



NUNAVUT PARKS

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Developing a New *Territorial Parks Act*

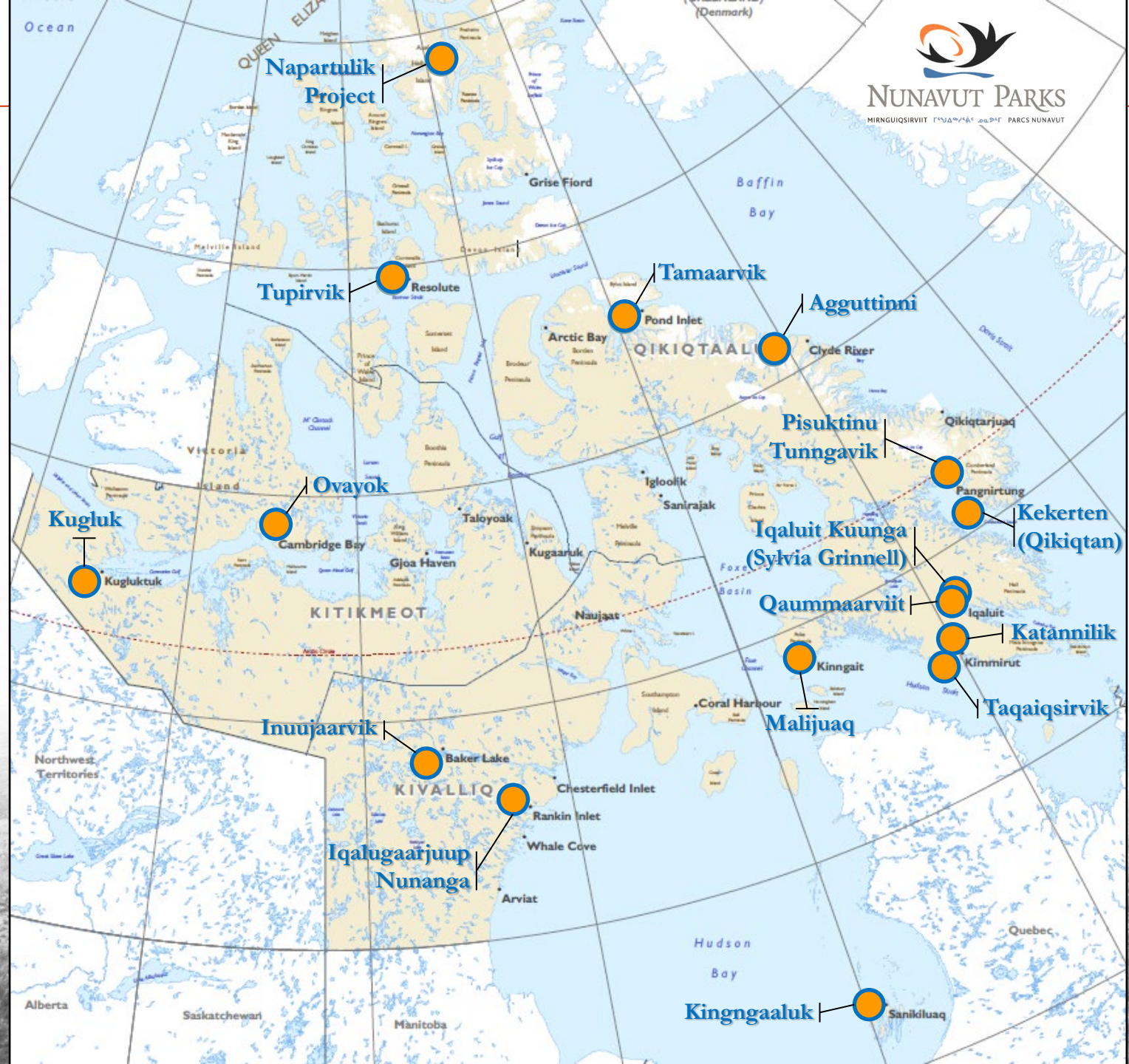


Context

What is a territorial park ?

- Area of importance to a community
- Established under the *Territorial Parks Act*
- Jointly planned and managed with Regional Inuit Organization through Community Joint Planning and Management Committees





Context

What is the *Territorial Parks Act*?

- Law developed by the Government of Nunavut
- Only applies to areas established as territorial parks and managed by Government of Nunavut
- Does not apply to national parks or municipal parks



Current Act

What does the current *Territorial Parks Act* do ?

- Identifies park classification system
- Requires government to consult with Inuit on proposed parks
- Allows for agreements to be made for operations and maintenance of territorial parks



Current Act

What does the current *Territorial Parks Act* do ?

- Allows for use of park permits to manage various uses and activities
- Identifies what actions and activities are prohibited
- Allows for appointment of Superintendent of Parks and Park Officers



New Act

Why do we need a new *Territorial Parks Act*?

- Current Act was adopted from the Northwest Territories in 1999
- Does not incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
- Does not identify why we have territorial parks



New Act

Why do we need a new *Territorial Parks Act*?

- Park classification system needs to be updated to reflect *Kajjausarviit: Nunavut Parks Program*
- New tools are needed for efficient and effective planning, operation, and management of territorial parks



New Act

What will the new
Territorial Parks Act not
do ?

- It will NOT restrict or prohibit the exercise of Inuit and Indigenous harvesting rights
- It will not commit the Government of Nunavut to the creation of new territorial parks



New Act

What will the new
Territorial Parks Act not
do ?

- It will not create a framework for the establishment of other types of conservation or protected areas
- It will not establish harvesting quotas or establish levels for total allowable harvest



New Act

What is proposed in the new *Territorial Parks Act*?

- 12 issues/themes have been identified in a Discussion Paper
- Recommendations are identified in the Discussion Paper, and the Government of Nunavut wants to hear from you !



New Act

What is proposed in the new *Territorial Parks Act*?

- New classification system for territorial parks
- Reporting on the status of territorial parks
- Dedication, principles, values, and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
- Who can enforce the *Territorial Parks Act*



New Act

What is proposed in the new *Territorial Parks Act*?

- Penalties for violations in territorial parks
- How to address proposed industrial activities in territorial parks
- Compliance with land claim agreements
- Recognition of joint Inuit/Government parks planning and management committees



New Act

What is proposed in the new *Territorial Parks Act*?

- Park reserve designation for proposed parks
- Clarity regarding harvesting rights and access to territorial parks
- Clarity regarding the management of cabins and outpost camps
- Allowed and prohibited activities



Discussion

Some questions:

- For whom, or to what, should territorial parks be dedicated to ?
- What activities should be allowed in a territorial park ?
- What activities should be prohibited in a territorial park ?
- Who should have the ability to enforce the *Territorial Parks Act* ?
- What should the penalties be for violations in territorial parks ?



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