



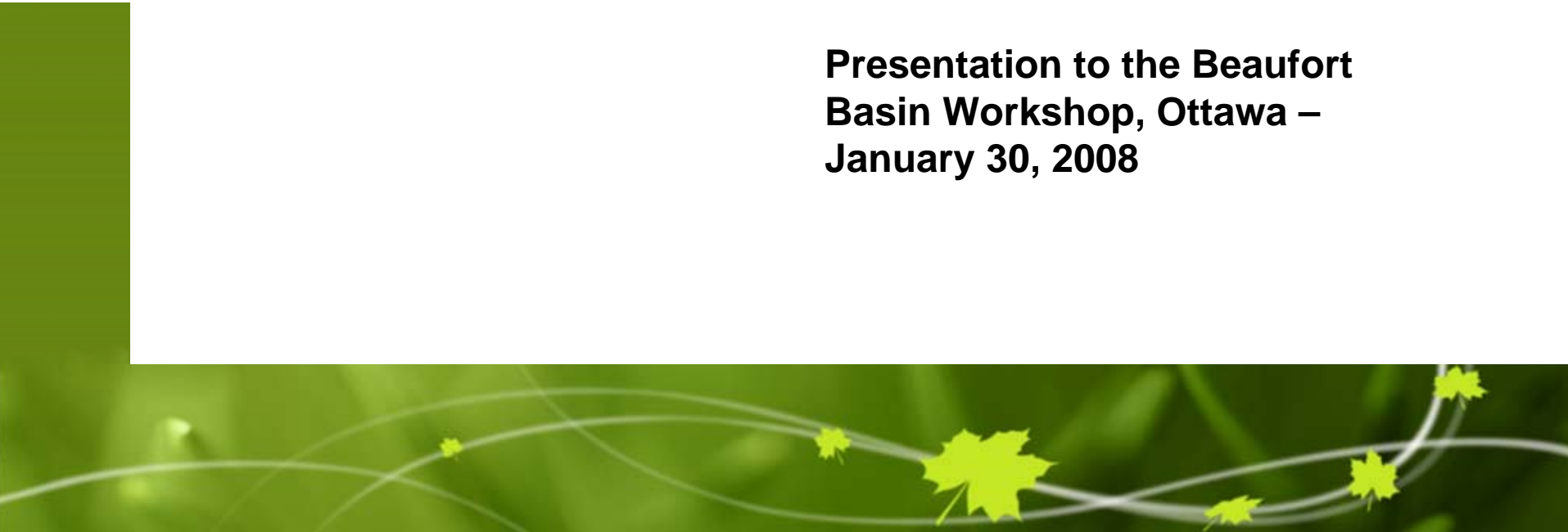
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Beaufort Sea Strategic Regional Plan of Action

**Presentation to the Beaufort
Basin Workshop, Ottawa –
January 30, 2008**



Overview

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Origins of BSSTRPA

- Renewed interest in oil and gas development in the Mackenzie Delta both onshore and offshore (Mackenzie Gas Project, Devon offshore drilling)
- Inuvialuit concerns about the long-term environmental and social sustainability of the Mackenzie Delta – Beaufort Sea Region and potential cumulative environmental and social impacts of oil and gas activity
- Letter to the Minister of Environment from the Inuvialuit Game Council, June 2004, requested that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency undertake a strategic regional environmental assessment of the development of offshore oil and gas resources in the Beaufort

Origins of BSSTRPA

- Minister of Environment responded positively, that the proposal for a regional strategic environmental assessment to prepare for future exploration and development was both prudent and timely
- The Minister indicated that such an initiative would require cooperation among a number of federal and territorial organizations
- Workshop held in Inuvik, March 2005, initiated the process and created the Steering Committee

BSSTRPA Partners

- Inuvialuit led: Chaired by the Inuvialuit Game Council and includes the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
- Federal Government representatives include: INAC, DFO, EC, NRCan, CEAA, NEB
- Territorial Government representatives from both NWT and Yukon
- Industry representatives include: CAPP, ConocoPhillips Canada, and Devon Canada Corp.

BSSTRPA Objectives

- High level - “The Plan, in conjunction with existing environmental assessment and regulatory processes and mechanisms, will help guide oil and gas exploration and development in the Beaufort Sea region so that an appropriate balance can be achieved between competing biophysical, social, cultural and economic objectives.”
- Specific - To identify issues of concern to all stakeholders (Inuvialuit communities, governments and industry), develop recommendations and identify specific actions necessary to address these issues.

BSSTRPA Process

- Governance
 - Inuvialuit Chair
 - Partners
 - 7 Technical Advisory Committees
 - Coordinator
- Study Area
 - Offshore and nearshore Beaufort Sea to the highest high water mark (maximum storm surge)
 - Includes all of the Inuvialuit communities Aklavik, Ulukhaktok, Inuvik, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Tuktoyaktuk
- Consultation
 - Continuous amongst partner organizations
 - One Inuvialuit community tour conducted fall 2007, 2nd tour anticipated

BSSTRPA Products / Outcomes

- Plan
- Appendices – 8 total / 7 technical
 - Biophysical Ecosystem Overview
 - Community Profiles and Identification of Social and Cultural Impacts and Objectives
 - Industry Activity Scenario
 - Legislative / Regulatory Framework
 - Best Management Practices
 - Climate Change Scenario
 - Cumulative Effects

BSSTRPA Products / Outcomes

- Recommendations and Actions – Three Themes
 - Theme One: Increasing Regulatory Efficiency and Effectiveness
 - 5 Issues
 - 8 Recommendations
 - 16 Actions
 - Theme Two: Optimizing Benefits and Mitigating Environmental, Social & Cultural Impacts
 - 10 Issues
 - 14 Recommendations
 - 23 Actions
 - Theme Three: Planning for the Future
 - 7 Issues
 - 8 Recommendations
 - 13 Actions

Next Steps

- Further community consultation?
- Federal Response?
- For further details see the website: www.bsstrpa.ca
- Questions?

