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**Discussion**

**Kaitlin:**

* Facilitate stewardship of the whole region
* Hudson Bay Consortium as a name has a couple of issues - not geographically inclusive, doesn’t speak to the stewardship activities that the consortium does, brings up some negative associations with the Hudson Bay Company
* Indigenous name
* Reflect the cooperation between Inuit and Cree
* 2 sessions
	+ Brainstorming session
	+ See all the names together, and decide upon which name can be recommended to regional organizations and the Steering Committee
* The name be meaningful to the main purpose of the Consortium
* Meaningful in both Inuktitut and Cree
* Unique and will differentiate the consortium from other organizations in the region
* Consider keeping “consortium” in the name

**Lucassie:**

* What is Hudson Bay in Cree? Or “The Bay”
* Would it be a true name on both sides of the James Bay Coast, or different due to dialects
* Inuktitut uses at least two names in the East Hudson Bay
* Inuktitut Hudson Bay name means ‘Inland Sea’

**Shaomik:**

* Mixed with Cree - The Bay
* Another vision: when different provinces get together to deal with an issue in the Atlantic Ocean, same with us, we have different provinces involved but are talking about the same thing
* Come up with something acceptable to all of us, and so people can understand what we are referring to
* Give an idea of what circumstances are around this issue; what is the Bay or Cove in Cree?

**Isaac:**

* When you try to use a Cree name it’s not easy because there are different groups and as you move along the coast, the language begins to change
* The Bay - different words used for it
* Whatever name we’re going to use, we don’t lose track of the word “Consortium” - it’s a word that should be part of the English translation, and the name will be recognized
* Keep the continuity for the work, reflect the importance of the work of the Consortium
* The word I was thinking of that might cut through everything is the word ‘marine’
* A word that includes everybody
* Nunavik, Nunavut, Eeyou

**Shaomik:**

* Including the various “lands” involved is a good idea
* Nunavik Marine Region, Eeyou Marine Region - could be similar to these names we already use

**Jennifer:**

* Eeyou is a east coast reference, don’t identify as Eeyou on west side
* Nickname for James Bay
* The name for Hudson Bay came after

**Background**

**Joel:**

* The point is to work together, we have never had a cohesive agreement to a name
* Western Hudson Bay region started
* Hudson Bay Inland Sea Initiative
* Hudson Bay in English made most sense to capture all of the different bays within the larger marine ecosystem
* In order for cumulative impacts to be discussed it needed to include, government, academics, etc. and be called a “consortium”
* Get government around the table, funding it, and have it community-driven
* It’s more than a name, it’s a whole branding exercise: new logo, new vision statement, new name

**Lucassie:**

* Hudson Bay Inter-Agency Working Group - when we worked with Nunavut, NTI, etc.

**Shaomik:**

* Provinces should participate in the Consortium, but we shouldn’t ever have any funding from Quebec

**Isaac:**

* Freshwater and saltwater are two different words in my language - anything in the saltwater area; saltwater word seems much more appropriate in this case (also the word for freshwater has negative connotations as well)

**Shaomik:**

* Easier for me to think about a name after I know what we should put into consideration; I have a better idea now that we have exchanged some info on this issue