Summary of Community Meetings on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan TALOYOAK March 20-21, 2014



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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 Taloyoak. 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 Taloyoak 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 questions 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, questions and comments were received from participants. The questions, comments and responses are contained in Appendix 3.

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 4.

• 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 May 8, 2014 to review a draft version of this report with the Hamlet Council, Hunters and Trappers Organization, and Community Beneficiary Committee. A summary of this meeting is included in Appendix 5.

1.4 Public Awareness

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

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

- Nunatsiaq 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

Taloyoak is a community of approximately 900 people (Statistics Canada. 2011 Census). It is located on the Boothia Peninsula (see Figure 1).

The Commission visited the community on March 20-21, 2014. 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 5 people attended the open house to review the Draft Plan.
- **Public Workshop**; approximately 55 people attended the presentation of the DNLUP and facilitated mapping sessions. Information was recorded in two separate mapping groups.
- Wrap Up Session; 0 people attended the wrap up session.

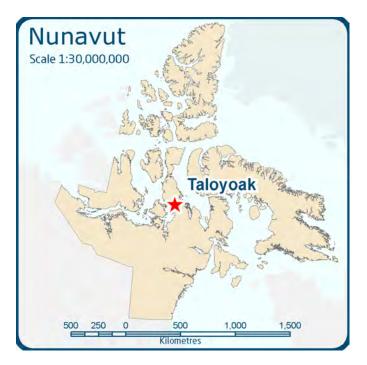


Figure 1. Location of Taloyoak

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;

- Hunting and fishing areas
- Caribou habitat
- Whale habitat
- Seal habitat
- Bird habitat

- Fish habitat
- Muskox 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.

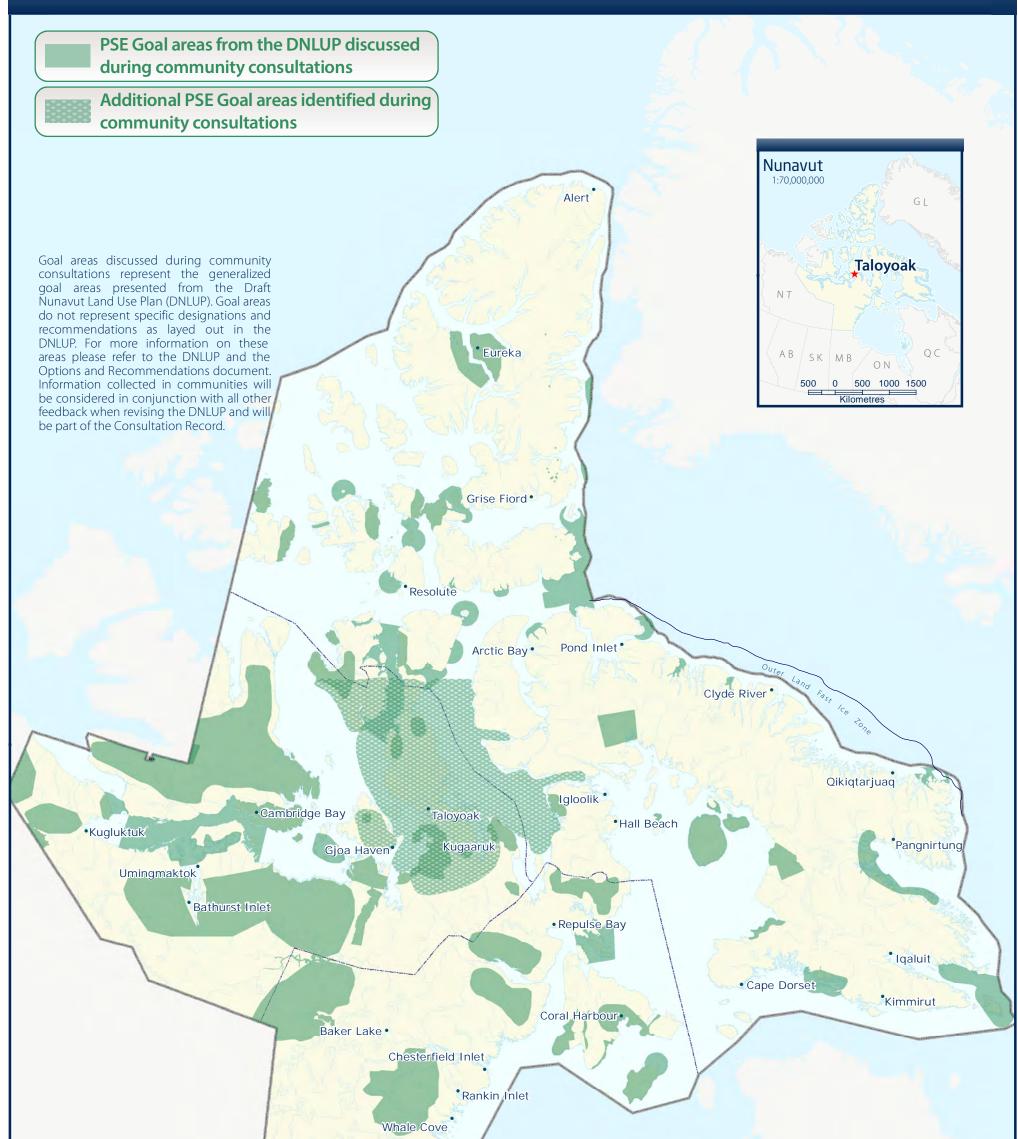
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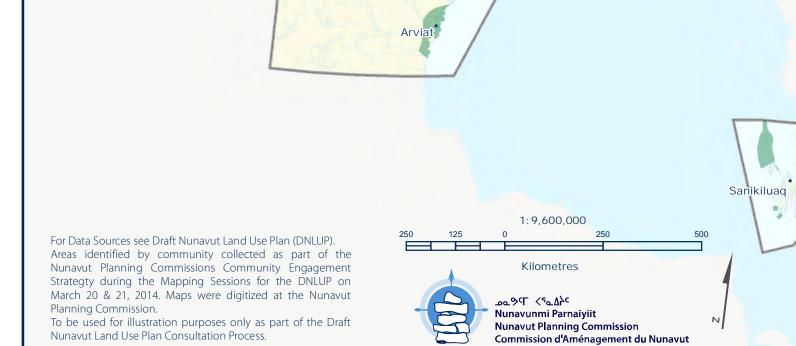
- The areas identified on Map 1 are considered by the Community to be important to Protecting and Sustaining the Environment.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection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

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



PROTECTING AND SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT (PSE) • TALOYOAK • MAP 1





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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 ٠
- 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.

3.2 Areas identified by participants

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.

- Scenic areas with abundant wildlife
- Historic sites
- Hunting and camping areas

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:

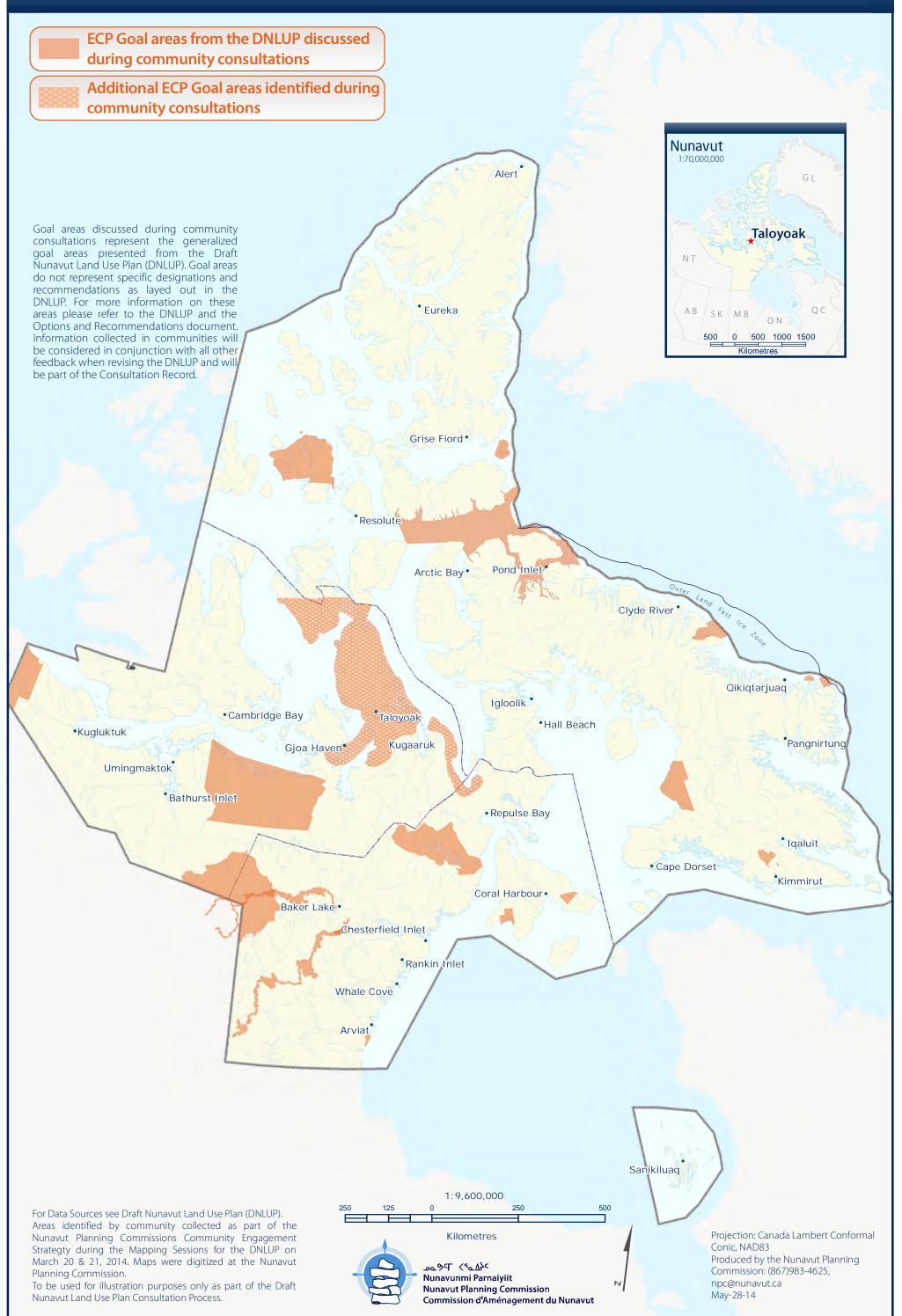
- The areas identified on Map 2 are considered by the Community to be important to Encouraging Conservation Planning.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support environmental protection and management needs, including wildlife conservation, protection and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



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 ٠
- Transportation Infrastructure •
- Unincorporated Communities •
- Alternative Energy Sources •
- Community drinking water supplies •
- Land remediation •
- Northern Contaminated Sites Program
- Aerodromes •
- Canadian Forces Station ٠
- Northern Warning System sites •

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

Areas identified by participants 4.2

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;

• Wildlife areas

- Drinking water
- Contaminated sites

Areas of importance to Building 4.3 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:

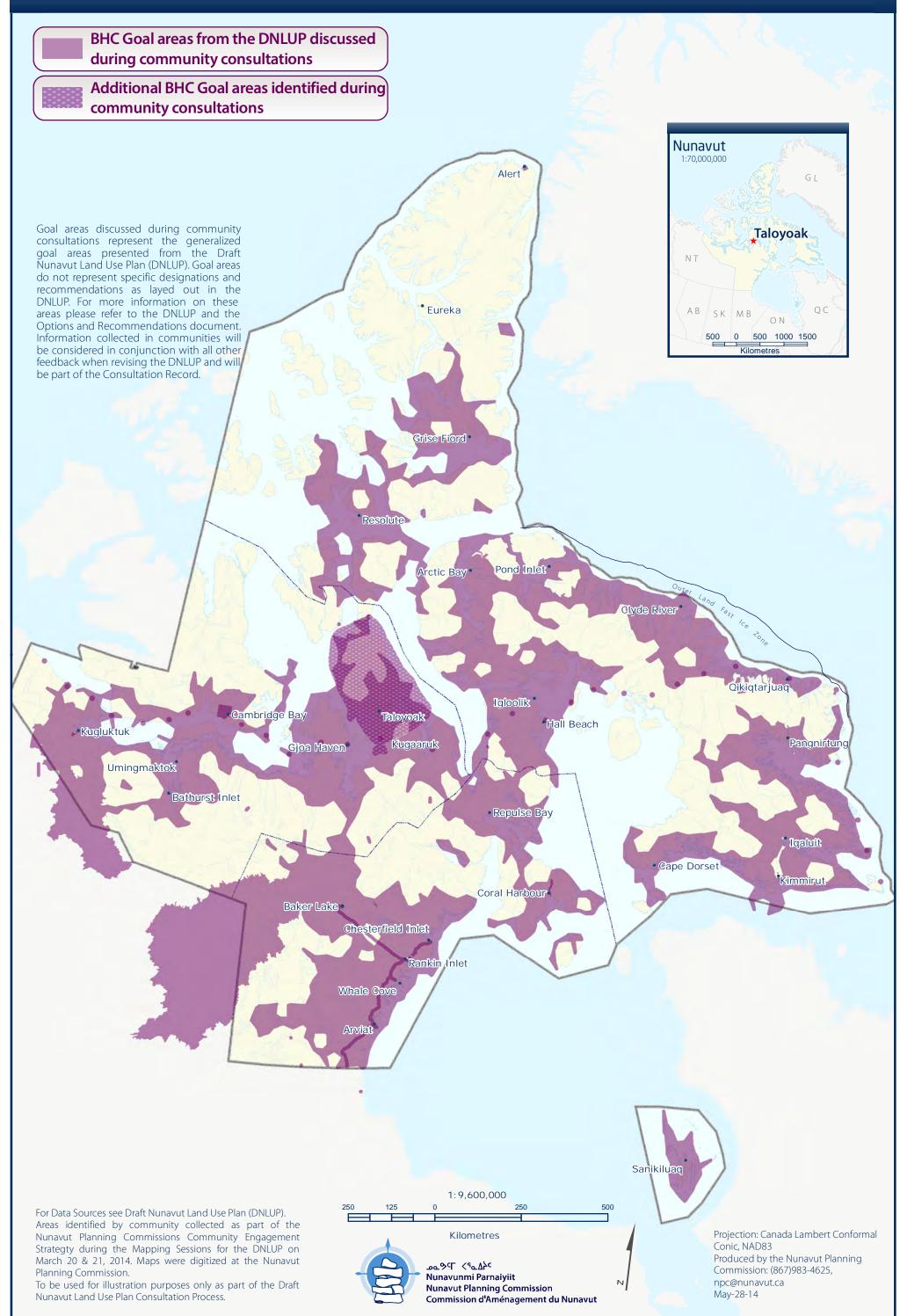
- The areas identified on Map 3 are considered by the Community to be important to Building Healthier Communities.
- In these areas, the community would like the NLUP to encourage activities that support community needs and cultural priorities.

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



Chapter 4: **Building Healthier Communities**

BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES (BHC) • TALOYOAK • MAP 3



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;

- Commercial fisheries
- Soapstone areas
- Tourism and sports hunting areas

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.

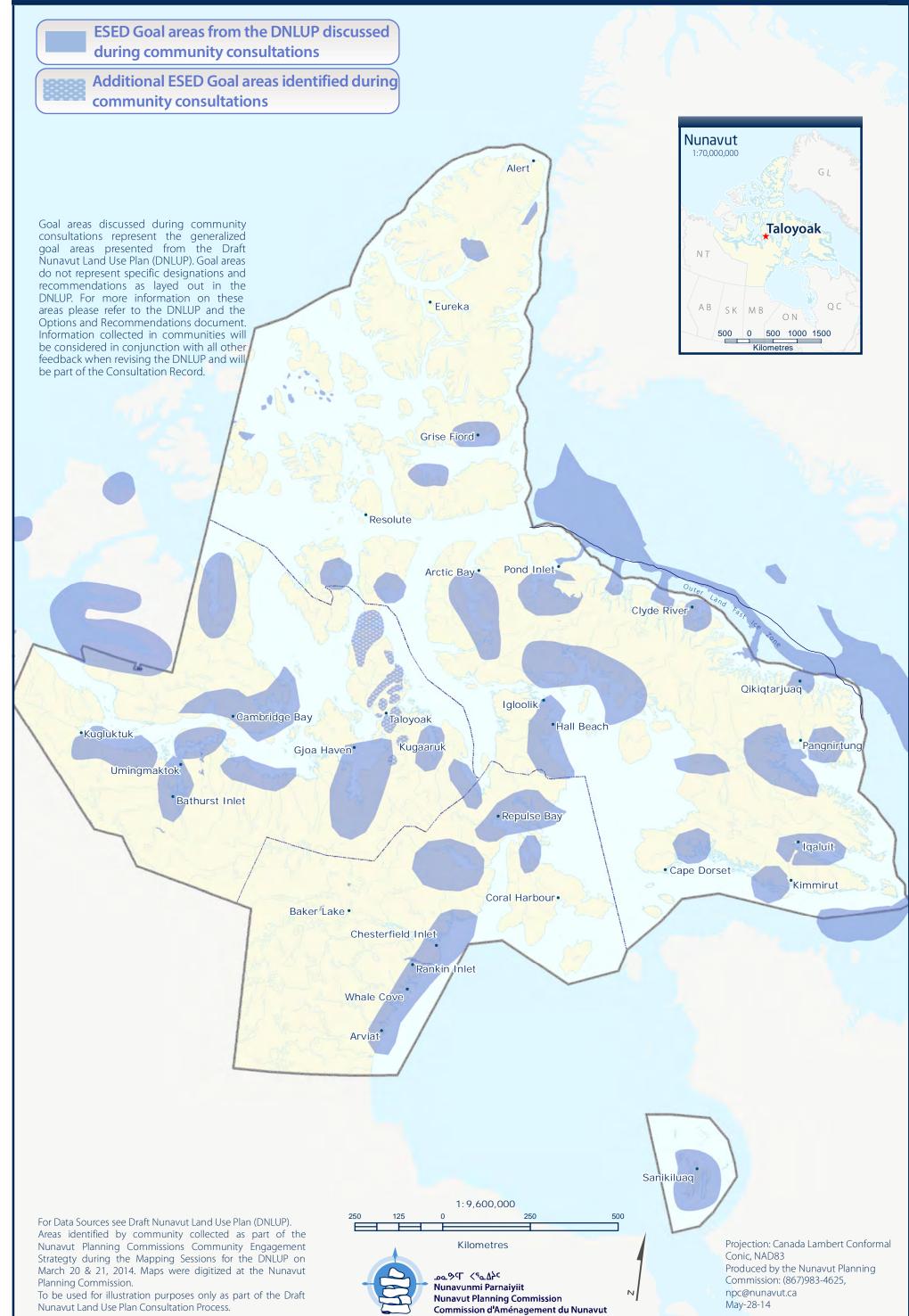
Based on discussions with participants, the NPC understands that:

- 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) • TALOYOAK • 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.

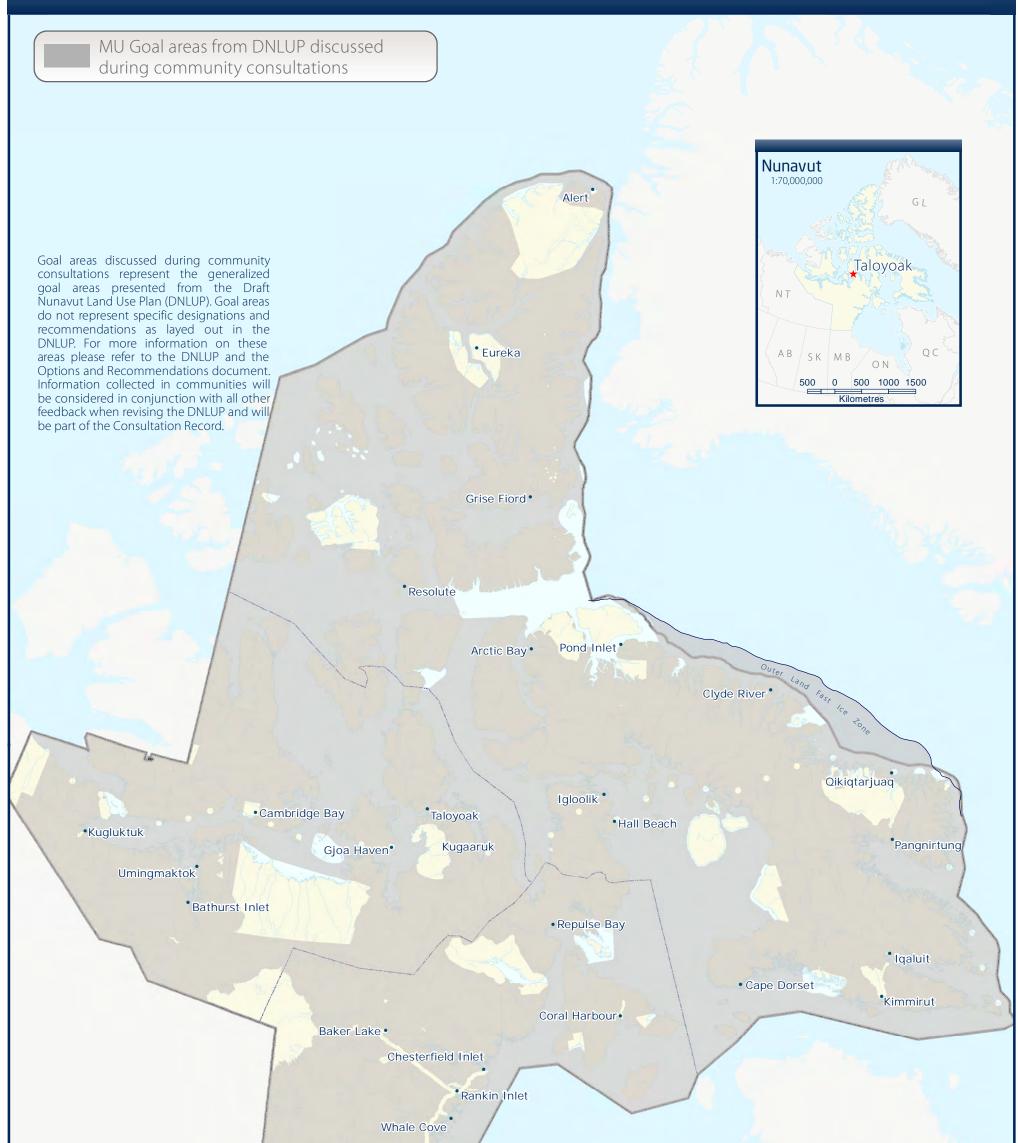
6.2 Areas identified by participants

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) • TALOYOAK • MAP 5



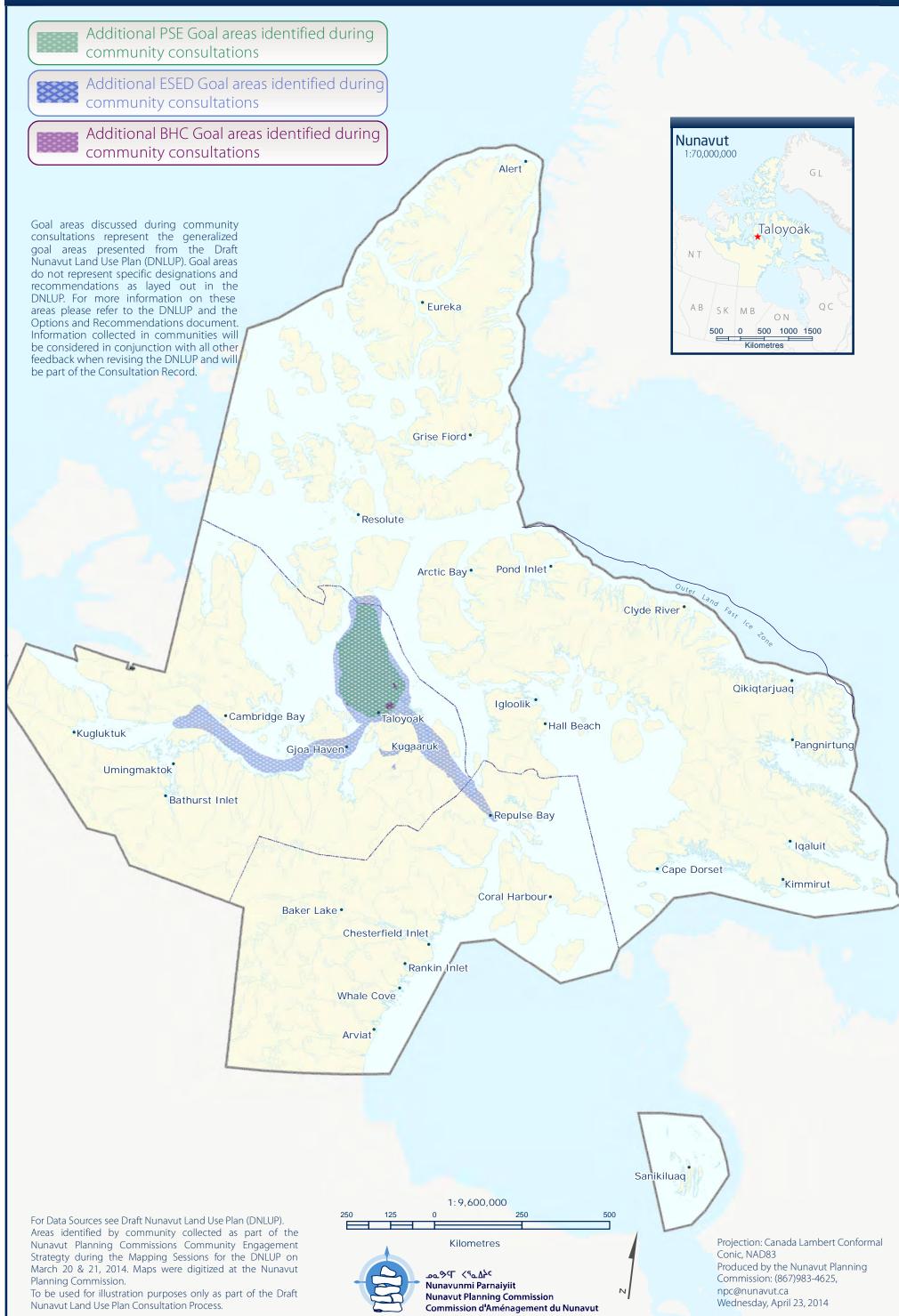


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MIXED USE (MU) • TALOYOAK • MAP 6



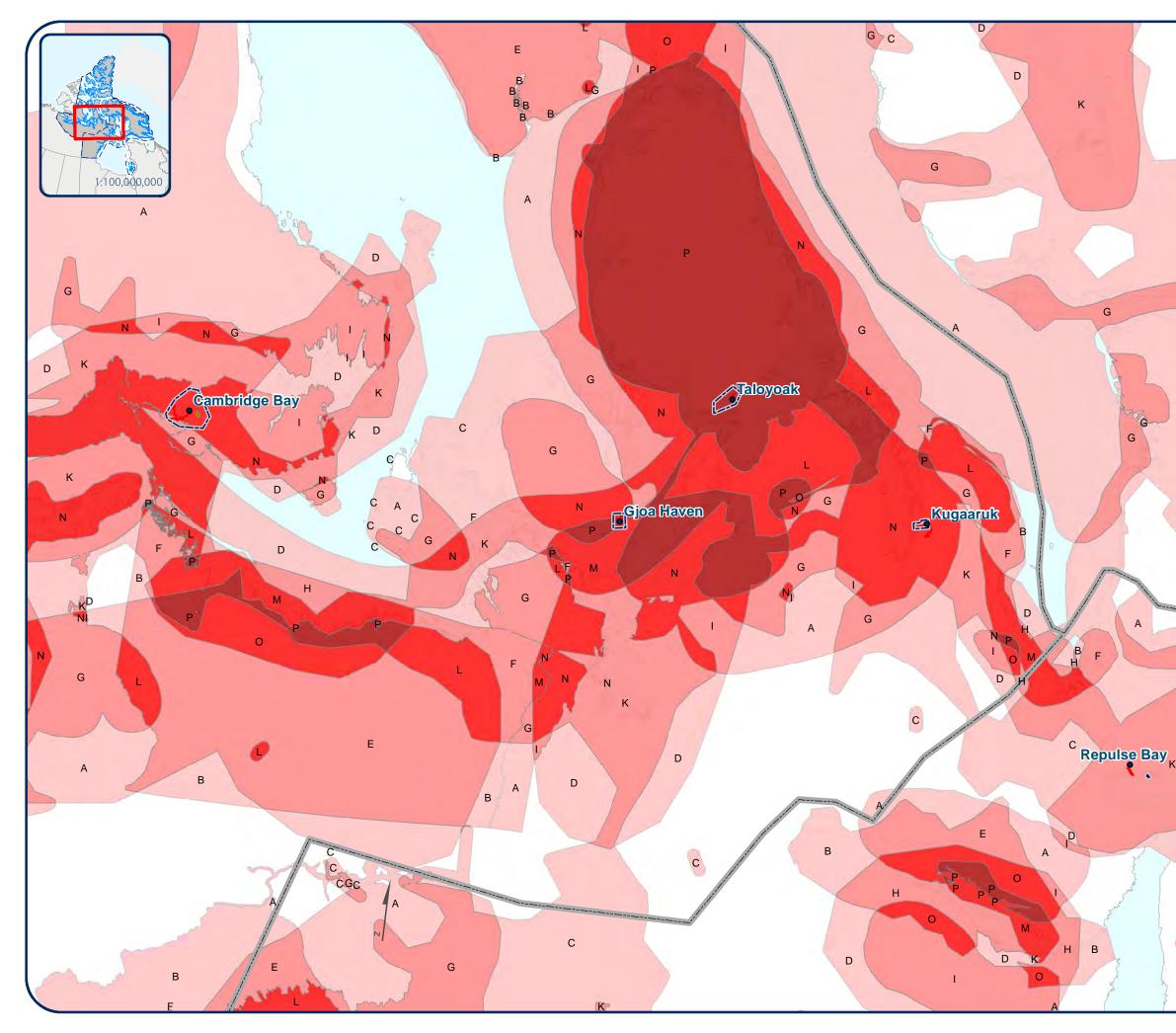
7.1 Areas identified for multiple goals

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



Taloyoak • Map 7 Overlapping Goal Areas

1 Goal Identified in area 2 Goals Identified in area 3 Goals Identified in area 4 Goals Identified in area

Established Parks (Land Use Plan does not apply)

Administrative Boundary

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During the open house, participants raised the following issues:

- Helicopters are looking for something all summer. Exploration is scaring caribou.
- We are concerned about shipping for mining project (Sabina?) that proposes going through channel north of Taloyoak that has many marine mammals and caribou sea ice crossings

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:

- Outside the community, to the hunting areas in the summer, the roads need to be improved. We need new roads leading outside of community for hunting.
 - The Commission responded that it is not responsible for building roads, and the plan will not impact hunting.
- Concerned with exploration camps. When they are working in our areas they should consult us. We have calving areas and areas used for commercial seal harvesting. North of the community there area exploration camps. Mining companies consult with the KIA but they need to talk to the public and get input from the companies. Many Inuit communities rely on wildlife for food. Fuel spills can be very dangerous in calving grounds and hunting areas.
 - The Commission responded that under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act and with the NLUP we will be seeing the all the research and activities that will be occurring around the community. You can use the plan to put terms in place to ensure the safety of your wildlife and drinking water supply. The plan is legally binding so if there is a term and condition in the plan all land users must implement them. We will be asking you a series of questions and you can add things.
 - KIA representative also outlined process that KIA follows to involve communities in land use projects.
- Community is interested in creating a park.
 - o Discussion on how the plan can support.

- Concern is that during the summer time when the caribou are heading north and they tend to return into the fall. When the caribou migrate form the calving ground from the north, I think there is research in the area can there be research done during the summer and fall then when we see them the low level flying disturbs the caribou.
- Funding from EDT to build roads and trails for hunting and camping areas. These areas are outside the hamlet.
 - o The Commission responded that the locations of where the roads need to be should be provided to ensure the plan doesn't prohibit them.

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During the community workshop, there was a question and answer period, which included a discussion of the following topics:

- North of community in spring calving ground migration heads back down in fall time with calves. How can we protect that area from mining companies as well as other working groups?
 - o The Commission responded that areas people would like to see protected can be identified during the mapping session that will follow.
- For people of Taloyoak, this will help us out in the future. You help us and we can help you in return. Caribou passing around community. There are helicopters every year. I have a deep concern for this around Taloyoak. Mining companies, oil companies are breaking a lot of rules and our concern is for protection of the land and also marine mammals. Shipping companies will be a concern during winter season.
 - o The Commission responded that these concerns have been heard in other communities as well. During mapping, we will be asking you questions about important areas and you have the ability to recommend terms and conditions. We will prepare a community report and bring it back to verify.

Appendix 3: Questions and Answers

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Appendix 4: 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:

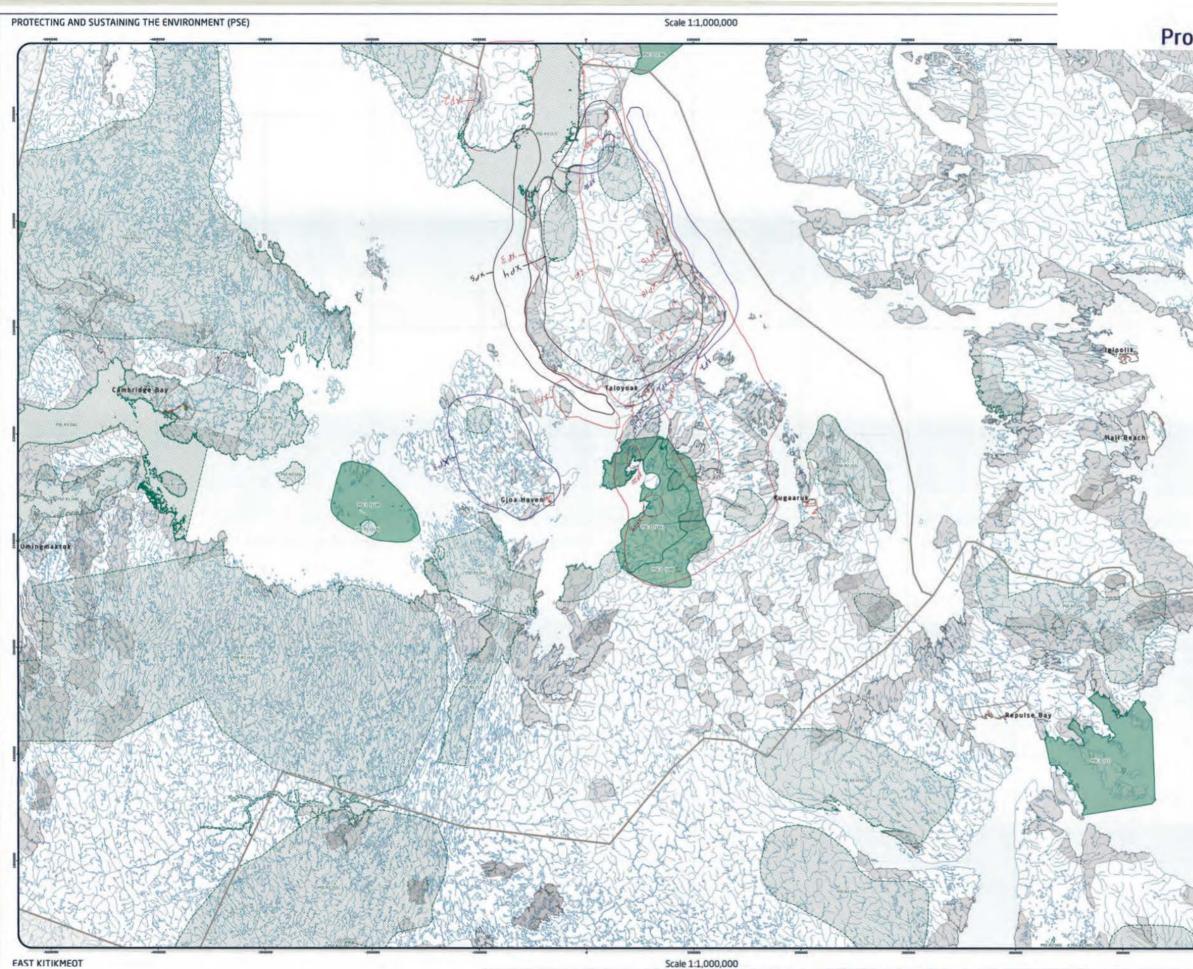
- Protecting and Sustaining the Environment
- Encouraging Conservation Planning
- Building Healthier Communities
- Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development
- Mixed Use

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

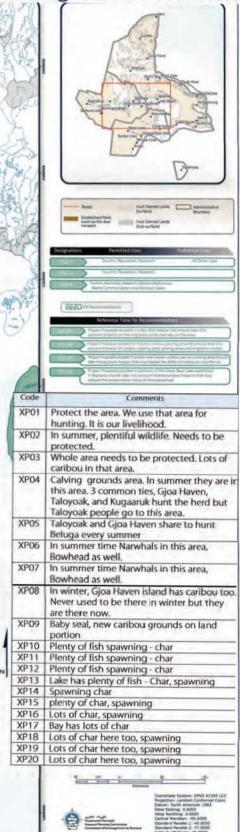
Note: The documented comments for Group 1 were not verified with an audio recording.

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:

- The last time land use planning was happening in the community, the caribou sea ice crossing (PSE-R3 (57)) was identified for possible disruption from shipping.
- Climate today is also changing. We are concerned for wildlife, so we need to protect the wildlife.
- Why do we only protect this area, when we are told that caribou come here from the south?
- Up the coast there is a bridge that needs to be fixed for trail to be improved.



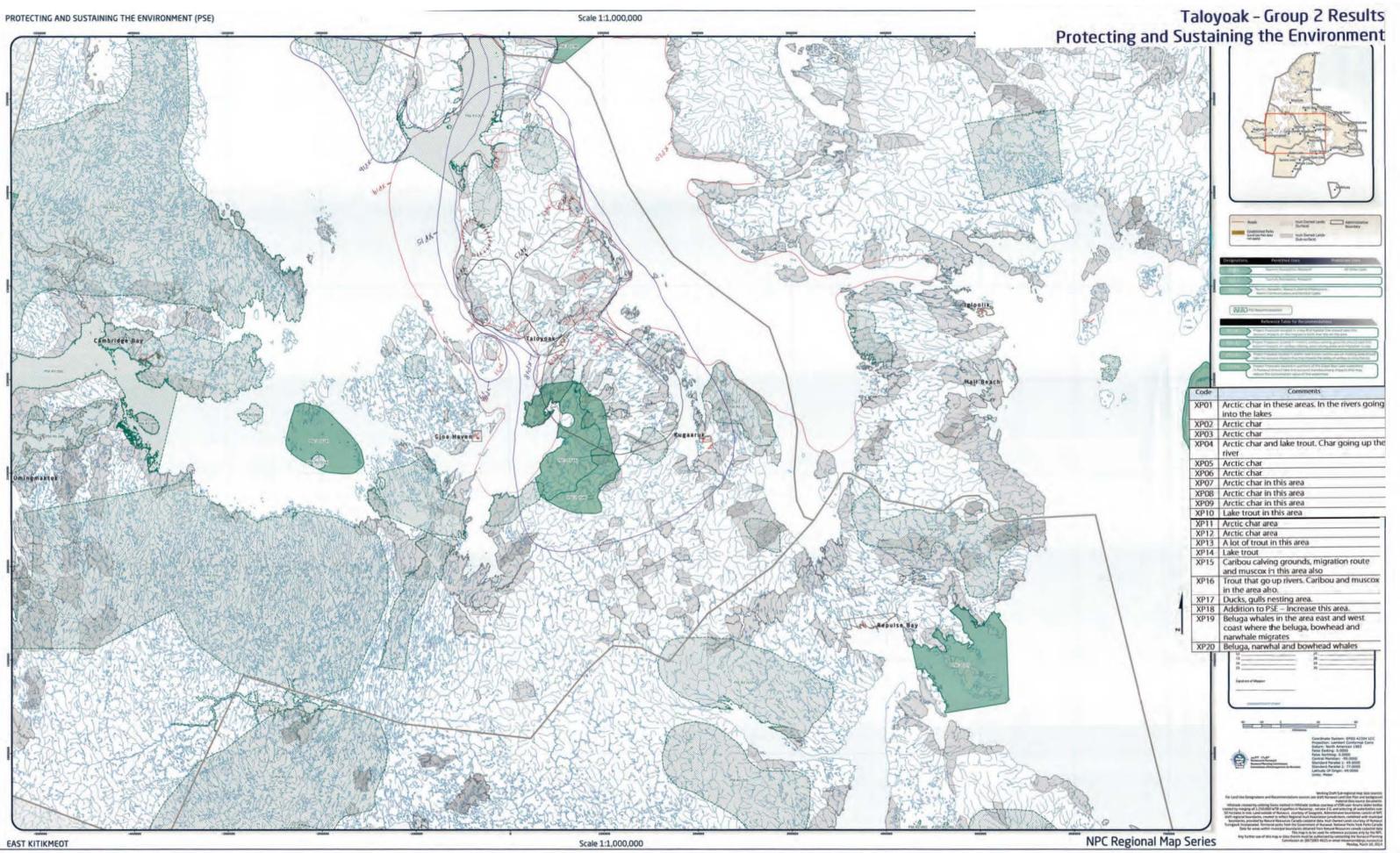
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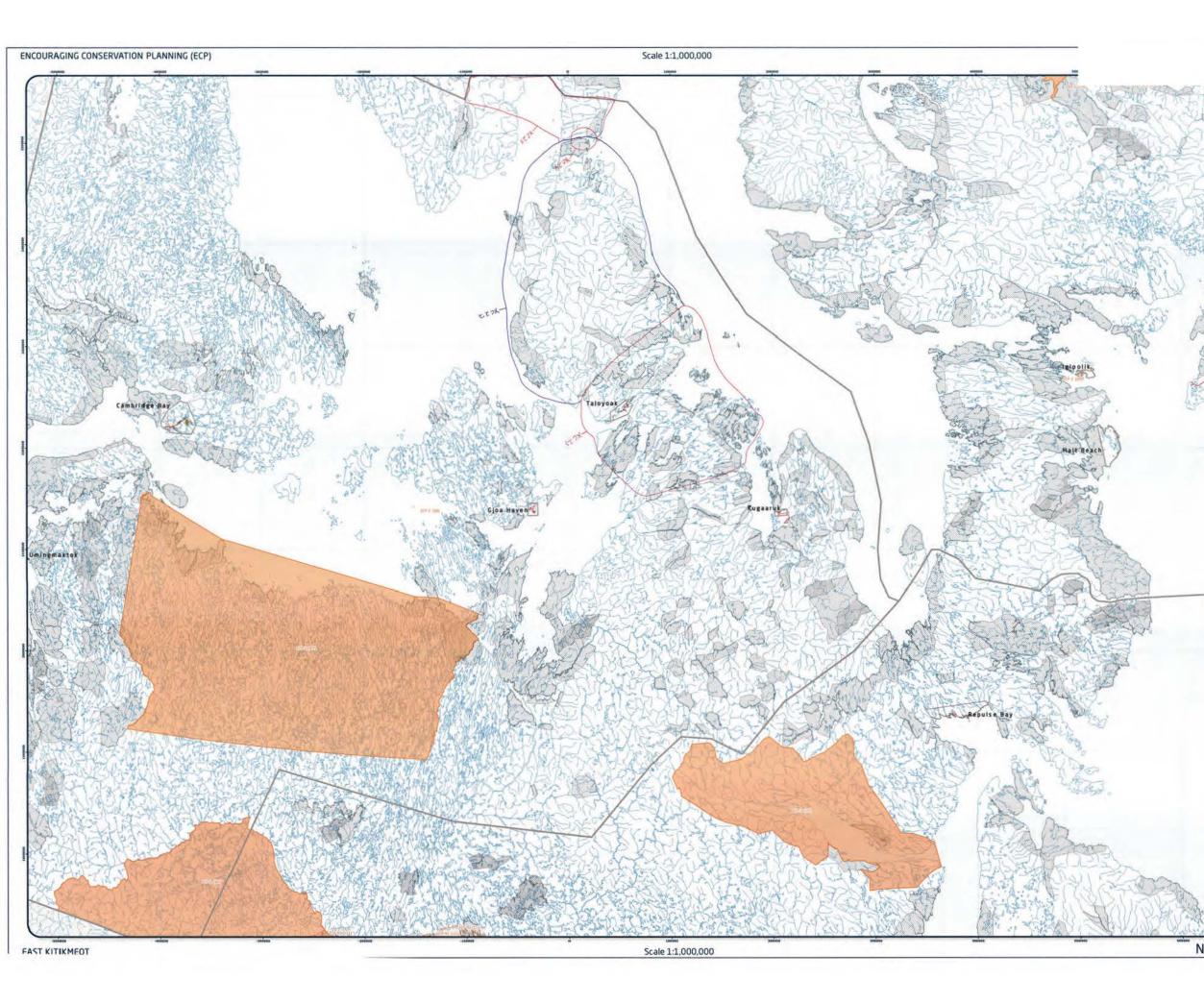


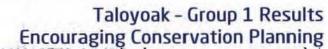
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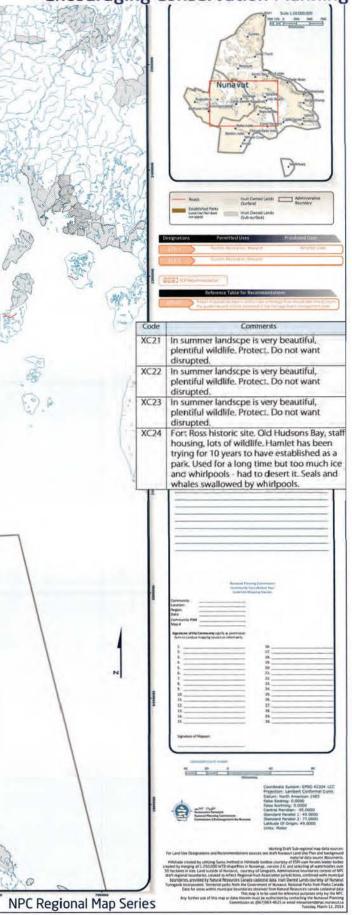
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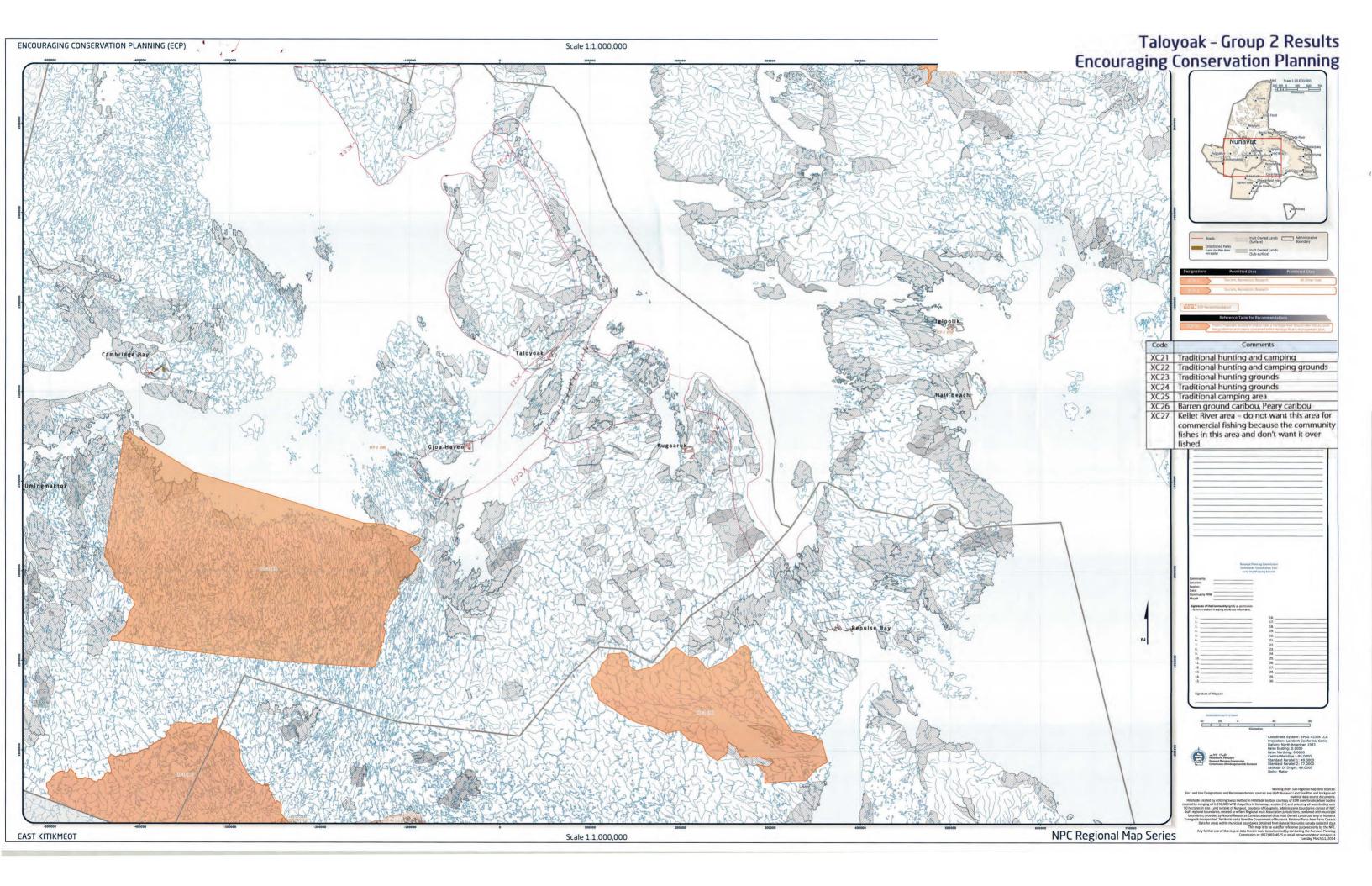
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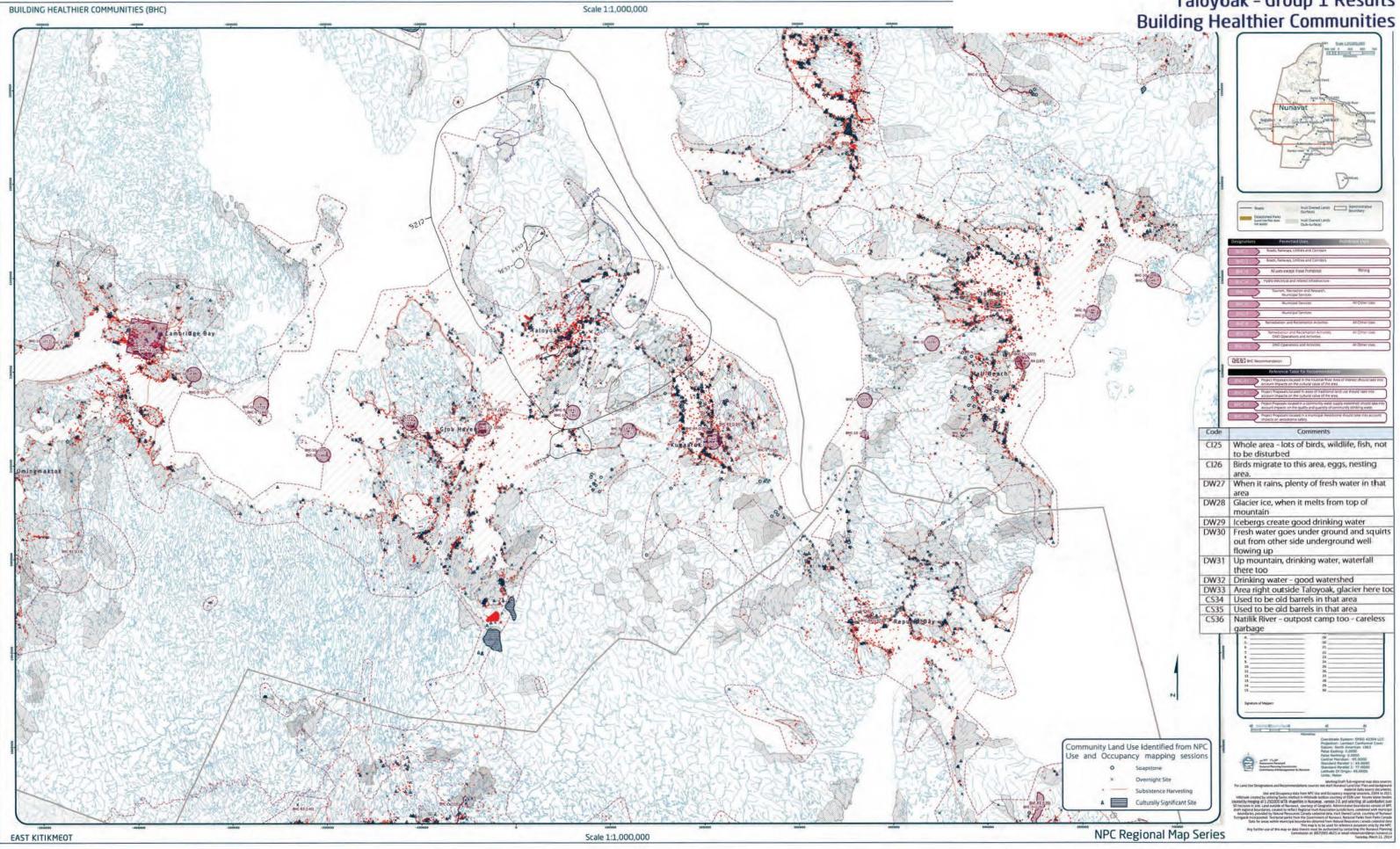




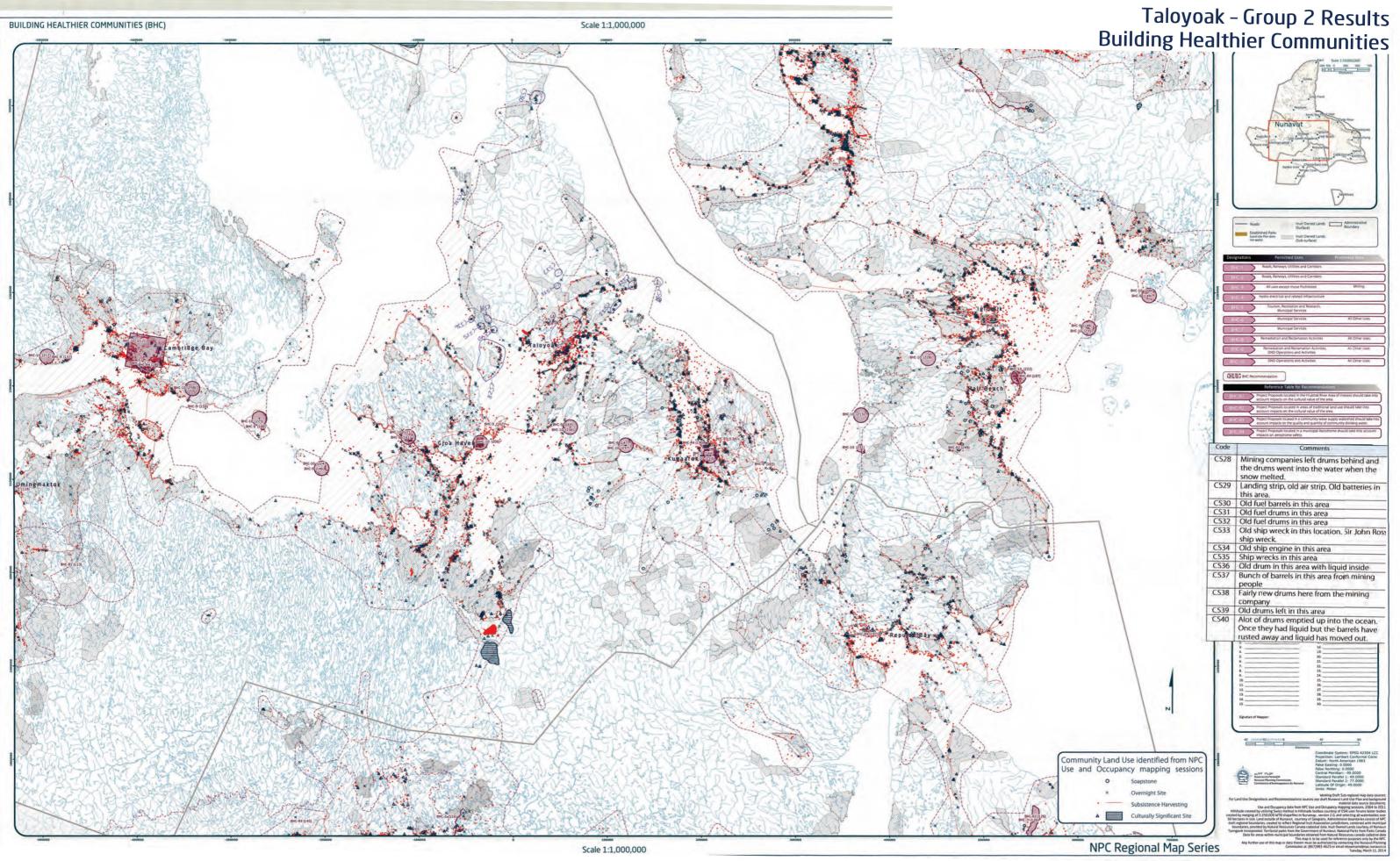


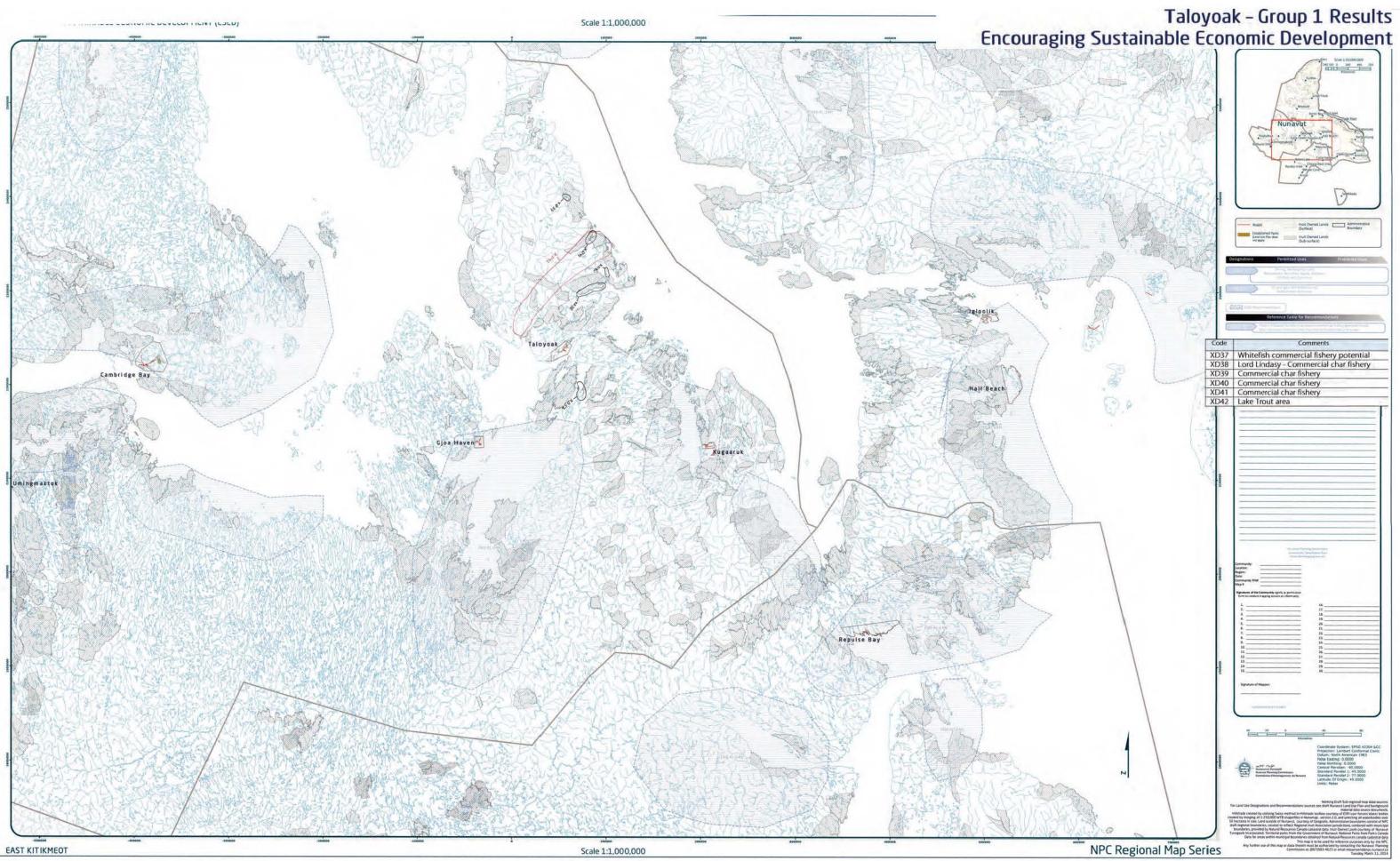


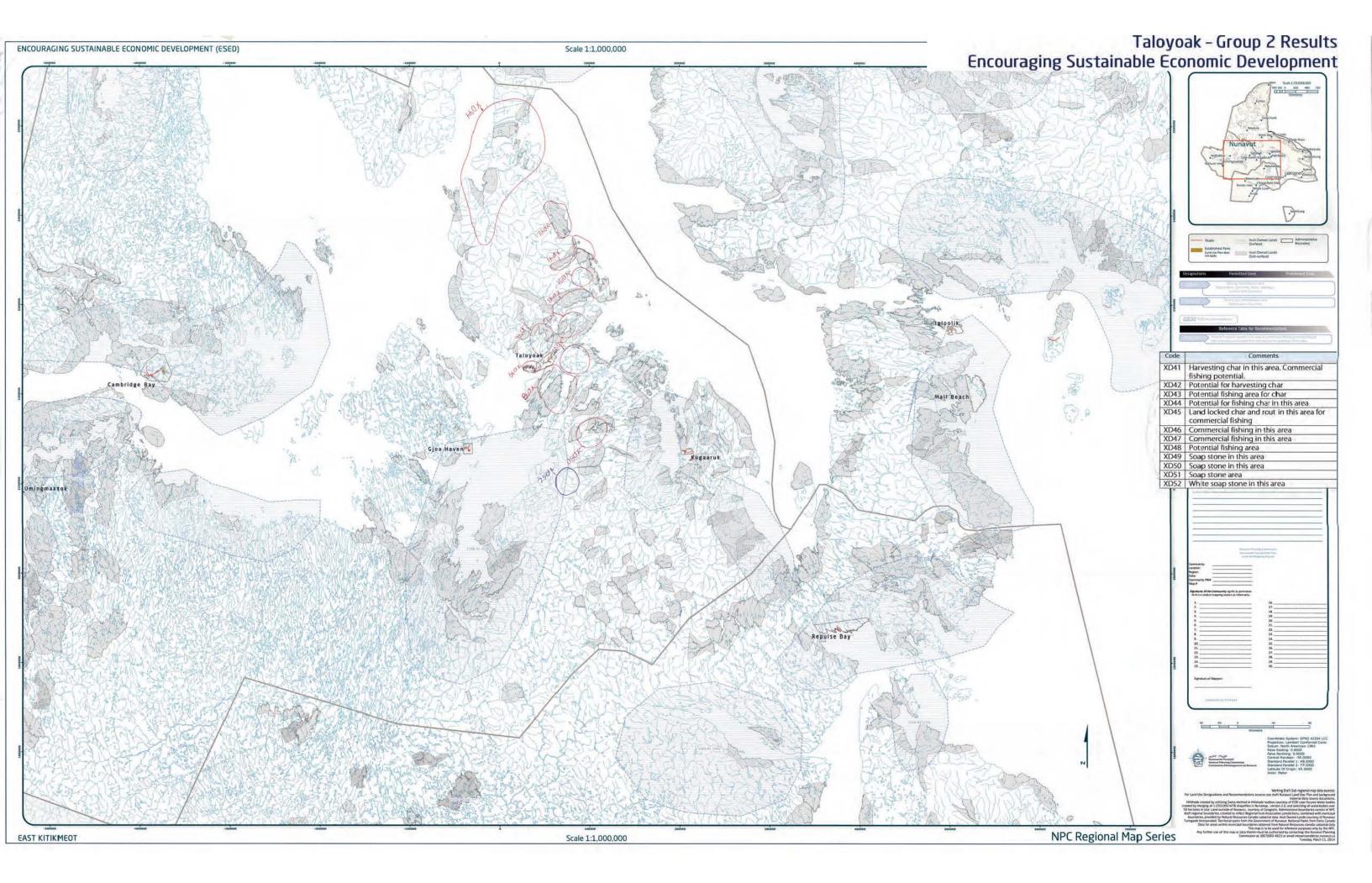




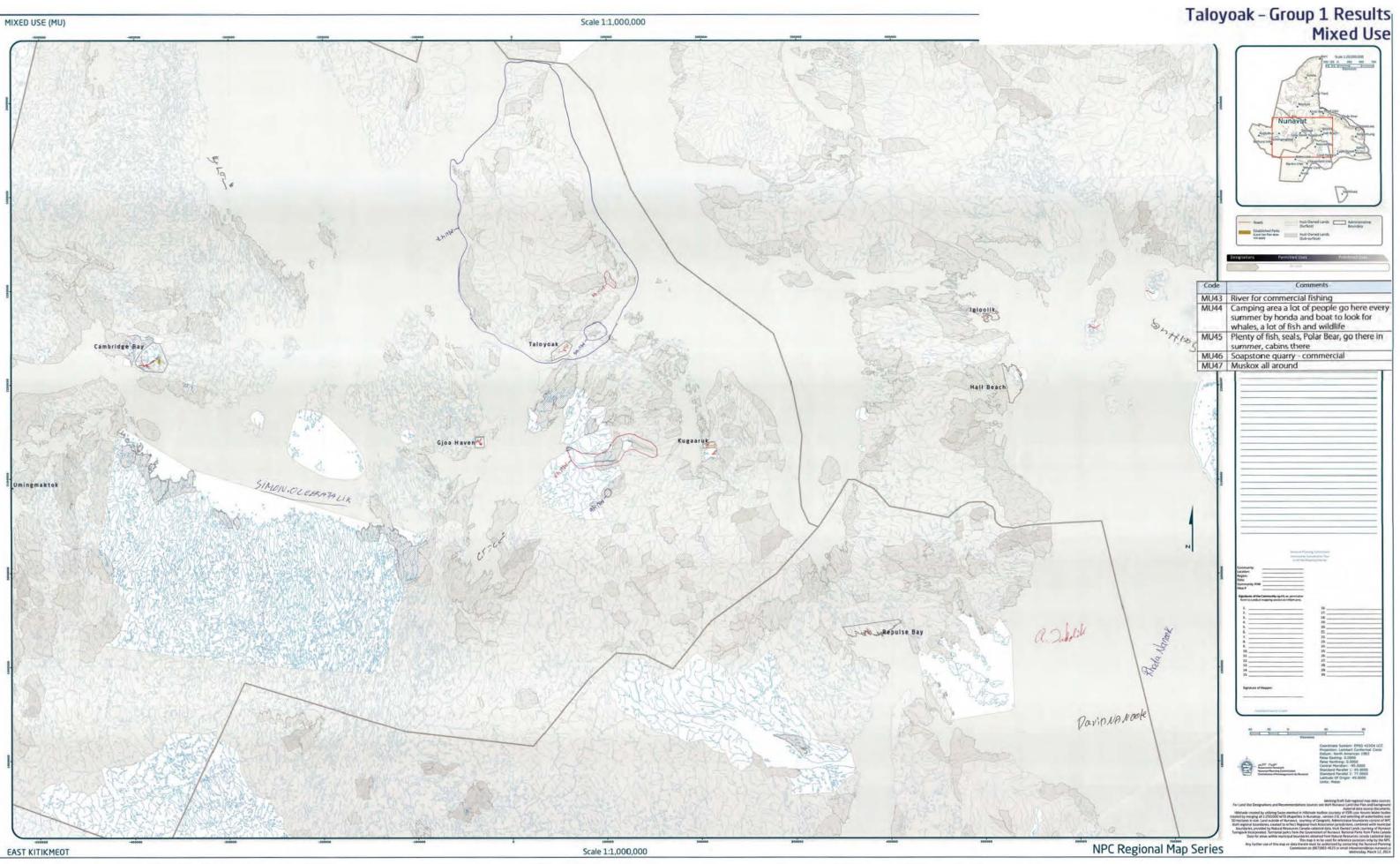
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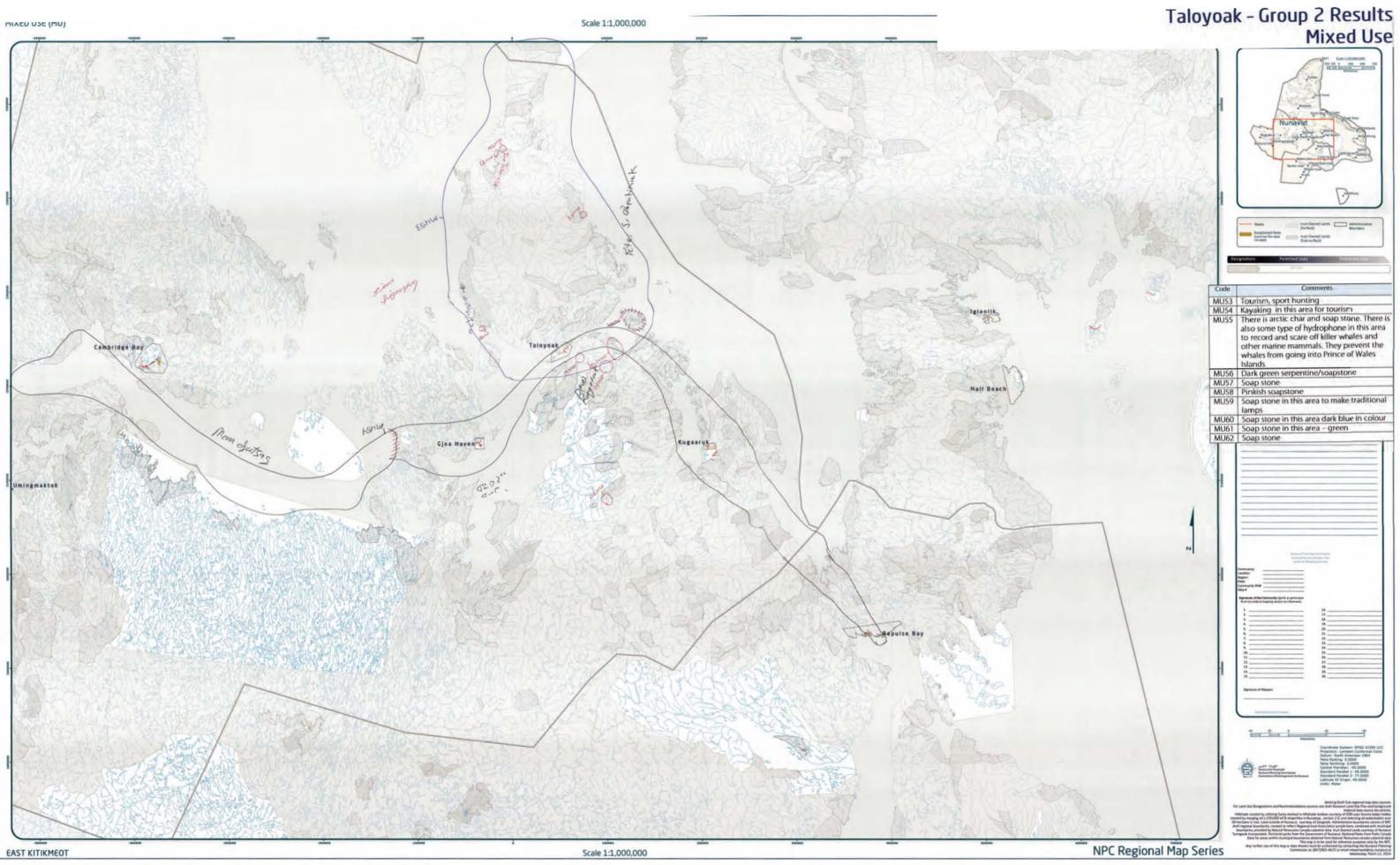












The NPC returned to the community and reviewed a draft version of this report with the Hamlet Council, Hunters and Trappers Organization, and the Community Beneficiary Committee. The meeting included:

- A presentation of a draft version of this report
- An overview of the mapped information that was ٠ 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.
 - o Plan approval role of AANDC, GN DOE and NTI
 - o How the plan can manage land use to protect wildlife.
 - o Concerned with mining and oil and gas development in the area that is used for animals. Mining and oil and gas would be good if the youth were educated to take advantage of the opportunity.
 - o HTO wants to work with staff to identify areas of importance to wildlife where there is no development
 - o How the Plan will be implemented and enforced.

Appendix 5: Follow-up Meeting