

# IRIS 3 Jan 2016 Monthly Meeting – Summary, Next Steps

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*Meeting held January 11, 2016 –conference call*

## **Attendees:**

1. Zou Zou Kuzyk
2. Lauren Candlish
3. Alan Penn
4. John Cheechoo
5. Michael Barrett
6. Pitsey Moss-Davies
7. Andrew Dunford
8. Eric Loring
9. Michael Barrett

## **Key Points and Action Items**

The chapter outlines were discussed. General points are listed below:

- *Missing rivers (from the map in ppt and the chapter outline) on the eastern side of Hudson Bay need to be included in the overall document. Many “smaller rivers” are still of great importance/interest and should be addressed.*
- *James Bay needs to be included in all chapters for the science. There will be a difference between coverage/involvement of EJB vs WJB but maybe the Offshore Agreement (Eeyou Marine Region) provides rationale or basis for this.*
- *But still we are missing representation from Ontario. Alan will discuss with Miriam Fleming about the nature of her current position, appropriateness for involvement. Would be forward-looking perspective (interest in possible future research opportunities) and also possible relevance of regional IRIS results.*
- *A message or statement about ArcticNet not including James Bay from the outset but now having it included in the IRIS should be included in the first/introductory chapter to give context to the limited AN science results from this region. Lauren will follow up with ArcticNet about this.*
- *There is no provincial (ON, MB, QC) or Territorial (NU) representation directly on the steering committee and the links for ‘reporting back’ are complex or not straightforward in some cases. How can this be addressed? Need to see how this was handled in other IRISes.*
- *Political/provincial boundaries are a key issue and need to be detailed in the introductory chapter.*

- *Make sure the authors are aware that they need include data and research programs from outside of ArcticNet, especially for areas that need more sources.*

#### Chapter 2 Climate Chapter:

- *Need to follow up with which models we are using. Will NEMO be available for the publication? Do we need OURANOUS models for atmospheric variables?*
- *Modelling work needs to cover all regions.*
- *Should include climate stations from as many coastal stations as possible.*

#### Chapter 3 Freshwater System:

- *Want all the rivers included, not just the major rivers.*

#### Chapter 4 Ecosystems:

- *This chapter is of great interest to committee. Lauren will contact JET for the chapter outlines. Will follow up to determine if we need to start contacting co-authors to help with the large chapter.*

#### Chapter 5: Carbon Cycling

- *No specific comments made, just need to discuss points from above and push for a first draft.*

#### Chapter 6: Contaminants

- *No specific comments made, just need to discuss points from above and push for a first draft.*

#### Chapter 7: Cumulative Effects of Hydroelectric Activities

- *No specific comments made, just need to discuss points from above and push for a first draft.*

#### Chapter 8: Marine Transport

- *Smaller communities need to be included in terms of shipping; sea-lift dependence (common theme). Has been recent major investment in Nunavik.*
- *Also shipping from mine sites (e.g Deception Bay)*
- *Should list the infrastructure that all communities have (all regions need to be included -Quebec, Ontario etc)*
- *How will climate change affect the resupply to Sea lift shipments?*
- *Should include some information about traditional travel routes*

## Chapter 9: Ecotourism

- *No lead author confirmed yet – steering committee will think if there is anyone who could lead?*
- *Many areas of interest for this chapter, including Digges Island (seabirds), Kovik River, Richmond Gulf, Nastapoca River*
- *Some west and NW HB, some east HB*
- *Should include animal (bird) sanctuaries and provincial/territorial parks and national parks*
- *Many (most) of these areas relate to marine mammals or seabirds so Lauren to contact Mike Hammill (DFO), Grant Gilchrist (EC/CWS)*

## Stakeholders Perspective Discussion and the HB IRIS overview power point:

- *The term stakeholders is too broad. Meaning may be interpreted as those having interest only within specific set of circumstances. More specific terms better, e.g., “Community Perspectives”.*
- *Should refine the statement that we want to give all stakeholders representation in the document. Try to avoid use of word “stakeholders”.*
- *We should revisit statements made so far about what the IRIS aims to do... Implication presently is that it aims to ‘give all stakeholders representation’. Other IRISes aimed to provide decision-makers with document to inform their processes. Should try to be consistent with other IRISes (while respecting complex situation in HB).*