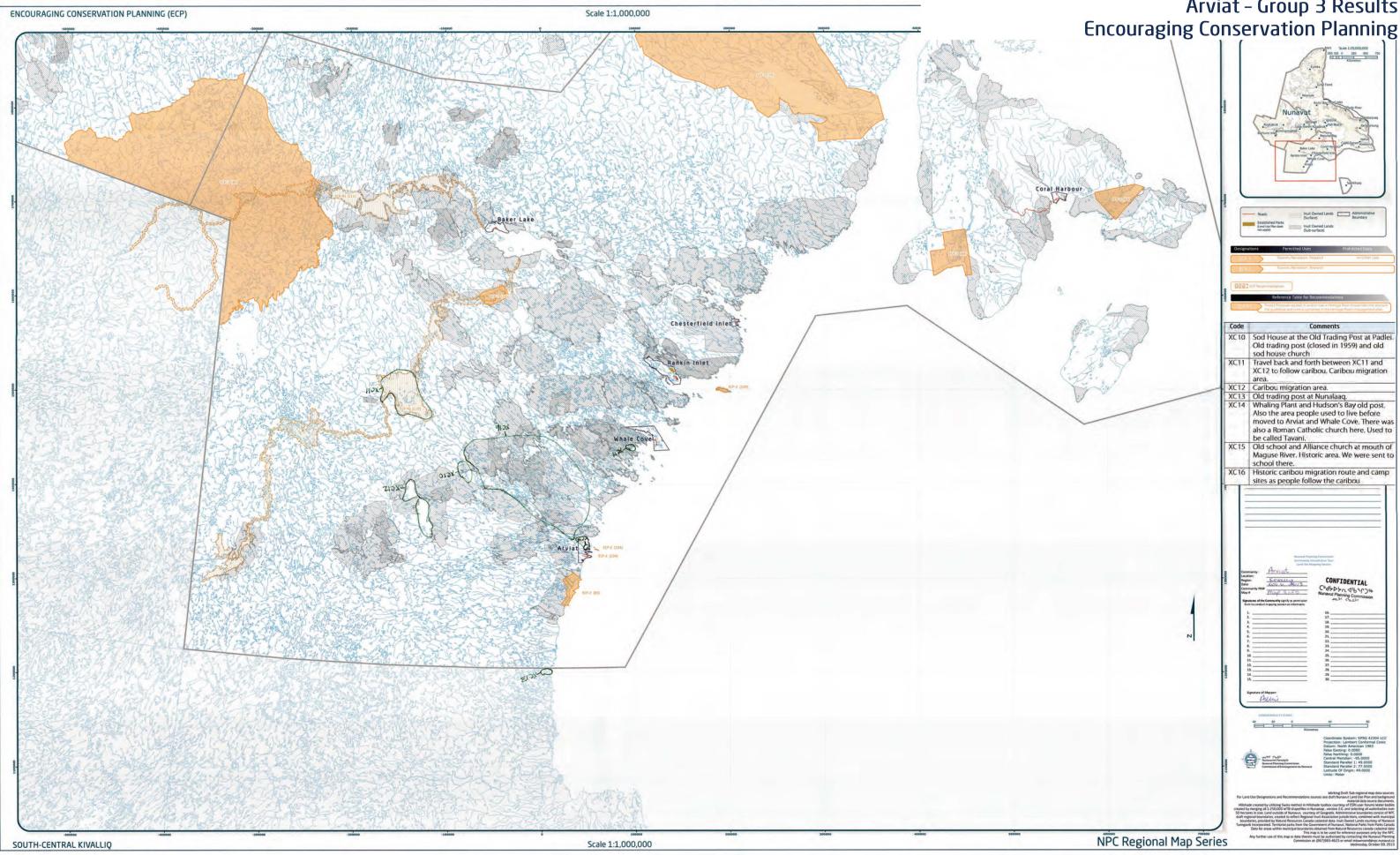




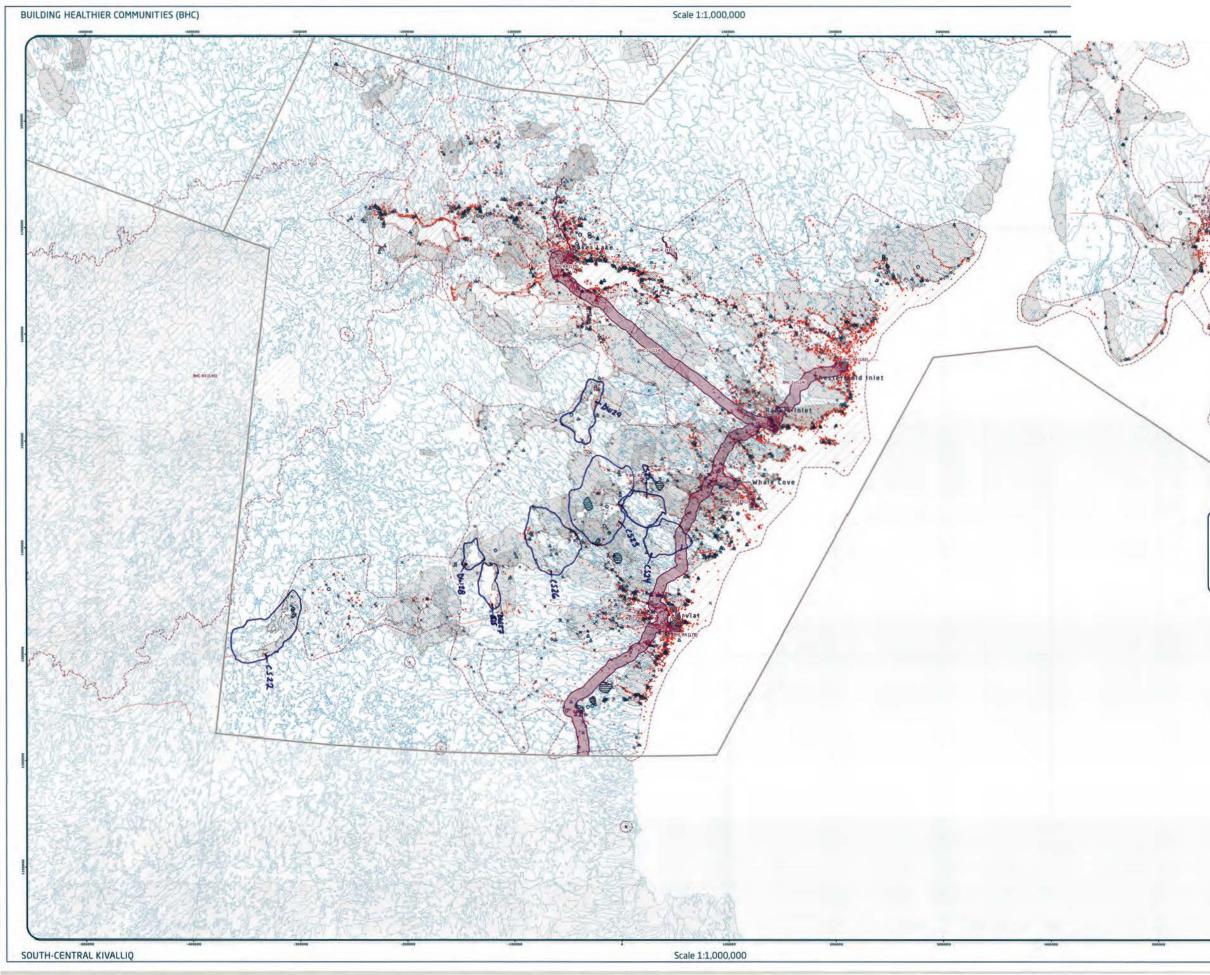


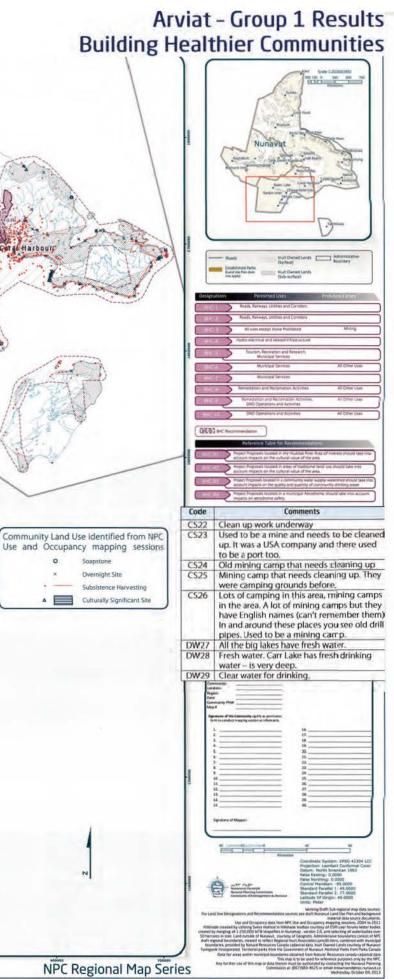






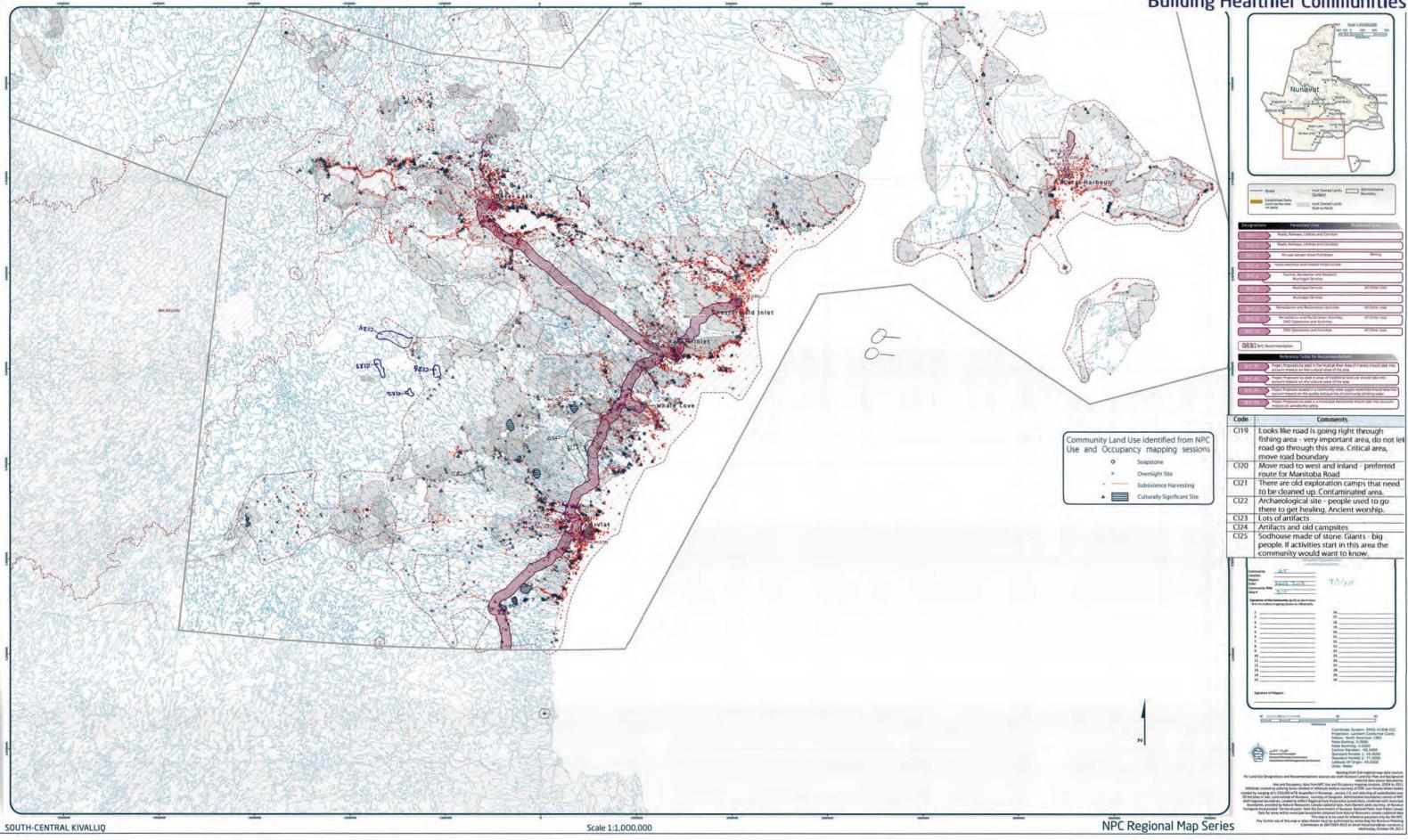
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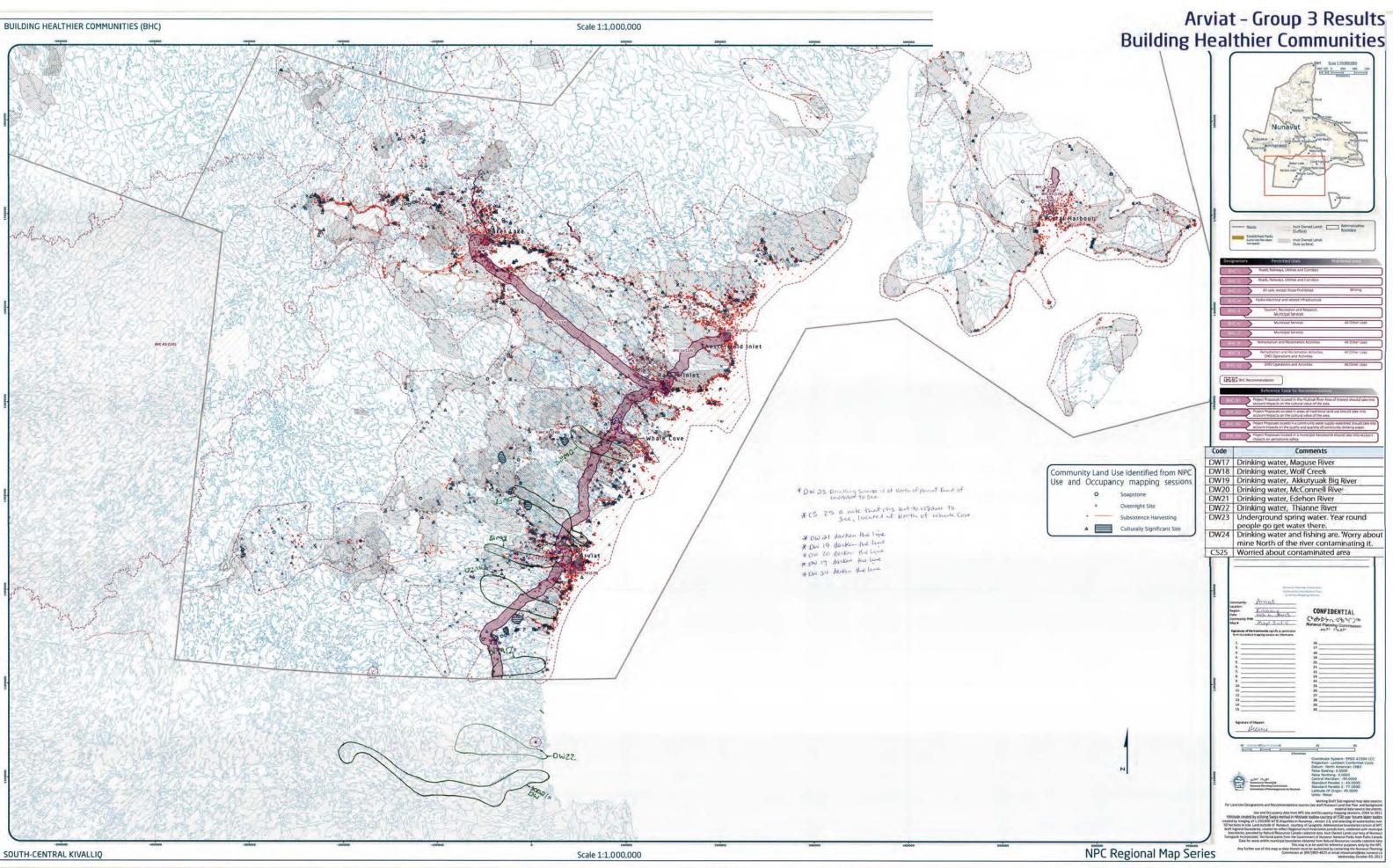


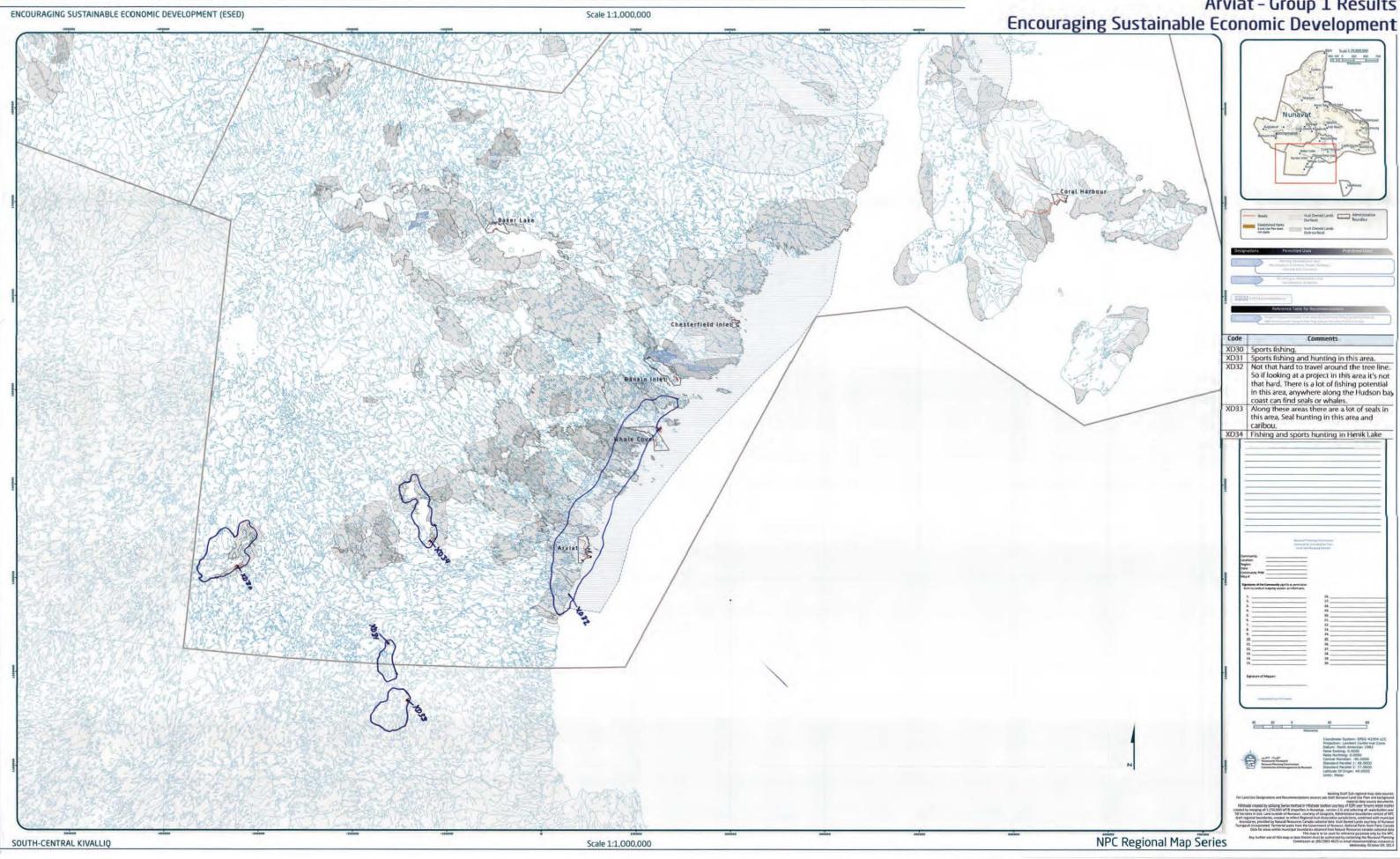
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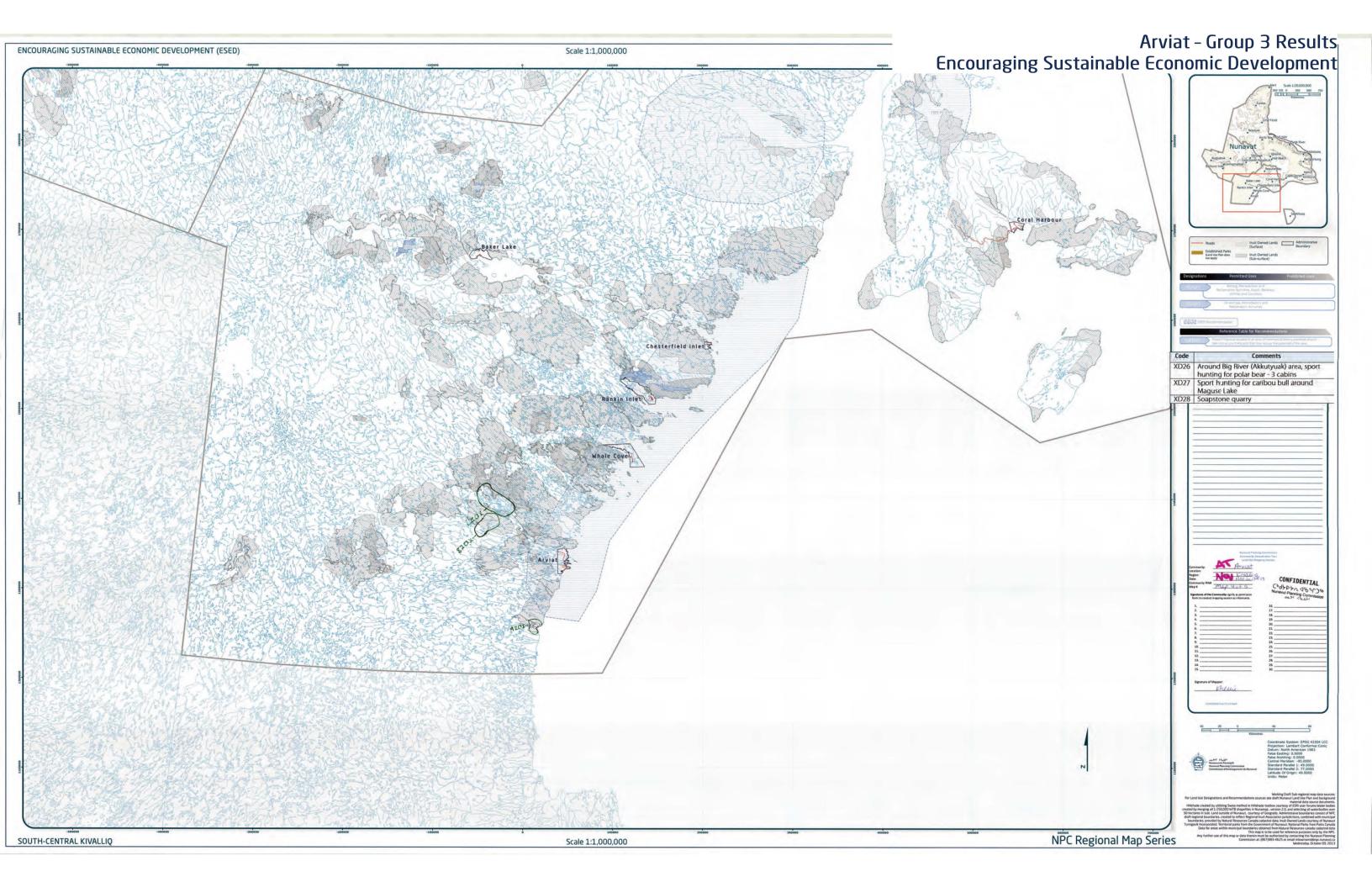


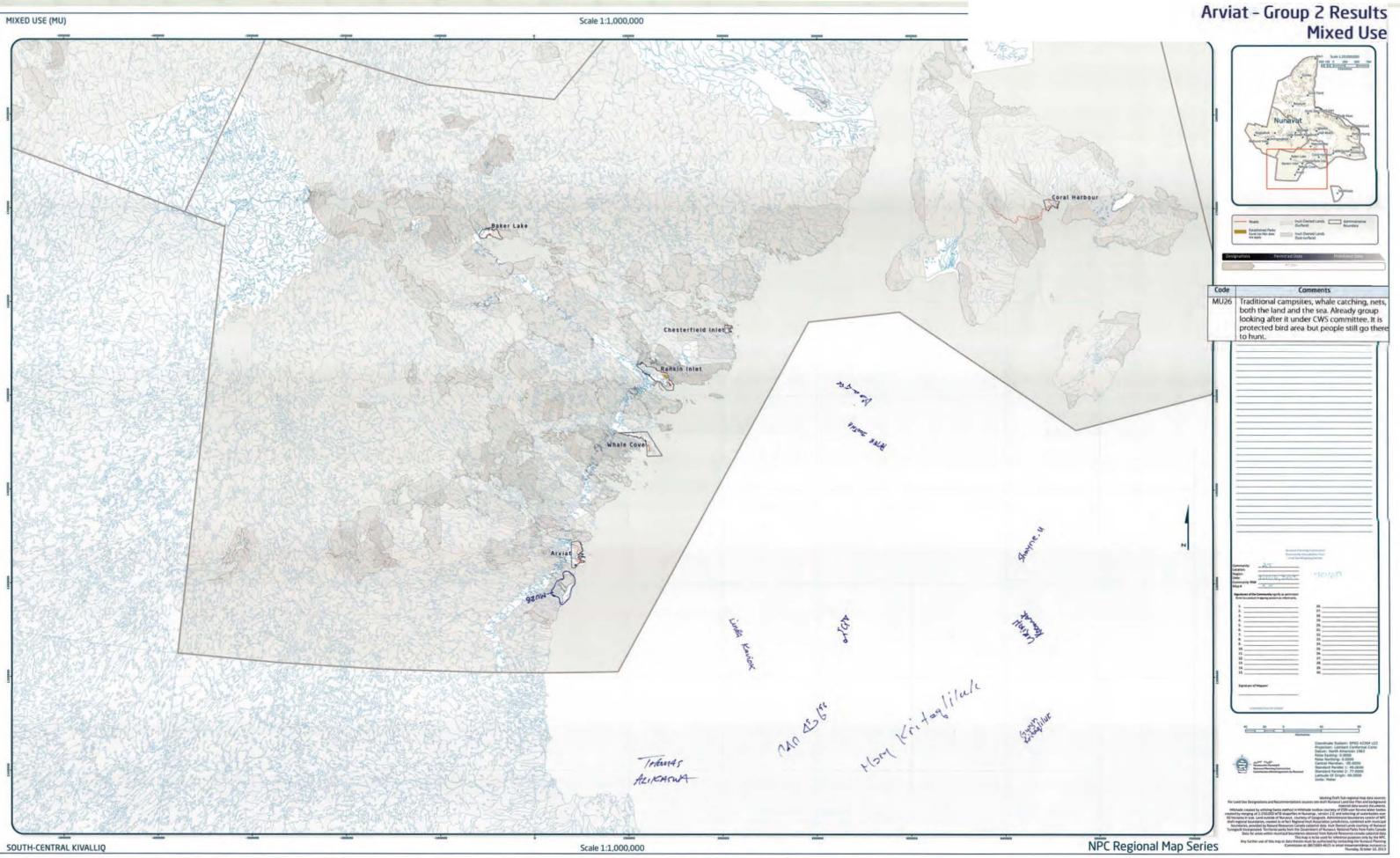
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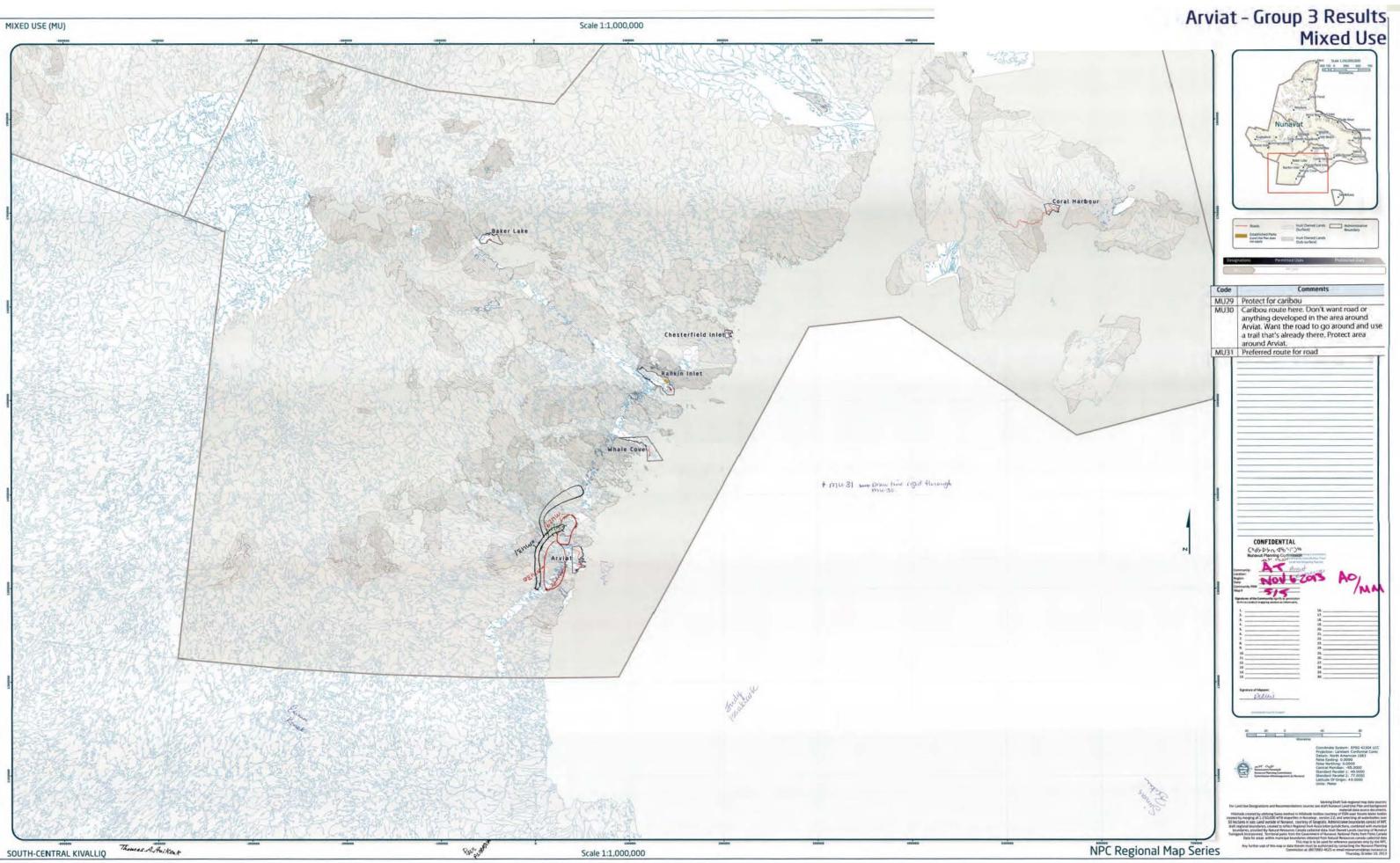


# Arviat - Group 1 Results Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development









The NPC returned to the community and reviewed a draft version of this report with the Hamlet Council, Hunters and Trappers Organization, and the Community Lands and Resource Committee. The meeting included:

- A presentation of a draft version of this report
- An overview of the mapped information that was recorded for each topic:
  - o Protecting and Sustaining the Environment
  - o Encouraging Conservation Planning
  - o Building Healthier Communities
  - Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development
  - o Mixed Use
- General discussion and comments including:
  - o Opportunities to provide additional comments.
  - Discussion regarding ESED Map, Group 1, XD 33 Comment regarding inland seals. Participants thought it could be an error, but staff later confirmed that there are inland seals in the area.

## Appendix 4: Follow-up Meeting