

Update on Guidance for Inuvik Topic-Specific General Hearing – Harvesting and Other Land Use - November 17, 2006

The purpose of this document is to provide further information about the subject matter and approach concerning the conduct of the Joint Review Panel's General Hearing on *Harvesting and Other Land Use* scheduled for November 17, 2006. It is intended to assist participants in preparing for the hearing. It is supplementary to the *Topics and Locations of Community, General and Technical Hearings* issued by the Panel on July 19, 2006.

These hearing sessions will address the potential impacts of the Mackenzie Gas Project on subsistence, sport and commercial harvesting and other land uses.

Matters for discussion should include:

- Project and cumulative impacts on plants, wildlife and fisheries abundance, distribution, productivity, quality (including contaminants in country/wild foods), and accessibility as these impacts may affect harvesters
- Direct impacts on harvesters and harvester access, including traditional trails
- Potential impacts on land use, including land use patterns and specific sites or features
- Provisions for wildlife and harvesting compensation
- Worst Case Scenario requirements (applicable in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region only), including review of:
 - five defined scenarios (Mackenzie Gas Project Environmental Impact Statement, *Supplemental Information Worst-Case Scenarios in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region*. Submitted to the Joint Review Panel by Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited. November 2004.) and agreed to by the Inuvialuit Game Council (December, 2004).
 - potential impacts on wildlife, habitat and harvesters associated with each scenario
 - potential mitigation measures that may apply to the Worst Case Scenario(s)
 - methods for calculation of financial compensation to Inuvialuit harvesters
- Timber harvesting from the Project footprint, including:
 - potential impacts on forest resources
 - Project requirements and specifications for wood products
 - community wood salvage and wood sale opportunities
 - applicable regulations and regulatory framework

Written submissions must be filed 30 days in advance or by October 27, 2006.

Location: Midnight Sun Recreation Complex, Inuvik, NT

Time(s): 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm (November 17, 2006)

Further Information

For further information about the Joint Review Panel's hearing topics, hearing locations or to register to present at the public hearings, please contact:

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