



## Newsletter Issue: Dec 2024

The Secretariat looks forward to continuing to support Indigenous-led stewardship of the Hudson Bay and James Bay marine region through the collaboration of Inuit and Cree coastal communities and their many partners.

### Updates from the Secretariat

New updates for this issue:

#### Update 1: **2025 Roundtable**

- The Secretariat is pleased to announce the upcoming 2025 Roundtable in Montreal, QC. Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, the dates have been changed from February 11, 12, & 13 to **February 25, 26, & 27**. If you are registered and **can no longer** attend, please email Jackie Kidd at [jackie.kidd@hudsonbayconsortium.com](mailto:jackie.kidd@hudsonbayconsortium.com). Otherwise, currently registered participants will be automatically moved to these new dates.
- There are a few spots still available. If you would like to register for the Roundtable, email [jackie.kidd@hudsonbayconsortium.com](mailto:jackie.kidd@hudsonbayconsortium.com).

#### Update 2: **The Hudson Bay Consortium's new name**

- The Secretariat and Communications Working Group would like to thank the Renaming Committee for their expertise and dedication to creating our new name: The Hudson Bay Consortium will officially become the ***Tasiujaqiaqmiut Sheewetaganapoi Consortium***.
- The new name blends Inuktitut and Cree words to reflect the collaboration between the Indigenous communities in the region. *Tasiujaqiaqmiut* means "those living in the big bay" in Inuktitut, including the flora, fauna and people as one connected ecosystem. *Sheewetaganapoi* translates to "saltwater" in Cree,

specifically the saltwater region, and all that is in it, of the bays. The new name, logo, and refreshed website, with audio clips to learn pronunciation, will launch at the Roundtable. You can also stay connected via our social media(links below).

#### **Update 3: Launch of the Emergency Response Working Group**

- The Secretariat launched the Emergency Response Working Group, meeting virtually on November 1. The working group will focus on community priorities in emergency (i.e. search and rescue) and environmental (i.e. oil spills) response. If you have questions about this group, please email [info@hudsonbayconsortium.com](mailto:info@hudsonbayconsortium.com).

Updates from the previous issue:

#### **Update 4: Compiling a list of ongoing, active research projects in the region**

- The Secretariat and the Community-Driven Research & Monitoring Working Group are collaborating to develop an interactive map of ongoing research and monitoring projects in the region. This map will launch on our new website at the 2025 Roundtable. The Working Group is also exploring standardized data collection and Indigenous data sovereignty. If you have a research project to add, please contact Maude Durand at [mdurand@oceansnorth.ca](mailto:mdurand@oceansnorth.ca).

#### **Update 5: Private Facebook group for Inuit and Cree meeting participants**

- The Secretariat created a private Facebook group for Inuit and Cree community members involved in our working groups and annual in-person meetings. This space is designed to keep us connected and facilitate knowledge sharing between meetings. Link to join is [here](#).

**The Secretariat is working to provide Working Group Meeting highlights** which will be accessible on our updated website in spring 2025.

## **Community Highlights**

Learn about the inspiring work being done by your peers and how you can get involved.

If your community has something to highlight, please email details to [info@hudsonbayconsortium.com](mailto:info@hudsonbayconsortium.com) so the Secretariat can include it in the next newsletter!

**From the Cree Nation of Wemindji**, in late July, the community received their new SAR boat from Desjardins Sports, based in St. Jerome, QC. In early August, the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary candidates had their training and completed the required material. This milestone empowers Wemindji in safeguarding their waters while reinforcing local marine stewardship. Congratulations to the Cree Nation of Wemindji!

**Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Wemindji 2024**



Pictured above from left to right.

Tom Evans (Instructor) Serge Jacques (Instructor) Christine King, Daniel Asquabaneskum, Marcel Asquabaneskum, Hillary Beauvais (Instructor), Lindy Georgekish, Stanley Shashaweskum, Andrew Gibson, Marc Andre Roy, Roland Tomatuk and Martin Tremblay (Instructor).

Missing: Kaitlyn Bush and Ricky Miniquaken.

SAR Boat: No name given as of August 12, 2024.

**From DFO's Arctic Region**, Micheline Kilabuk-Coté was named their new Regional Director of Arctic Operations. Micheline is an Inuk woman enrolled under the Nunavut Agreement. Congratulations Micheline Kilabuk-Coté!

## Opportunities

We have compiled a list of new funding opportunities that may be of interest to your projects. Be sure to check the deadlines and application requirements.

### Funding/Grants

#### Opportunity 1: Arctic Species Conservation Fund

- **Funder:** WWF Canada
- **Description:** The Arctic Species Conservation Fund (ASCF) supports wildlife and habitat conservation in the Canadian Arctic, including polar bears, beluga whales, narwhals, and caribou. WWF-Canada partners with Indigenous organizations to advocate for effective conservation policies.
- **Deadline:** No fixed deadline.
- **Link:** [WWF Canada link](#)

#### Opportunity 2: Partnered Research Program

- **Funder:** ArcticNet
- **Description:** The Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP) funds the efforts of First Nations and Inuit communities to identify, assess and respond to the health impacts of climate change.
- **Deadline:** December 20, 2024, 5 pm ET.
- **Link:** [ArcticNet link](#).

#### Opportunity 3: Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program

- **Funder:** Indigenous Services Canada
- **Description:** The Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP) funds the efforts of First Nations and Inuit communities to identify, assess and respond to the health impacts of climate change.

- **Deadline:** Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program North has no deadline; Climate Change and Health Adaptation (CCHAP) South intake has passed.
- **Link:** [ISC link](#)

## Other

- From Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), join the Indigenous Community-Based Climate Monitoring (ICBCM) Program Newsletter to stay informed about Indigenous-led climate monitoring initiatives across Canada. This newsletter features funding and training opportunities, upcoming events, and resources that celebrate success stories and showcase the work of other Indigenous-led programs. To join the mailing list, email the ICBCM team at [surveillanceclimat-climatemonitoring@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:surveillanceclimat-climatemonitoring@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

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