

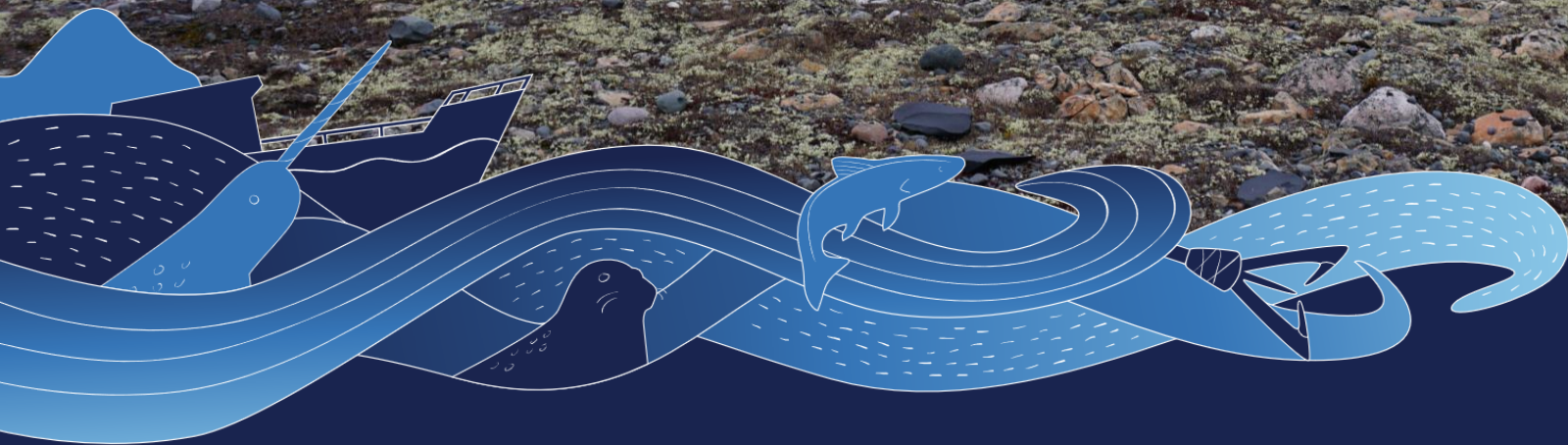


Tasiujaquiaqmiut Sheewetaganapoi Consortium Roundtable

Developing Shellfish Fisheries in Sanikiluaq

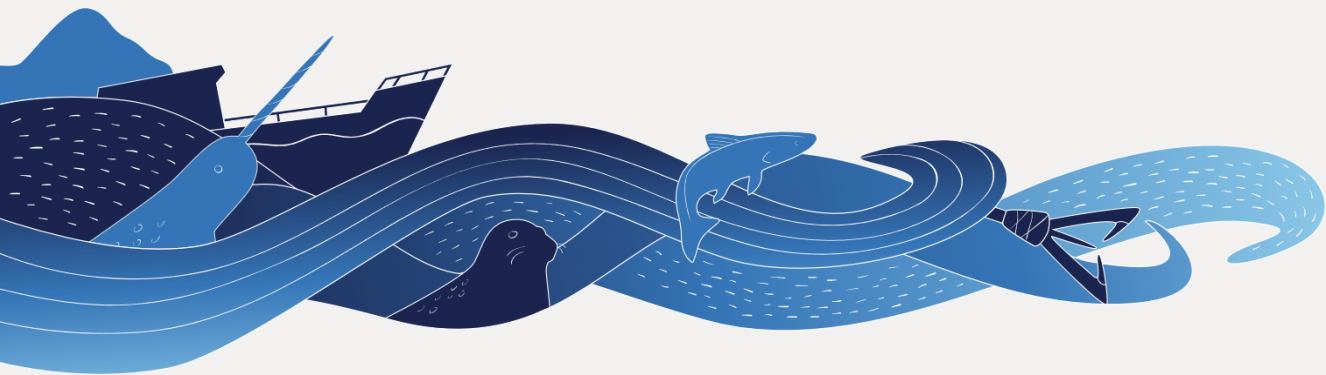
February 27, 2025 | Montreal, QC

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Qikiqtait Community Inshore Fisheries Engagement Workshop

- Held on November 26-27, 2025, at the Qikiqtait Centre in Sanikiluaq, NU
- Co-organized by:
 - Sanikiluaq Hunters and Trappers Association (HTA)
 - Arctic Eider Society (AES)
 - Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- 35 participants



Workshop Objectives



Build a shared understanding of community priorities in fisheries management



Facilitate knowledge exchange on marine ecosystems and fisheries resources



Strengthen relationships and collaboration with the community of Sanikiluaq

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

1

Setting the Stage

- Workshop Objectives & Overview
- Background and Current Status: Qikiqtait & Fisheries in Sanikiluaq

2

Navigating Fisheries Management

- Fisheries Management
- Emerging Fisheries
- Funding Opportunities

3

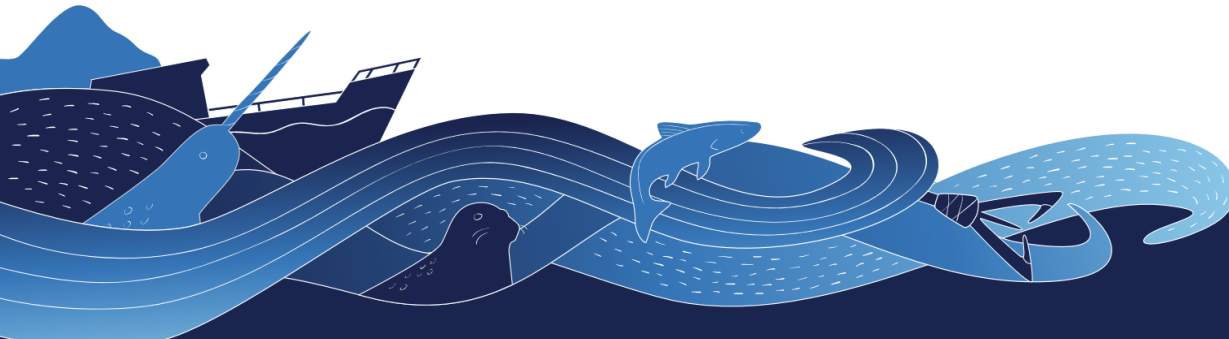
Aligning Conservation Goals

- Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement
- Proposed Qikiqtait Marine Protected Area
- Environmental and Governance Perspectives

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Sharing Knowledge

- Local and Scientific Knowledge
- Inshore Fisheries



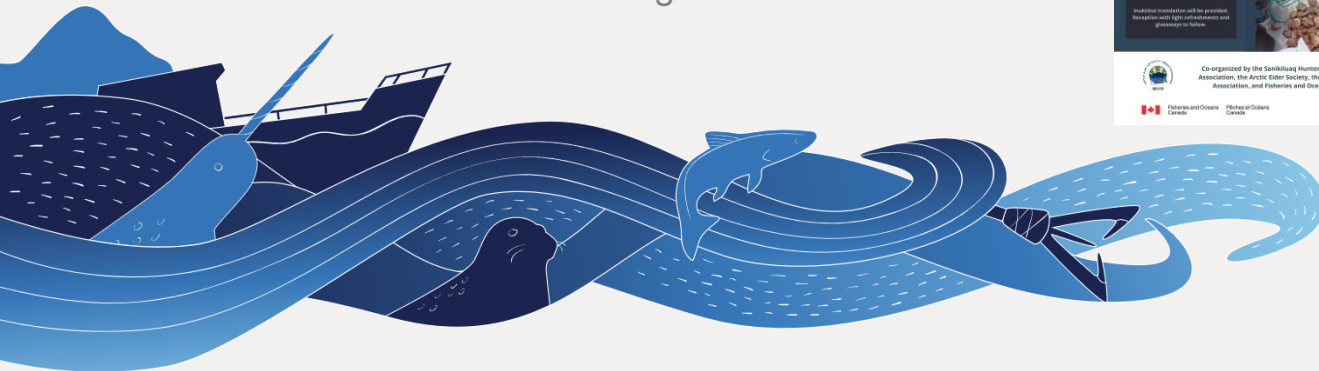
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Qikiqtait Inshore Fisheries Community Open House

- Held on November 27, 2025, at the Paatsaali School Gymnasium, Sanikiluaq NU;
- Co-organized by the Sanikiluaq HTA, the Arctic Eider Society, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Over 100 attendees;
- Discussions on:
 - Sanikiluaq Perspectives & Priorities
 - Emerging Fisheries
 - Fisheries Management





Qikiqtaaluk Community Inshore Fisheries

Engagement Workshop Nov 26-27 2024



Sanikiluaq, NU

OPENING

UNDERSTANDING

- Recognize oral history & natural LAW of Inuit
- Speak slowly

Commitment

- DFO is committed to Supporting communities in FISHERIES & marine protection
- This is a **Beginning**



INUIT SURVIVED 1000's of years

We know a lot. There was no such thing as pollution.



400 years ago Europeans arrived & in one lifetime, my life, CANADA & eliminate our people & way of life.

our spiritually diminished
 WHY? DOG SLAUGHTER, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS, FORCED RELOCATION

"TIME FOR THE COMPUTER & THE HARPOON TO WORK TOGETHER"

INUIT RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Self-Determination

HEALTH

want to be part of decision making
 indigenous led Stewardship
 Hudson Bay, PANA Consortium

WHOLE Community

connecting Economy
 BUILD CAPACITY
 PROOF ANALYSIS

SIKUAP

Hunters collect data
 Proof cannot be ignored
 Support communities to do their own research

Privacy & DATA ownership
 ACCESS

MAPS

local place names
 local dialects
 So the HUNTERS know it

TRAINING • SUPPORT • SUCCESS

LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS
 CO-DEVELOPMENT

NORTHERN INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL FISHERIES INITIATIVE (NICFI)

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

SUPPORT Communities to DEVELOP FISHERIES

Support Minister, Licensing, Marine Protection

PROTECT INUIT RIGHTS

STAGE I

Feasibility

- harvest methods
- impacts to other species

Business Plan

- catch
- market
- export
- collaborate
- funding

STAGE II

Exploratory

- commercially viable?
- Detailed DATA
- invest time and money
- environmental data - health
- Can Sell some species?

STAGE III

Commercial

- Application
- emerging process
- Priority
- Community jobs + food

Process takes 2025 - 2028
 we are doing well with lots of support jobs created all through the process

Can we get to Stage 3?
 How long will it take?
 What tools are there in Stage 2?
 Can we help from the rest?
 Can we be self-determining in the marine protected area? & fisheries?

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OUR ORAL TRADITIONS PRINCIPLES & RULES
 Tell us what to do + not to do. WE KNOW.

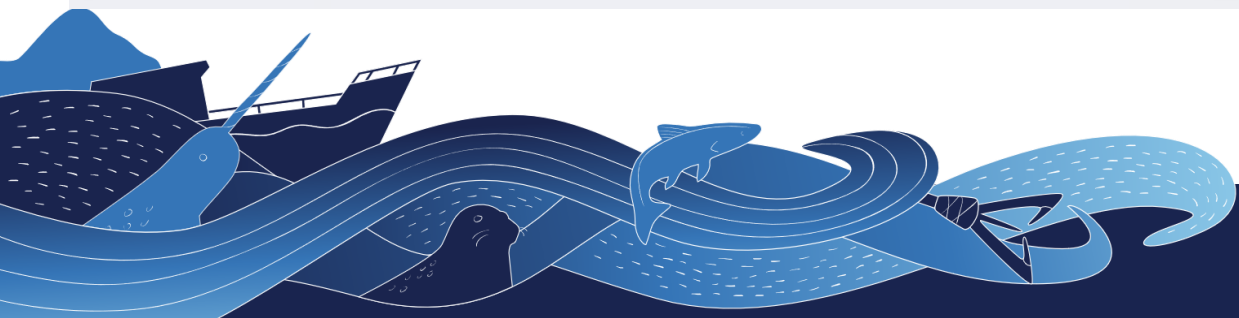
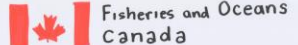
environment - shows you in time
 Respect wildlife
 Respect Each other

Respect

feelings
 TRUST
 not numbers

man f must
 + work together

vs court power? of gov.
 Creator is most POWERFUL
 reduce suffering
 stick together
 LETS think "We both know"



Qikiqtart Community FISHERIES

ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Nov 27th Qikiqtart Centre Sanikiluaq, NU

Qikiqtart Marine Protected Area

Why?

- is this important
- Protect shores + fishing areas from outside impacts as Arctic opens up to bigger ships
- Ensure we have a voice at international dialogues



Collaboration

JOINT WORKING GROUP

Protection Tools available

- Environment Canada National Marine Conservation Areas
- Parks Canada National Marine Conservation Areas
- DFO Oceans Act MPAs

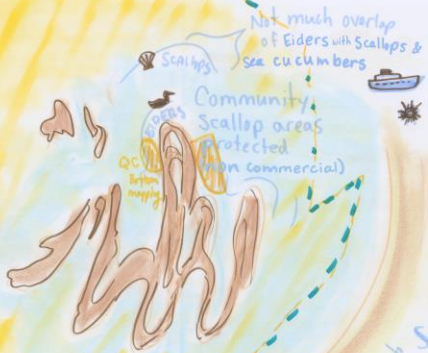


We will discuss these options & how best to protect Sanikiluaq+area

NEXT STEPS



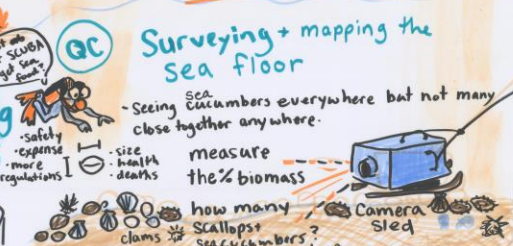
MARINE PROTECTED AREA



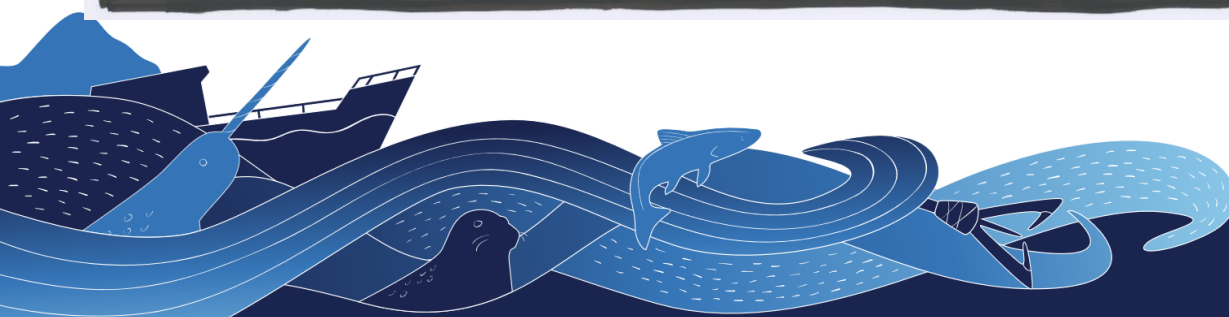
Environmental & Governance Perspectives



Sharing Local & Scientific KNOWLEDGE



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Next Steps

1

Share 'What We Heard' Summary Report with workshop participants and the community of Sanikiluaq

2

Form a Working Group amongst workshop participants for continued relationship-building and cooperation

3

Help inform Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement Negotiations regarding potential fisheries development and community priorities

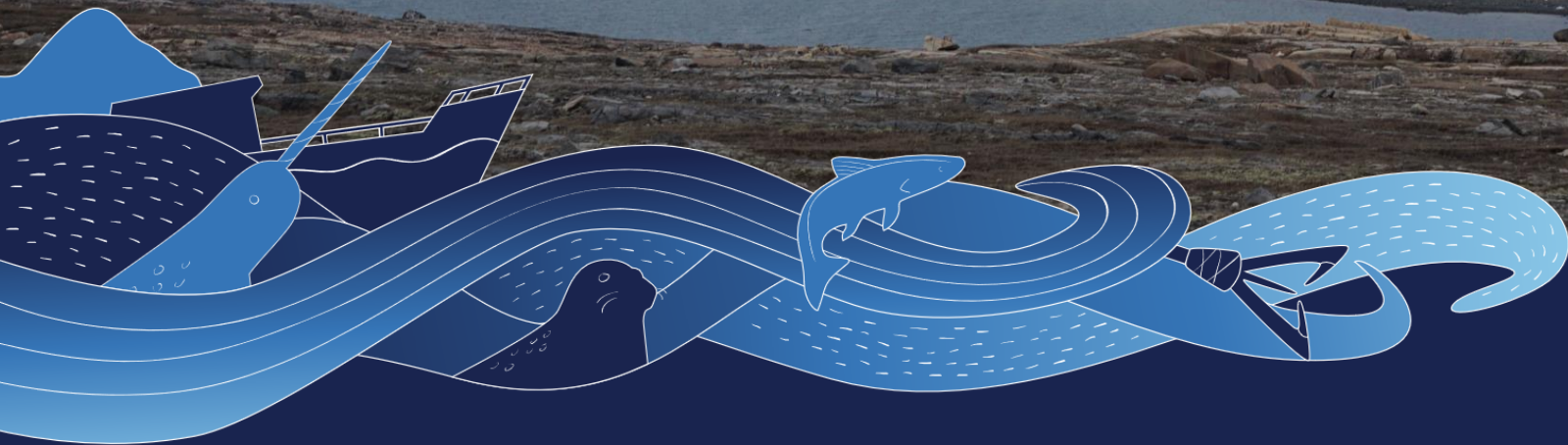
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Ongoing collaborative approach to fisheries development, aligning fisheries viability with long-term sustainability



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Questions?





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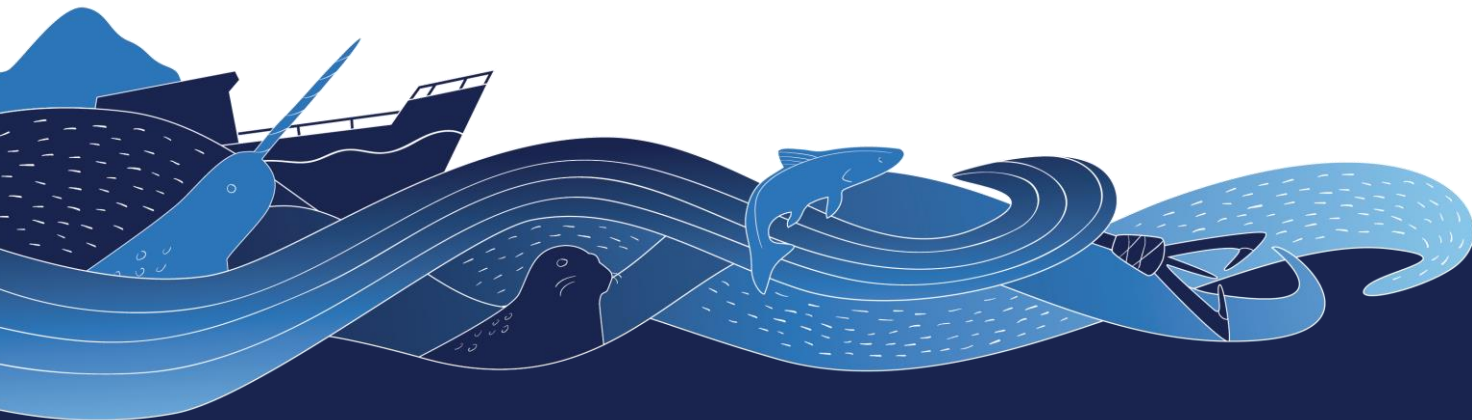
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