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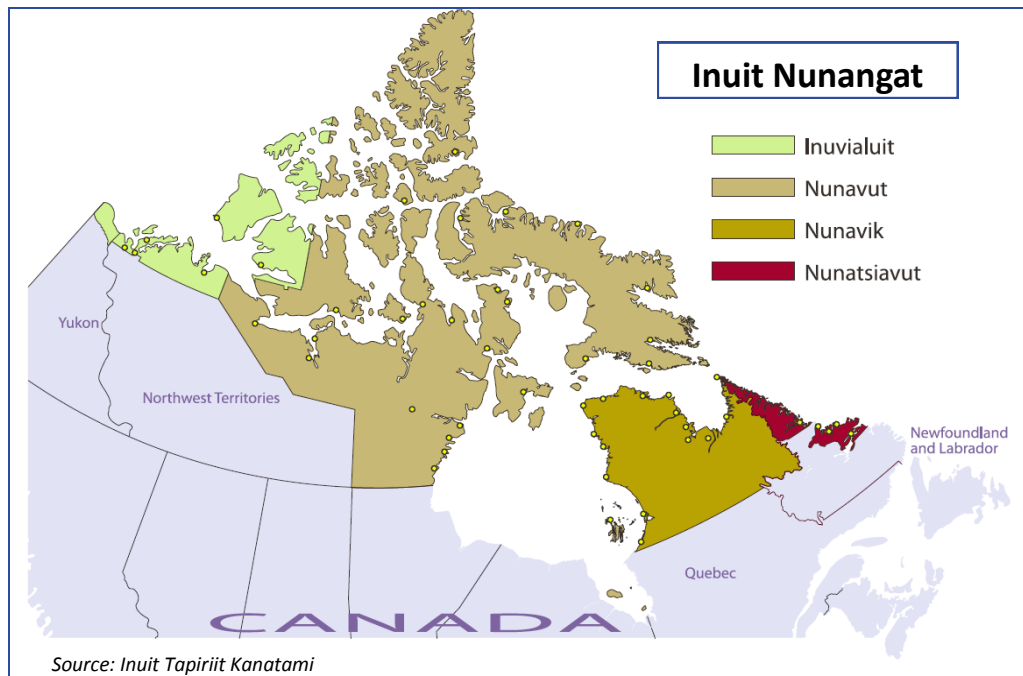
Research Permits and Licences

Research in Inuit Regions

To conduct research in Inuit regions, the 'Principal Investigator' (the lead researcher) of a research project needs permission from regional authorities and committees. In each of the four Inuit regions (Inuvialuit Settlement Region, Nunavut, Nunavik, and Nunatsiavut, see map below), the rules and regulations are different. There is an **Inuit Research Advisor** in each of the Inuit regions, funded by the Northern Contaminants Program, ArcticNet and Nasivvik

Centre for Inuit Health and Changing Environments. The Advisors are aware of research beyond the subject of these programs and can direct researchers to the right places for permits and licences and help in finding research collaboration with land claim beneficiaries.

If the research project involves more than one scientific discipline (health, anthropology, environment, etc.), it is likely that the researcher will require permits from several different agencies. It is best to be proactive and



consider at least three months in the research plan for the licensing process, in addition to the time it takes to determine what licences and permits are needed and how to fulfill all requirements before applying for a licence.

For information on research in Inuit regions, a researcher may contact the Coordinator for Inuit Research Advisors at Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (www.itk.ca). We recommend reading the guide for researchers “Negotiating Research Relationships with Inuit Communities” available at www.itk.ca.

Inuvialuit Settlement Region

The Inuvialuit Settlement Region (www.irc.inuvialuit.com) is located in the North Slope of the Yukon and the northern part of the Northwest Territories (NWT). It is one of six land claim regions in the NWT and each land claim region has identified specific requirements for community consultation that the researcher has to fulfill **before** applying for the territorial research permit. For example, for research involving land, water or wildlife, approval from the local Hunters and Trappers Committee is required. Research into cultural, social or economic matters requires consultation with the local Community Corporation.

All research in the Northwest Territories requires a licence. The territorial research licensing agency is the Aurora Research Institute (www.nwtresearch.com) and it administers **Scientific Research Licences** for all research except those projects falling under the Wildlife Research Permit and Archaeologists Permit.

Physicians carrying out health-related research must acquire a research licence from the Aurora Research Institute before applying for a Medical Research Permit from the territorial Health and Social Services Department.

For all research projects, the Aurora Research Institute requires written confirmation from the researcher that affected communities or agencies have discussed the research plan and

given consent. The Institute administers a Web site with contact information and a research guide, and offers online applications for research licences. For more information, contact the following:

Inuit Research Advisor for Inuvialuit Region

Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0
Main line: (867) 777-7088
Direct line: (867) 777-7022
Web site: www.irc.inuvialuit.com

The Aurora Research Institute

P.O. Box 1450, Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0
Telephone: (867) 777-3298, ext. 32
E-mail: licence@nwtresearch.com
Web site: www.nwtresearch.com

Registrar, Professional Registries

Health and Social Services ,
Government of the NWT
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9
Telephone: (867) 920-8058; Fax: (867) 873-0281
E-mail: jeanette_hall@gov.nt.ca
Web site: www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca

Nunavut

The Nunavut Research Institute (NRI)

(www.nri.nu.ca) is the territorial licensing agency that issues scientific research licences under the *Nunavut Scientist Act*.

All health and social research, and most types of physical/natural science research in Nunavut require a scientific licence from NRI. The NRI forwards applications and plain-language summaries to all relevant authorities depending on the research subject. NRI then receives back reviews with recommendations on whether to accept or reject the application. For example, health-related research carried out by physicians is forwarded for approval to the territorial Health and Social Services Department , Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (the organization representing Inuit), the municipality in which the research will take place, and other authorities.

Representative Inuit organizations and community authorities are involved in all application reviews, but that can vary depending on research subject and can, for example, involve Nunavut municipalities and Hunters and Trappers Organizations (research on air, land, water, wildlife). In addition, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) is involved in all proposals licensed by the NRI. This review is guided by an assessment of the benefits of the project to Nunavut residents generally, and Inuit specifically. Benefits can include, for example, training and employment opportunities for community members close to where the project is taking place, but can also consider whether Inuit stakeholders are given decision-making powers as members of the research team.

NRI is **not** mandated to license research on wildlife, archaeology, fisheries research and research carried out within National Parks. Market surveys, opinion polls, journalism, and school science projects, in addition to internal research and program evaluations conducted by the Government of Nunavut, likewise are exempt from licensing by NRI.

Research permits issued by licensing agencies are not the only authorization required by researchers working in Nunavut. Depending on the nature, duration and location of their field activities, researchers may also require screenings, licences or **permits from other Nunavut or Canadian agencies**. For example, researchers may require:

- ▶ environmental impact screenings from the Nunavut Impact Review Board
- ▶ land use permits (issued for access to Federal Crown lands and by Regional Inuit Associations for access to Inuit Owned lands)
- ▶ water use licences from the Nunavut Water Board
- ▶ screening by the Nunavut Planning Commission to assess if it conforms to the completed territorial land use plans

- ▶ permission from Environment Canada to access migratory bird sanctuaries and wildlife conservation areas.
- ▶ review by Joint Parks Management Committees according to Parks Canada protocol for research on Parks land.

For more information, you may contact the following:

Inuit Research Advisor for Nunavut
Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
P.O. Box 638, Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0
Main line: (867) 975-4900

The Nunavut Research Institute
Manager, Research Liaison
Box 1720, Iqaluit, NU X0A-0H0
Telephone: (867)979-7279
Fax: (867)979-7109
E-mail: mosha.cote@arcticcollege.ca
Web site: www.nri.nu.ca

Nunavik

In Nunavik, researchers are expected to consult with the Makivik Corporation and its Nunavik Research Centre, the Kativik Regional Government or the Nunavik Nutrition and Health Committee, depending on the type of research.

All health-related research proposals are being reviewed by the Nunavik Nutrition and Health Committee (NNHC). This committee is the recognized body for the region on health and environment issues and has representation from several Nunavik institutions. Among its many tasks, the committee reviews research proposals and may support or reject applications. On occasion, the committee provides ethical review when needed. It works with members of the community in which the research is to take place.

Environmental research with possible impact on human health is also reviewed by this committee. For research conducted on wildlife, or impacting wildlife, in the Nunavut Marine Region (NMR), a research proposal must be submitted to the Nunavik Marine Region

Wildlife board (NMRWB) for approval prior to the research being conducted. If the research proposal is not accepted, the researcher must revise the proposal or conduct the research in another area.

Requests concerning health and environment research may be addressed to the coordinator of the: **Nunavik Nutrition and Health Committee**, Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services

P.O. Box 433, Kuujuaq, QC J0M 1M0

Archaeological research requires permission from:

Avataq Cultural Institute

P.O. Box 230, Inukjuak, QC J0M 1M0

www.avataq.qc.ca

For research concerning wildlife, contact the:

Nunavik Research Center

Makivik Corporation

P.O. Box 179, Kuujuaq, QC J0M 1C0

Telephone: (819) 964-2925

The Inuit Research Advisor may be approached for questions concerning research in Nunavik:

Inuit Research Advisor for Nunavik

Kativik Regional Government

Box 77, Inukjuak, QC J0M 1M0

Direct line: (819) 254-8239

Nunatsiavut

The Nunatsiavut Government asks that researchers who wish to conduct research in Nunatsiavut contact the Inuit Research Advisor and ask for the most recent **Nunatsiavut Government Research Process** document. These guidelines outline the requirements for the researcher and what is necessary to receive support to conduct the research.

The Nunatsiavut Government Research Advisory

Committee meets once a month to review research proposals, among other business. The Inuit Research Advisor is the Chair person of this committee.

Every researcher has to comply with the 15 items listed in the **Nunatsiavut Government Research Process** document. In addition, any archaeological research also requires an Archaeology Permit. The Nunatsiavut Government asks researchers to comply with the following rules:

1. Complete the archaeological investigation permit for research in Labrador Inuit Lands (LIL), available online: www.nunatsiavut.com/en/landsandnaturalresources.php.
2. Know that archaeological research in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA) requires a permit from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.
3. Know that archaeological research inside the Torngat Mountains National Park requires a permit from Parks Canada.

Special information on research is located on the Lands and Natural Resources Department's section of the Nunatsiavut Government Web site: www.nunatsiavut.com.

Researchers also are encouraged to contact Parks Canada for their research process. Details can be found at www.pc.gc.ca.

For all research inquiries, you may contact the Nunatsiavut Government Research Office at:

Nunatsiavut Inuit Research Advisor

Nunatsiavut Government

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E-mail: John_lampe@nunatsiavut.com

Research and research ethics are the key focus of the **Inuit Nipingit – National Inuit Committee on Ethics and Research**. Inuit Nipingit is co-ordinated jointly by Inuit Tuttarvingat of the National Aboriginal Health Organization and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami.

Fact Sheet #8: "Research Permits and Licences" can be retrieved from www.naho.ca/inuit/e/ethics

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