



2022 Hudson Bay Summit

The 2022 Hudson Bay Summit took place in Montreal from November 29 to December 1, 2022. Delegates from 28 communities around the coast of Hudson Bay and James Bay came together with representatives of Indigenous organizations, regional and federal governments, and other groups with an interest in the long term stewardship of the region. This event built upon the successful outcomes of the 2018 Summit as well as the 2019 regional roundtable and virtual engagements necessitated by Covid restrictions.



COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Community delegates identified the priorities for research, monitoring and general stewardship for each Hudson Bay and James Bay community, as well as broader environmental concerns for the region. A full list of priorities for each community can be found in the Final Report.

WHAT WE HEARD

- Uncertain ice conditions and associated risks
- Changing wildlife presence
- Cumulative effects of development: past, present and planned projects
- Rapidly changing climate and local environments
- Need to protect and promote Indigenous knowledge and culture



The Final Report from the 2022 Hudson Bay Summit summarizes workshop discussions and outcomes and identifies goals and objectives to guide the Consortium, its Working Groups and Secretariat in the coming years.



WORKSHOPS

Indigenous Stewardship & Protected Areas: Regional organizations shared updates on their initiatives with a focus on future plans and considerations for how they can help improve ecological connectivity for the Hudson Bay and James Bay region

Community-driven Research & Monitoring: Presenters provided an overview of available funding, resources, support training, and tools for data collection to support community-driven initiatives. Regional organizations provided updates on ongoing research projects, monitoring programs and related initiatives.

Environmental Response & Community Fisheries: The Canadian Coast Guard and Fisheries and Oceans Canada provided an overview of the Arctic Region programs and services, with a focus on environmental response and community fisheries. Discussions were a first step in establishing the priorities and actions needed going forward in each community and regionally.

Supporting Community Leaders: A panel of community members discussed the support needed for the next generation of leaders to find success advocating for community-led solutions to environmental stewardship for the Hudson Bay and James Bay region.



Charting the Path Forward for the Hudson Bay Consortium: Common themes and issues from the three day Summit were reviewed together to begin building goals and objectives for a new 5-Year Strategic Plan for the Hudson Bay Consortium.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The climate is changing rapidly
- Development impacts the health of land, waters and people
- Indigenous knowledge and culture should guide us
- We need to work together
- Each region is advancing Indigenous stewardship and protected areas initiatives
- There are funding and tools available to support community stewardship priorities
- Communities need support for search and rescue, and environmental response
- Communities have questions that deserve answers
- Encourage and sustain youth involvement, not just at meetings
- Create opportunities for knowledge transfer between generations

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