



Hello Beaufort Sea Partnership!

In this second issue of the Beaufort Sea Partnership Newsletter we find out what's been happening with the draft IOM Plan, what the upcoming RCC meeting will be about, and are introduced to one of our partners, the Government of the Northwest Territories - Industry, Tourism and Investment (GNWT-ITI).

Vision for the Beaufort Sea

The Beaufort Sea ecosystem is healthy and supports sustainable communities and economies for the benefit of current and future generations.

Beaufort Sea Integrated Ocean Management - what's happening now?

The comment review period for the Integrated Ocean Management Plan for the Beaufort Sea: 2009 and Beyond has concluded. The BSP Secretariat has been reviewing and addressing the comments that were received. Substantive comments are being identified and will be discussed by the Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) at the upcoming RCC meeting.

The RCC meeting is being held March 31st - April 2nd in Inuvik. Our RCC members will be discussing the comments received on the draft IOM Plan, and what is needed before the Plan can be

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RCC Meeting
March 31 - April 2 in Inuvik
CANUSNORTH
Information Seminar
April 21 - 23
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Oceans Day -
Shingle Point (late July)

endorsed. The RCC will also be giving direction on the next steps of the IOM process - Implementation, and Plan Evaluation & Renewal.

At least 460 comments (more, depending on how you count them) were received from 11 different partners!

The final version of the [Social, Cultural and Economic Overview and Assessment Report \(SCEOAR\)](#) for the Beaufort Sea LOMA is available for download from the BSP Website. The Secretariat has a limited number of printed copies - if your organization or department would like to request one, [Email Us!](#)

Partner Program Updates

What are you working on in and around the Beaufort Sea?



Parks Canada

The 2007 Annual Report of Research and Monitoring in National Parks of the Western Arctic is available! This annual report outlines all research and monitoring activities conducted in Ivvavik, Aulavik, and Tuktoyaktuk National Parks and the Pingo

Canadian Landmark in 2007. Work is currently underway towards completing the 2008 report. If you are interested in a copy (electronic or printed), please email [Molly Kirk](#).

Pingo Pride! The Parks Canada Pingo Canadian Landmark website has some new content highlighting the Parks Canada Pingo Pride program. The program began in 2007 as a partnership between Parks Canada, Sir Alexander Mackenzie School in Inuvik and Mangilaluk School in Tuktoyaktuk, and it is going into its third successful year. [Check it out!](#)

Aurora Research Institute

The Aurora Research Institute in conjunction with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre have published their annual Research Compendiums from 2004-2007. These publications contain summaries of all licensed research in the NWT as well as research contact information. [Check it out!](#)

BSP Forum



ONLINE FORUM

Want to know what's going on in the Beaufort Sea LOMA?

Communication and information sharing is a key part of the Integrated Ocean Management Process. Please forward this newsletter to others in your department or organization who should be kept informed on what's going on in the Beaufort Sea Large Ocean Management Area. Anyone can subscribe to receive the newsletter at the click of a button.

(use the forward to a colleague button included above)

Tune in to International Polar Year (IPY)

Students will speak LIVE with the radio show announcers and scientific experts. Some of the topics include Coastal

Partner Profile



Mandate: The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (GNWT - ITI) works in partnership with others to provide quality programs and services that promote and support Northwest Territories economic prosperity and community self-reliance. [Go to their website!](#)

D. W. (Don) Craik is the Regional Superintendent of Industry, Tourism and Investment, located in Inuvik, NT. Don is a representative on the Beaufort Sea Partnership as well as a member of the Social, Cultural and Economic Working Group. Since the IOM Plan is nearing completion and Implementation is just around the corner, we asked Don a few questions about how ITI could be involved in the Implementation of the IOM Plan.

Which objectives of the IOM Plan is ITI most excited about accomplishing and why? The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment is most excited to have had the opportunity to be involved in the development of the Social, Cultural and Economic objectives of the Plan. These objectives, and in particular the cultural and economic objectives, fit well within the vision and goals of ITI.

Are there any objectives of the Plan that ITI is already working on? ITI currently has programs and services that provide support to business development, tourism, arts and crafts, and traditional economy activities. Depending on the nature of the initiative we see an opportunity to partner with many of the organizations involved in the development of the IOM Plan. ITI programming is well received in the Beaufort region and can only be enhanced with the development of partnerships with other stakeholders.

Which objectives that ITI could be involved in do you think will be the hardest to accomplish and why? How could we start to work on it? The costs of doing business, and the costs of getting to or attracting markets, remain major hurdles to the development of sustainable and diversified economies in many northern communities. The development of a co-ordinated management plan, and the evolving of partnerships from that Plan, may be key to overcoming those challenges.

The Beaufort Sea holds many resources that provide that present opportunity for development both on and offshore.

erosion on Canada's north coast; Plankton ecology; and Arctic atmosphere and trace gases. All broadcasts will be archived on CKLB's website so if you miss it on March 30, you can "tune in" at a later date!

**Monday March 30
11:00am-12:00pm
EST (9:00-10:00am
in Yellowknife)**

CKLB Radio is proud to be hosting a Polar Oceans Day event connecting students and researchers live across the north via an Internet radio stream which can be found at www.ncsnwt.com.

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