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# BREA Program Evaluation

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# BREA Program Review

- Conducted by consultants from DonnaCona
  - Has BREA met its objectives?
  - Has the BREA governance structure operated efficiently and effectively?
  - Has the level of multi-stakeholder engagement in BREA been adequate and effective?
  - Have BREA activities and results been effectively communicated to the public?
  - Will BREA products be used for regulatory decisions or other purposes?





# Methods

- Twelve (12) interviews were conducted
  - Inuvialuit organizations
  - Federal government and agencies
  - Regulators
  - Industry
  - Academia
- Documents were reviewed
  - BREA Annual Progress Reports
  - BREA Mid-term Results Forum
  - Minutes from Steering Committee meetings
  - Meeting summaries from the Federal ADM's executive committee





# Success

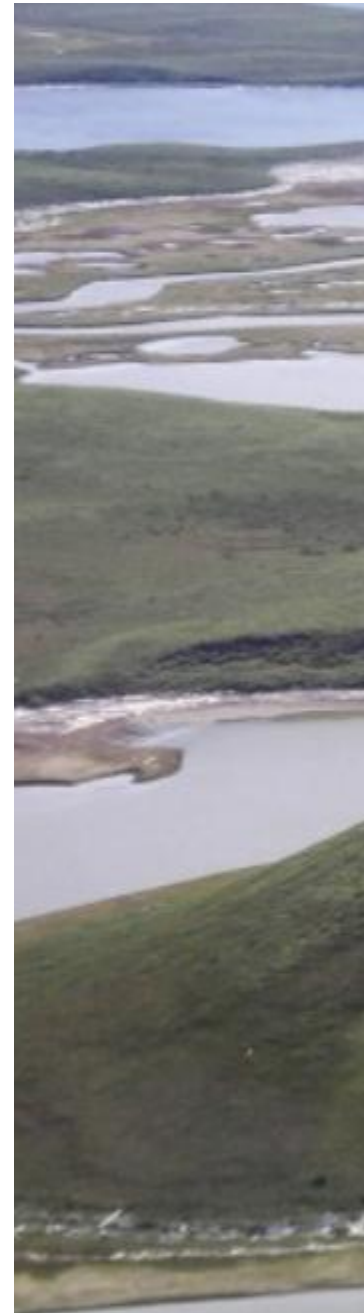
- *Has BREA met its objectives?* ✓
  - Identified areas of research priority
  - Filled regional information and data gaps, improved overall scientific understanding of the Beaufort Sea
  - Gathered new information, and synthesized existing data
    - Baseline data, forecasting, risk identification
    - Proponents, communities, regulators
  - Will support more efficient and effective environmental assessments and regulatory decisions
  - Remaining work includes follow-up, synthesis, integration, and filling remaining information and data gaps
  - Overall BREA was a successful program





# Governance Model

- *Has the BREA governance structure operated efficiently and effectively? ~*
  - Enabled stakeholders to participate in various committees or working groups
    - No one group dominated the BREA initiative
    - Inuvialuit felt engaged
  - Enabled relationship-building through collaboration
    - Overall good communication
  - Meetings were sufficient and well-organized
  - Too many levels of management? Working groups?
  - Open, flexible, inclusive, strong central leadership







# Engagement

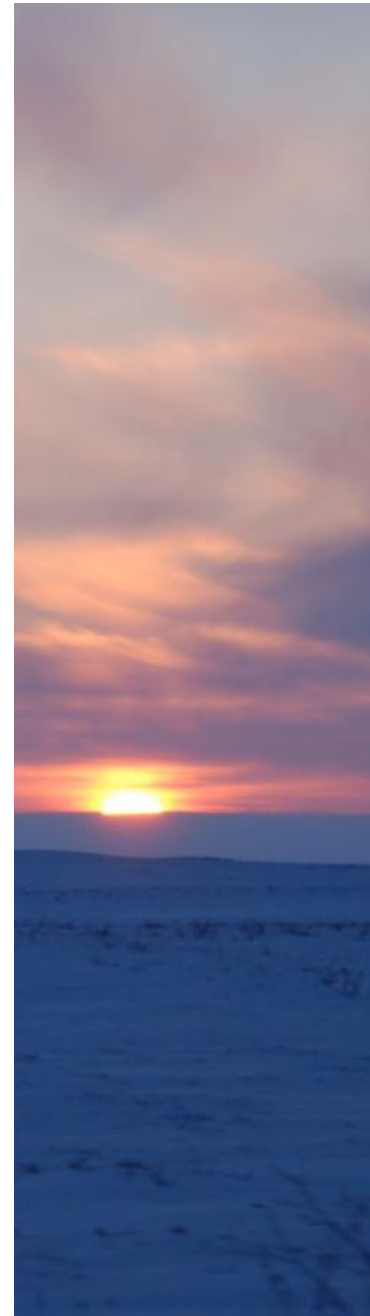
- *Has the level of multi-stakeholder engagement in BREA been adequate and effective? ✓*
  - Regular Steering Committee and Research Advisory Committee meetings
  - Inuvialuit organizations felt engaged
    - IGC, JS, and IRC representation on all committees and working groups
  - Inuvialuit communities were effectively engaged
    - Community representatives on Research Advisory Committee to speak to traditional knowledge
    - Research concerning areas of interest
    - Workshops and forums
  - Good engagement of government, Inuvialuit and industry





# Communications

- *Have BREA activities and results been effectively communicated to the public?* ✓
  - BREA website [www.beaufortrea.ca](http://www.beaufortrea.ca)
    - Repository for all BREA documents
    - Links to other websites
  - Numerous community events in Beaufort Region
  - Inuvialuit Game Council meetings
  - Presentations at a diversity of venues to disseminate research findings and increase awareness of BREA
  - Raised the comfort level of communities
    - Greater understanding of how they will be affected
    - Steps taken to prevent negative consequences





# Outcomes

- *Will BREA products be used for regulatory decisions or other purposes?* ✓
  - BREA products already being used
    - Transport Canada, NEB, EIRB, databases, and GIS tools
  - Benefited organizations working in the Beaufort Sea
    - ArcticNet and DFO
  - Will complement existing industry information
  - Will appear in scientific publications
  - BREA research and results are already being used to inform oil and gas-related proposals and assessments
  - Can also support government planning, development forecasting, research and academia, communities, fisheries, and environmental NGOs







# Summary

- Brought together many organizations and individuals
- Filled numerous regional information and data gaps
- Expected to help better prepare for oil and gas exploration
- Expected to contribute to better informed regulatory decisions
- Strong communications and consultation activities
- Products are up to date and readily accessible
- Products already being referenced before regulators

