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**BEAUFORT SEA
BELUGA MANAGEMENT PLAN
TOURISM GUIDELINES
WITHIN
THE INUVIALUIT SETTLEMENT REGION**

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1. BELUGA MANAGEMENT PLAN ZONES 1(A)

In recognition of the priority of the ongoing subsistence beluga harvest, there shall be no water based tourism or related activities permitted in Zone 1(A) as set forth in the "*Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan*". (see map in Appendix I).

2. GUIDING & OUTFITTING PRIORITY

Section 14(42) of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement states: "The Inuvialuit shall have the first priority in the Western Arctic Region for guiding, outfitting, or other commercial activity relating to wildlife as authorized by governments from time to time".

3. TOURISM & HARVEST ACTIVITIES

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of these Guidelines, subsistence hunting will take priority over any tourism activities.

4. DESIGNATED AREAS

The HTC's will designate areas that may be used for the purpose of whale watching/tourism within the ISR. The HTC's retain the right to limit the number of such designated areas, the number of operators, and/or the number of tourists brought into such areas by tour operators. In the event of a dispute over use of any given designated area, preference will be given to operators with Beneficiary status.

5. HTC & CAMP PERMISSION

Each Tour Operator must have a written Agreement with the appropriate HTC(s) prior to utilizing any area for tourism purposes of their operation.

Further; Each operator must establish an Agreement with the related Camp Owner(s), regarding terms of length of stay, timing, and compensation for tour group visits, prior to entering any camp area.

The above noted Agreements are to be attached to the Operators Licence (as issued by Economic Development and Tourism, GNWT), and as such constitute a condition of said Licence.

6. TOUR LENGTH

The duration of any tour group stay within any given camp will be at the discretion of the Camp Owner(s).

The duration of any tour group stay outside of a regular whaling camp will be at the discretion of the appropriate HTC(s).

In the event of an emergency, or as a result of bad weather, a tour group may stay longer than stated in its' original Agreement. All such incidences are to be reported to the relevant HTC upon trip culmination.

7. TOURISM FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHS

No one is to take any photographs or films of whale harvesting and/or related activities without the *explicit* written consent of the relevant HTC(s), the Camp Owner and Hunter(s) involved in the hunt. The written permission form must be signed by all those above named. The permission form must be carried at all times during the tour, and must be produced for inspection at the request of any representative of those above named.

8. MEDIA INVOLVEMENT

Media involvement in any activity relating to beluga whales must:

- a) Be subject to screening by the relevant HTC(s),
and;
- b) Only proceed with the *explicit* written consent of the relevant Camp Owner(s) and Hunter(s).

Such written consent is to be carried at all times, and must be produced for inspection at the request of any representative of those above named.

The ILA is currently the first step in this approval process, with the HTC's, Camp Owners and Hunters retaining

the final decision.

If any footage is desired by outside media, that organization should first contact the Inuvialuit Communications Society (ICS).

9. WHALE & MARINE MAMMAL HARASSMENT

Pursuant to the Federal Fisheries Act, tour operators must insure that their clients do not harass whales or other marine mammals.

Harassment is defined as pursuing, chasing after, troubling, worrying or in any other way disturbing whales and/or marine mammals.

10. AIRCRAFT RESTRICTIONS

All Aircraft are advised to maintain a minimum altitude of:

- a) Two thousand five hundred (2500) feet over any area designated as Zone 1(A) and Zone 1(B) in the "Beaufort Sea Beluga Management Plan", and;
- b) Two thousand (2000) feet over any area designated as Zone 2 in the afore noted Plan.

Exception: Subject to the terms and conditions of Item # 4 (above), specific landing and take off areas may be designated by the HTC's and Camps. Such designated areas will be incorporated into the individual HTC/Operator Agreements.

11. GARBAGE REMOVAL

All tour operators must remove any garbage generated by their tourism operation, and dispose of it in a proper manner in their base Community. Burial and/or burning on site is not an option.

This clause shall be incorporated into, and become a condition of all GNWT ED&T Operators Licences.

12. ARTIFACT REMOVAL

Pursuant to current Heritage Act, DIAND Land Use and NWT Archaeological Site Regulations, no one may disturb or remove artifacts of any nature. These items are to be left as found.

13. MONITORING PROCESS

These Guidelines and the process of compliance will be monitored by the HTC's through Camp and Hunter reports. These Guidelines will be revisited and adjusted as necessary every two years following their implementation, or as deemed necessary by the HTC's in consultation with the FJMC.

14. LICENCE SUSPENSION/REVOCATION

The HTC's shall retain the right to recommend to GNWT ED&T (licensing Agency) that an Operators Licence be suspended or revoked if any of the terms and conditions of these Guidelines are not met.

15. COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Following HTC and IGC endorsement of these Guidelines, they will be published and distributed to all Airlines, Tourism Associations, HTC's, major media networks, and relevant Federal and Territorial Governments.

SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATIONS

The HTC's of Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik have designated Hendrickson Island as "Off Limits" for any Tourism Base Camp. Day visits may proceed subject to the terms and conditions of these Guidelines.

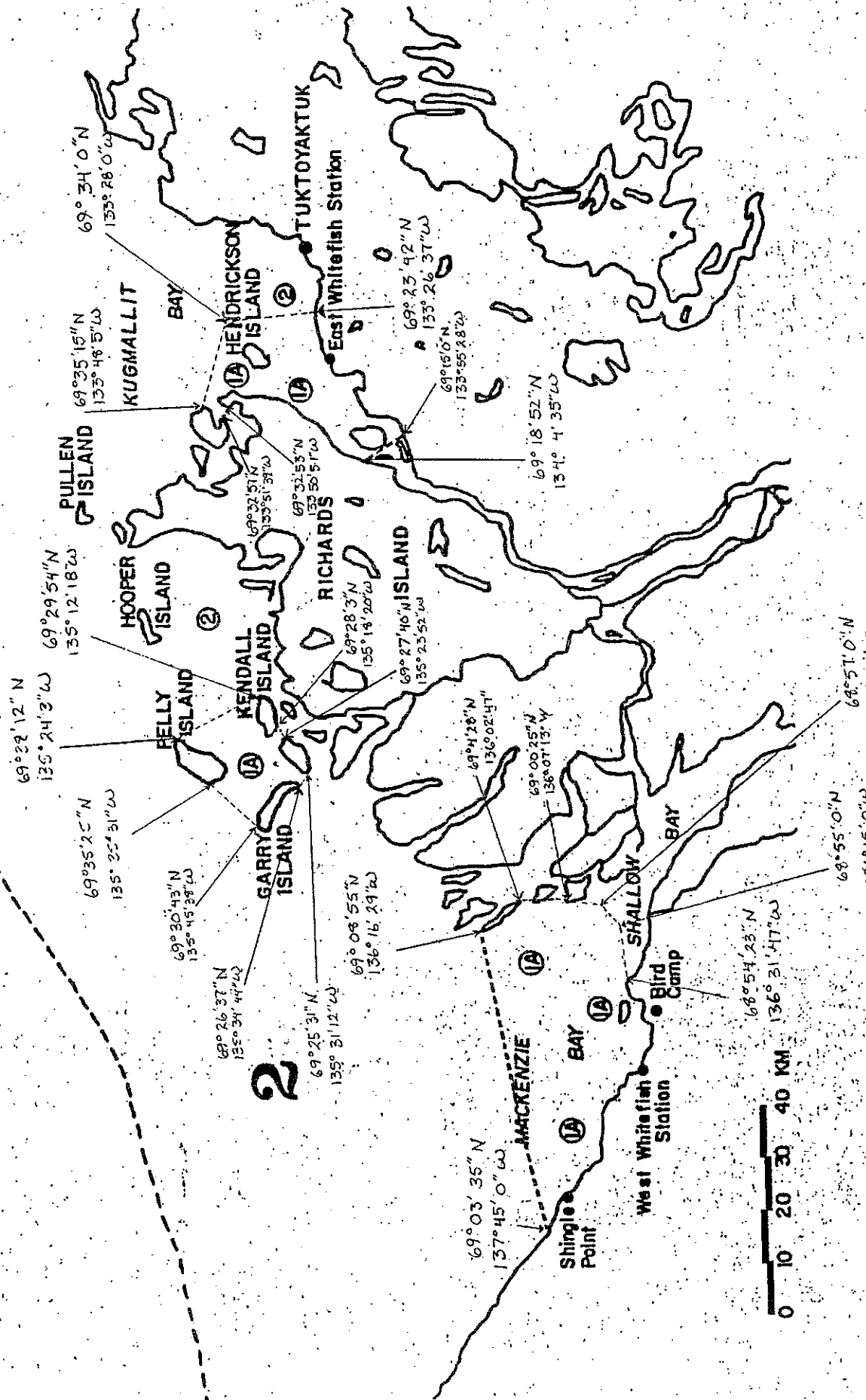
NOTE:

Tourism Operators are requested to contact individual HTC's in whose areas they plan to be active, regarding concerns specific to the HTC's areas of influence.

Traditional Beluga Harvesting areas in Shallow Bay, Kugmallit Bay and near Kendall Island

- ①A Beluga Harvesting Area
- ② Mackenzie Estuary and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula
- ③ Offshore

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