

IRIS 3 Monthly Meeting – Summary

Meeting held 27 February, 2017 –conference call

Attendees:

1. John Cheechoo
2. Michael Barrett
3. Miceal Lemay
4. Joel Heath
5. Eric Loring
6. Jonathan Andrews
7. Zou Zou Kuzyk
8. Michelle Kamula

- Update for Polar Bear Section:
 - Mitch Taylor and Martha Dowsley will lead this section with contribution from Gregor Gilber and potentially Guillaume Scor, who will be important for the Ontario and W. James Bay perspective
- Chapter reviews and review process:
 - **Michelle** will send chapters to steering committee once they arrive
 - **Michelle** will follow up on the Transportation chapter
 - **Ques.** Does the IRIS have a standard process for reviewers?
 - Each IRIS has done it a little differently. **IRIS 4** asked all lead author to do an internal review and then a second set of reviews were conducted by steering committee. **IRIS 1** distributed chapters to external reviewers.
 - **Ques.** Will people who review chapters be considered reviewers or contributing authors?
 - Reviewers that contribute to chapters will be listed as a “contributing authors” at the beginning of the chapter.
- Review of Outline for Birds Section:
 - Suggestions to Kyle: should include long term monitoring in Belcher Isl. and migratory birds
 - **Ques.** Will the birds section include TEK or contaminants, particularly **plastics**?
 - **Response:** Likely this should be in the contaminants chapter and there should be a link between the bird and contaminants chapter
 - a text box within the bird section could include TK highlighting plastic ingestion and examples.
- Review of Chapter 1:
 - The current draft of chapter 1, although informative, is too detailed with legal text, which poses the risk that we will lose readers

- Decision: we do not want to lose this information and so we will add this to an appendix
- A paragraph or two should be included to explain that this is a marine document (i.e., does not include terrestrial except for watershed), why this IRIS overlaps with IRIS 2, and why it is important that James Bay is included.
- Concern over the use of the term “Hudson Bay Complex” led to the suggestion that we use “Hudson Bay Marine Region: Hudson Bay, James Bay, Foxe Basin, Hudson Strait” and a consensus was reached
- Next steps for Chapter 1:
 - Zou Zou will re-write the first paragraph to set the stage and distribute to committee by the end of the week
 - Alan will be away over the next two weeks but will provide some text on James Bay and Eastern Hudson Bay
 - Joel will provide by mid April the following:
 - Collective governance and looking forward for the Hudson Bay Consortium
 - ~ 1 page overview of the history of stewardship for the appendix