



PIKIALASORSUAQ – THE NORTH WATER

WORK PLAN 2016

This Pikialasorsuaq Commission work plan describes the necessary effort to plan and undertake the work of the Pikialasorsuaq Commission. As the Commissioners have been appointed and the Pikialasorsuaq Commission mandate and Terms of References are agreed upon, the next phase is the planning and execution of the community consultations and development of report and Commission outputs.

The work plan is presented into two phases:

The first phase will consist of the preparations and planning for the consultations (hearings) on both the Canadian and Greenlandic side of the Polynya. The Pikialasorsuaq Commission will collect information and ideas from the communities in Canada and Greenland that occupy and use Pikialasorsuaq.

The second phase will develop the final reports and recommendations, produce other Pikialasorsuaq products (video, audio, print, others), present and disseminate these products locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to various audiences including communities, decision makers, scientists, industry, and NGOs.

The Pikialasorsuaq Commission will work in collaboration with interested local, regional, national and international organizations, all levels of government bodies and local authorities such as, the community hamlets and HTOs in Canada, QIA, NTI, Government of Nunavut, Canadian Federal Government, Environment Canada, Parks Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, INAC, the Qaasuitsup Kommunia (Municipalities) in Greenland, KNAPK, the Ministry for Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture, Bureau of Minerals and Petroleum. The Commission will develop a network to communicate the vision, progress and final products of the Commission with the Arctic Council, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a number of international organizations and scientific institutions including the Arctic Research Centre (Canadian Universities, University of Aarhus and other universities in Denmark and Greenland, national museums in Canada, Denmark and Greenland, the Greenland Institute of Natural Resources, NGOs etc.) and others. These organizations have shown interest over the years in the future management of Pikialasorsuaq and the Commission will benefit from such a network or forum. Partnerships will be explored to develop synergies in the Commission effort with others working in the region and attention will

be paid to what work is underway in the and near the Pikialasorsuaq to support communities to actively participate in the Commission work.

More concretely, the Pikialasorsuaq Commission will:

- ***Develop a Pikialasorsuaq Commission Budgets***

Budgets will be developed based on existing funds for the Greenland component of the Commission work including Greenland support staff, travel for the Greenland Commissioner, logistics for the Greenland hearings, final report and development of products etc. A budget will be developed for the Canadian component of the Commission work including Canadian support staff, travel for the two Canadian Commissioners, logistics for the Canadian hearings, final report and development of products etc. These two budgets will be combined in an omnibus budget for the entire work and costs of the Commission. Potential partners will be identified to approach for any budget short fall and final products.

- ***Produce presentations for consultations and public meetings***

It is mandatory to provide background material, presentations and information products, which shall be made available and understandable for residents of local communities adjacent to the Pikialasorsuaq and for other interested parties.

- ***Community consultations – April 2016 Canada and June 2016 Greenland***

Local communities and towns will be identified by members of the Commission. The Commissioners will make efforts to ensure participation from nearby communities not visited by the commission (for example to Siorapaluk, Qaanaaq, Savissivik, Kullorsuaq, Nuussuaq, Upernavik, Ajuittuq – Grise Fjord, Mittimatalik - Pond Inlet, Ikpiarjuk - Arctic Bay, Qausuittuq - Resolute, Kangiqsujuaq - Clyde River).

- ***Commission working sessions (2016 onwards)***

The Commission shall meet monthly by conference call to discuss and evaluate the progress of work.

- ***Identify recipients of findings and recommendations***

The Commission shall consider whom (National and Federal Governments, Organizations, other regulators, international conventions and agreements) to approach with respect to advance the recommendations on regimes and regulations that the Commission may come up with.

- ***Public Relations***

As a part of the activities of the Commission, information and outreach about these activities and results will be shared through press releases to national and regional media, updates on the website of ICC-Greenland and possibly involved organizations, and status updates on social media. The report with its findings will also be shared publically through the mentioned channels.

Once funding is secured the Pikialasorsuaq Commission will develop a new website for the Commission to better communicate the process and the findings and recommendations of the Pikialasorsuaq Commission in a modern, user-friendly and up-to-date manner, with easy sharing possibilities for social media and a responsive design for the growing number of people using smartphones and tablets.

- ***Reporting– fall 2016***

A report from the Pikialasorsuaq Commission will be prepared by the end of October 2016. Other final products as developed will also be circulated.