

# Decolonization and Shipping in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region

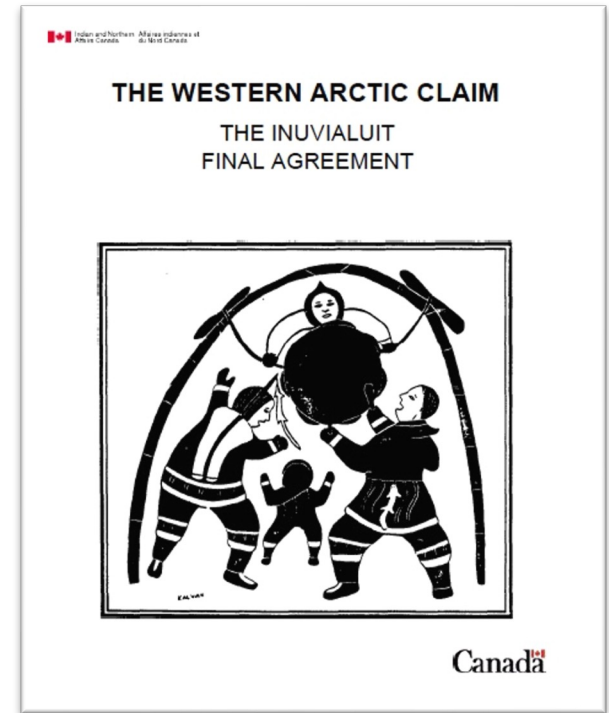
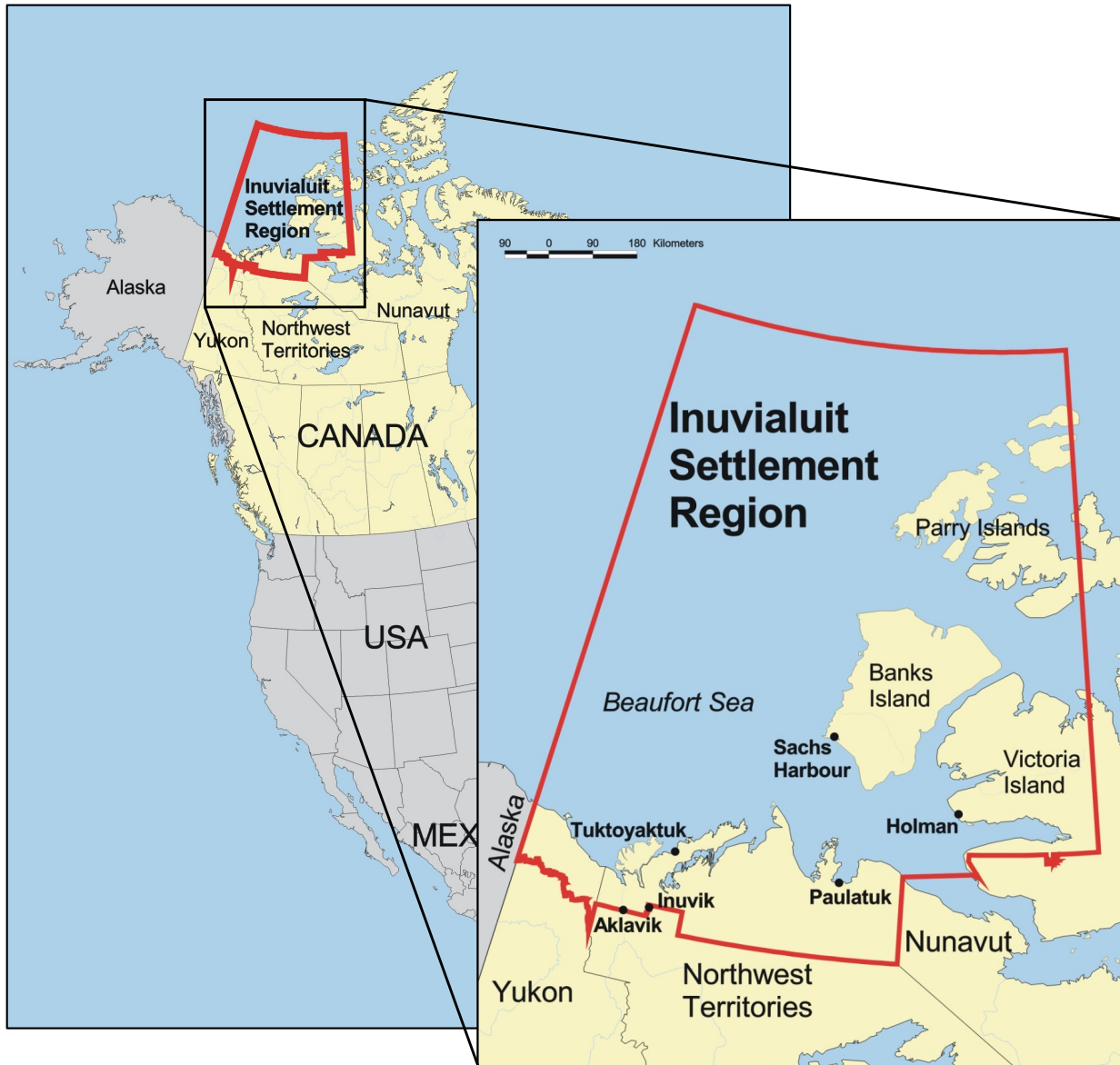
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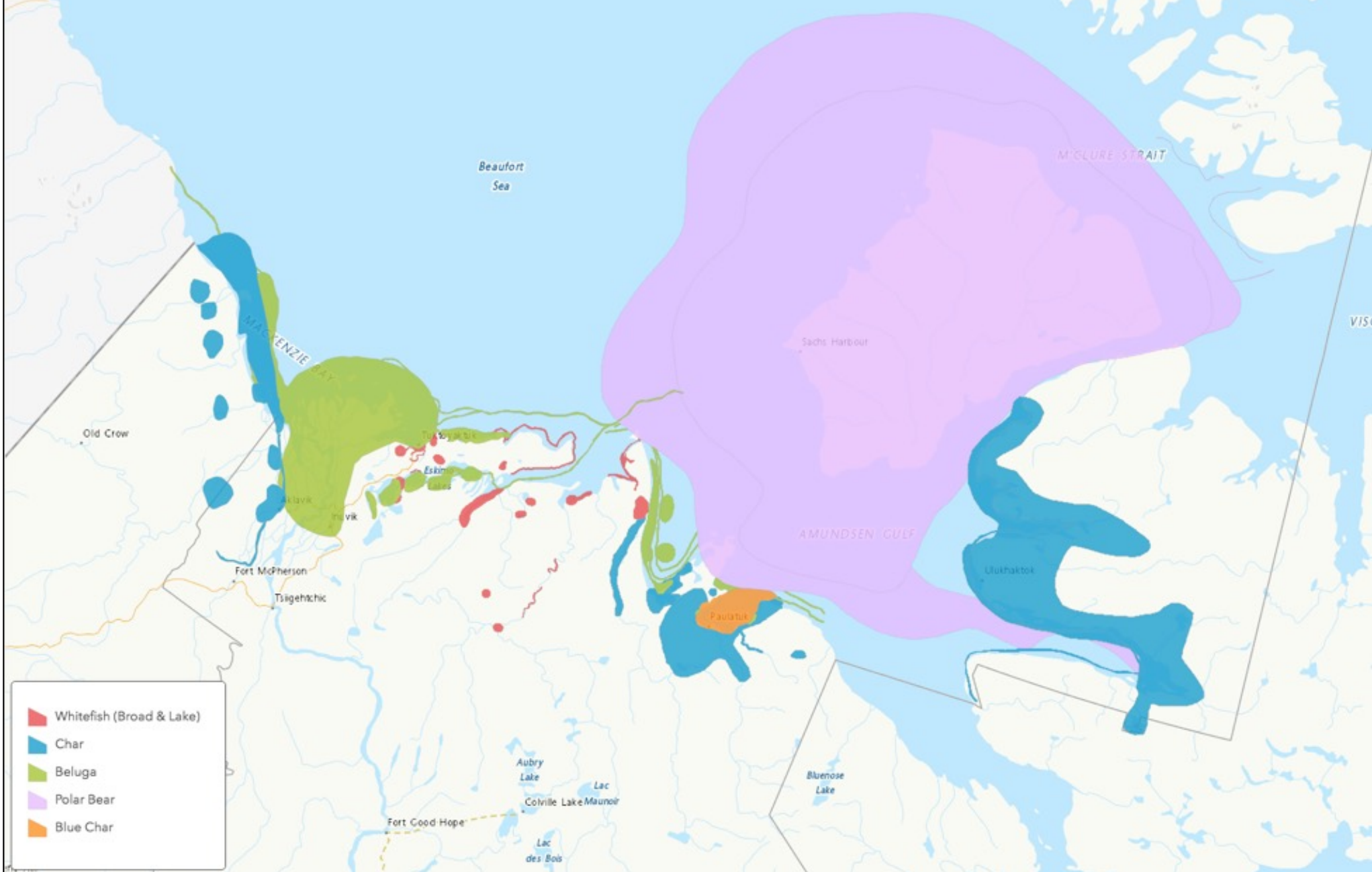
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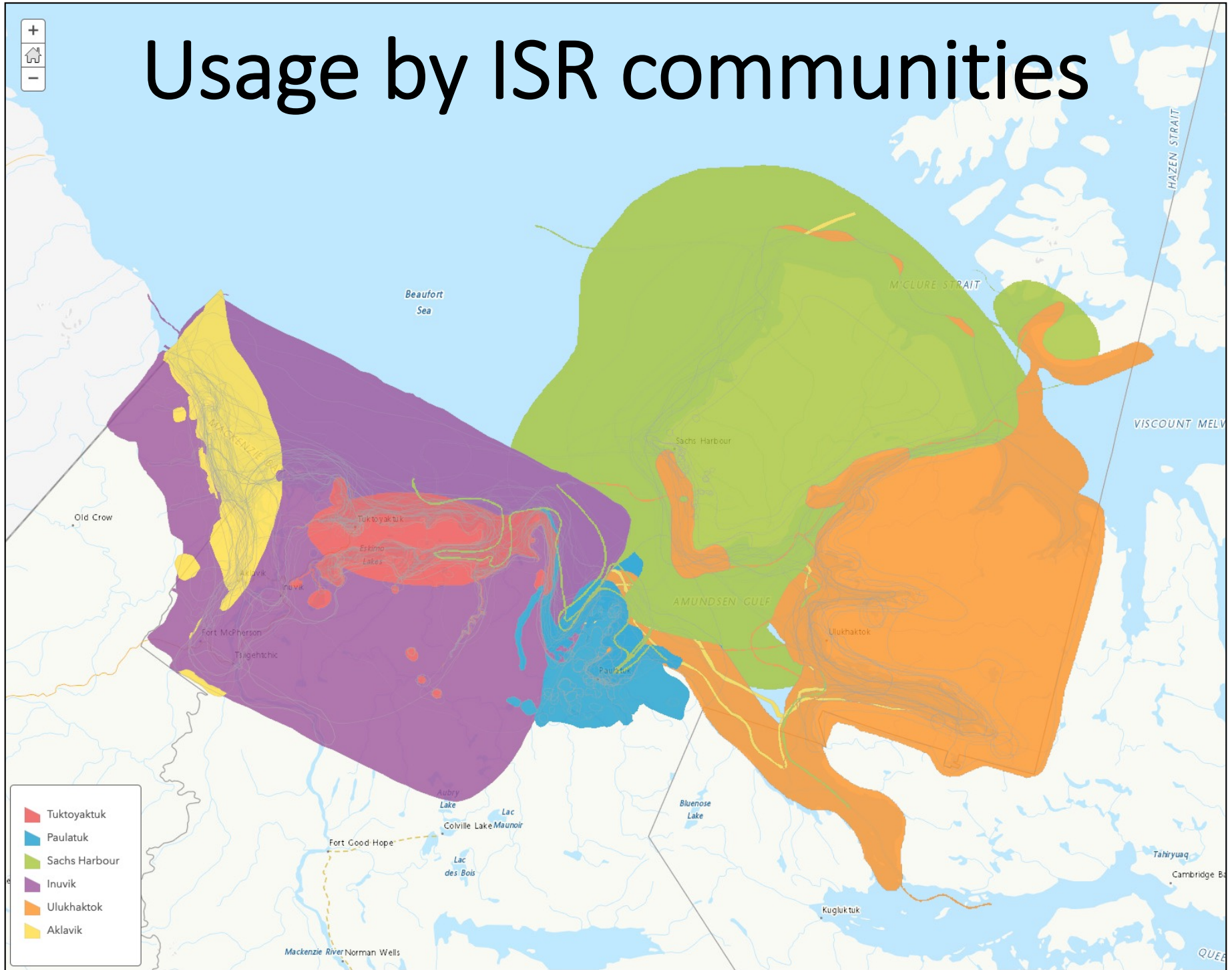
# Introduction



# Animals that utilize the Beaufort Sea



# Usage by ISR communities



# Our Research Project

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## **“Decolonizing Marine Safety and Shipping in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region”**

- Goals:
  1. Understand the experiences of Game Council members working with the federal government on shipping issues over time and how the relationship can be improved.
  2. Explore and assess options for addressing the Game Council’s concerns in line with their interests.
- Outputs:
  - Workshop summary report for the IGC
  - Background report on the governance of shipping in the ISR
  - Two policy analyses on solutions to the issues identified by the IGC
  - Publications and presentations

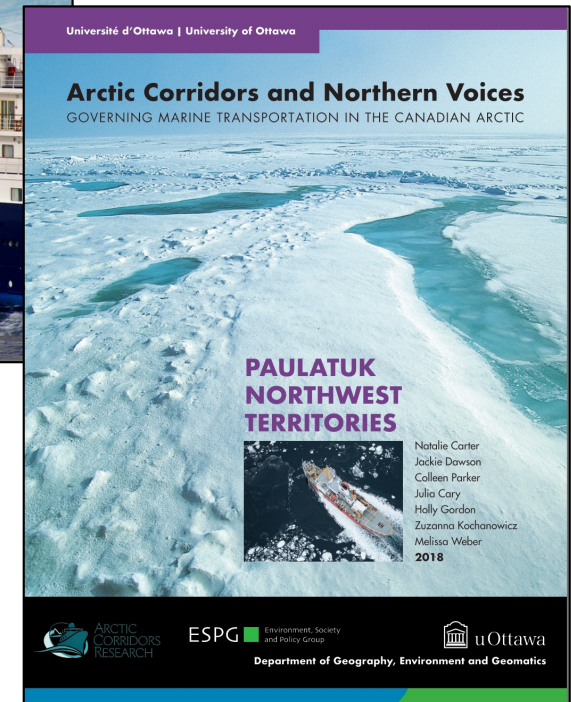
# Concerns and issues with marine safety and shipping in the ISR

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- Waste water dumping
- Location of the Low Impact Shipping Corridor through the Anguniaqvia Niqiyuam MPA
- Impacts on marine wildlife and fish
  - Acoustics, invasive species, increased shipping activity
    - These are some of the main factors influencing/changing movement and migration patterns of species and fish that are important to Inuvialuit for subsistence purposes
- Knowing where ships are planning to go ahead of time, what ships are doing, whether they are following the rules (for example, for dumping, tourism)
- Lack of regulations, monitoring and enforcement
- Lack of baseline data

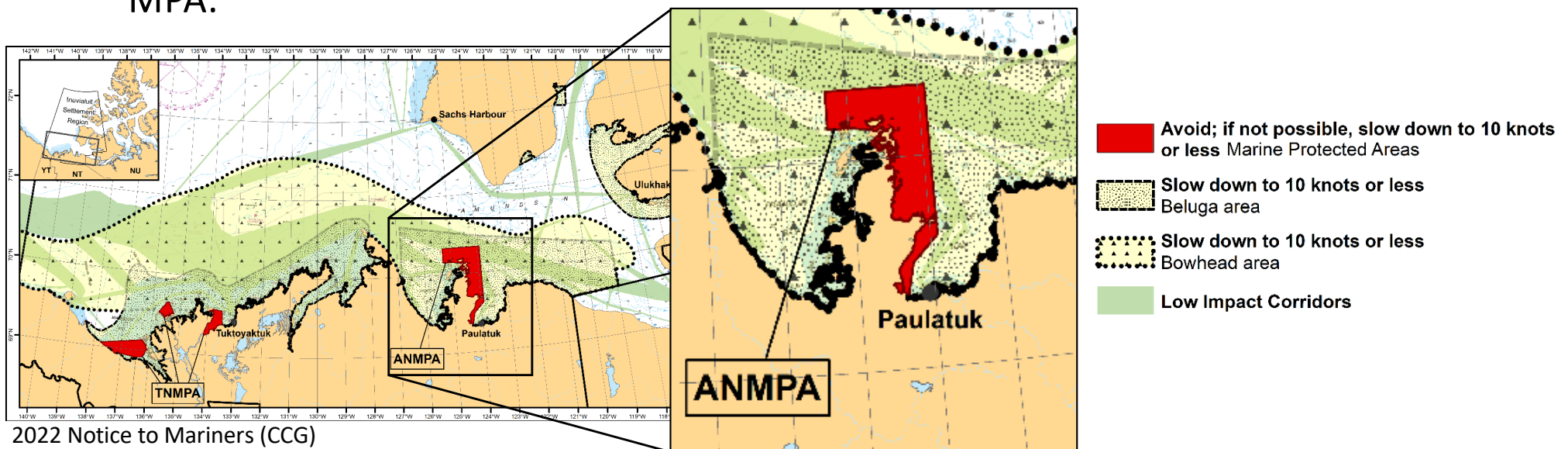
# Efforts of Inuvialuit and the IGC to address their concerns

- Shipping Workshops
  - 2018: Shipping coordination
  - 2020: Shipping legislation
- ISR Cruise Ship Management Plan 2022-2025
- ISR Safe Waterways Strategy *(in the process of approval)*
- Input into Annual Notice to Mariners (NOTMAR)
- WWF Mariners Guides
- Academic projects
- Participation at events



# Ideas and recommendations of the IGC for shipping in the ISR

- Make sure Inuvialuit have a voice, are heard and are listened to at the federal level when making decisions for Inuvialuit and the ISR.
- Mandatory measures to protect the ISR, wildlife and marine mammals (for example, speed restrictions).
- Improve monitoring of ship activities, for example an Inuvialuit-led monitoring program.
- Move the Low Impact Shipping Corridor out of the Anguniaqvia Niqniqyuam MPA.





# Interactions between IGC members and researchers/government officials

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- IGC members have not been listened to or respected when it comes to shipping issues.
  - Same issues raised for decades but there has not been action.
  - When issues or incidents are reported, nothing happens (or at least Inuvialuit aren't told if anything happens)
  - Need to make constant noise to be heard
- Inuvialuit constantly correct researchers and officials.
- There isn't always a common understanding of interpretation of terminology or ideas.
  - "Low Impact" Shipping Corridors
  - "Reconciliation"

# Insights for improving work with the IGC on shipping

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- Application of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*
  - Article 18: right to participate in decision-making through self-chosen representatives.
  - Article 25: right to maintain and strengthen spiritual relationship with lands, territories, waters, coastal seas, and resources.
- Meaningfully consult and collaborate with Inuvialuit
  - Come to the region and meet with the communities
  - Explain why you're there
  - Be available to answer questions
  - Do your homework to understand Inuvialuit
  - Accurately and fully report back to Inuvialuit in a timely fashion
  - Have compassion.



Thank you!  
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