



Nunavut Oil and Gas Summit Overview

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Why this Summit?

- Oil and gas resources potential for Nunavut is huge – estimated 25% of world's future reserves
- Oil and gas industry can assist with socioeconomic issues
- Many unresolved technical and social and cultural issues
- Climate change



Key question to frame 3 days

Is Nunavut ready for oil and gas development?



How was Summit Structured?

- 75 people from industry, regulators, federal government, Gov't. of Nunavut, Nunavut communities and institutions
- One day of formal presentations
- Two days of group work
- Govt of Nunavut was host (Bernie MacIsaac – EDT) was also part of working group: GN, AANDC, QIA, CAPP



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Four Desired Outcomes

1. Identify issues, concerns and information gaps with respect to oil and gas development in Nunavut
2. Discussion about whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a suitable regional planning tool.
3. Identification of lessons learned and possible advice for Nunavut based on oil and gas development in other frontier parts of Canada and Greenland.
4. Discussion about future oil and gas permitting with respect to seismic programs.

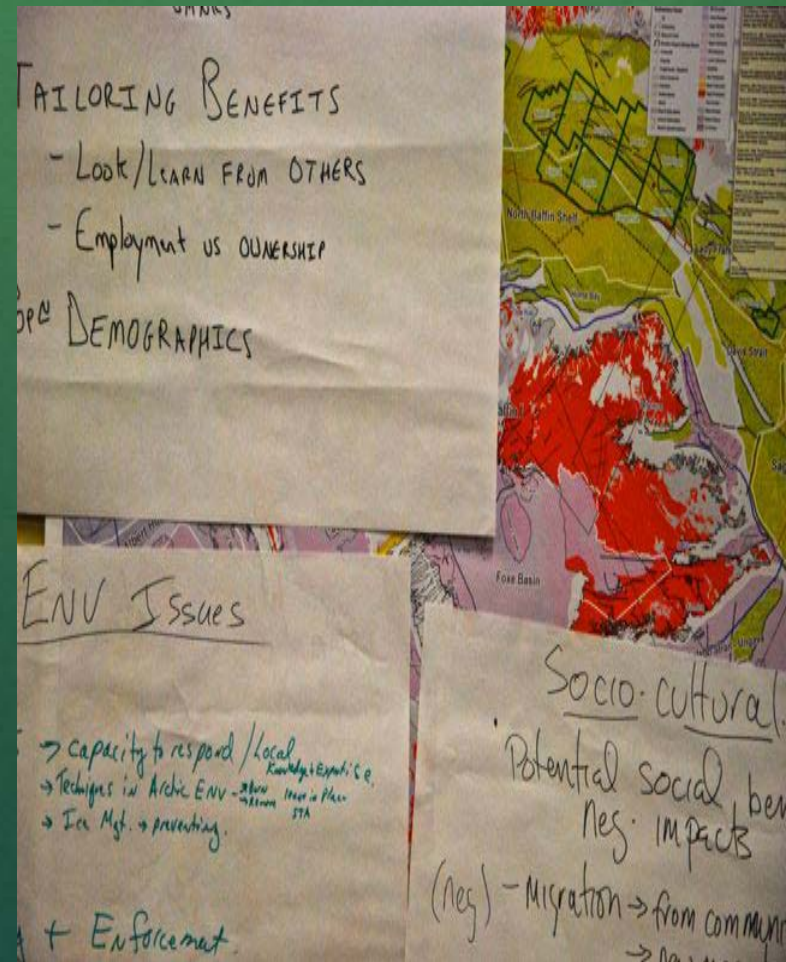
Group Work

- Mixed working groups to ensure learning, sharing and relationship building
- Same stakeholder groups to ensure learning, sharing, relationship building AND positions on various issues.



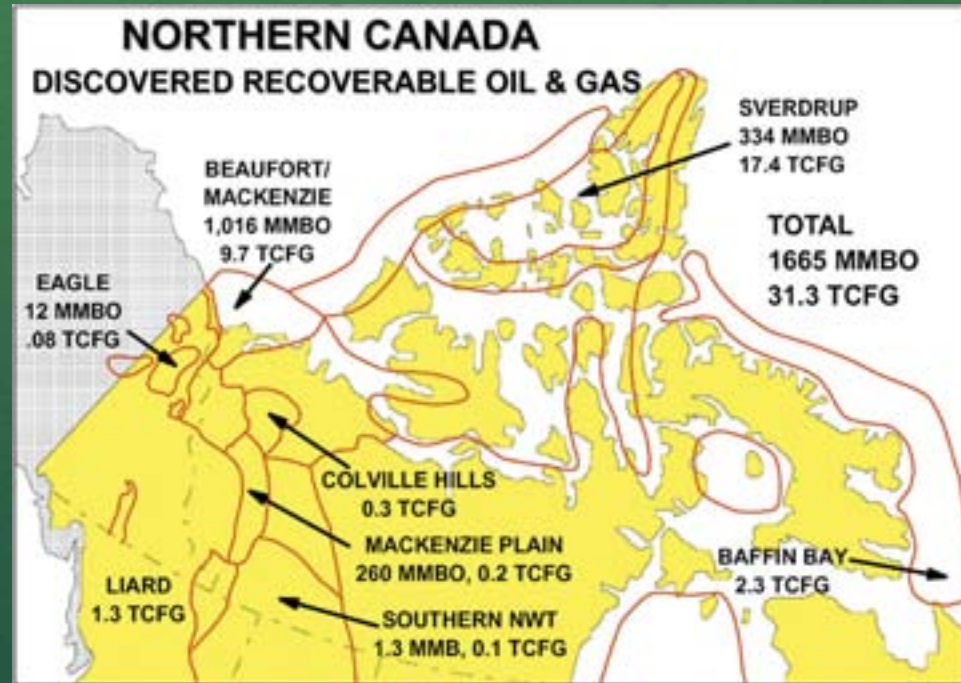
Core Sessions

- Background info on oil and gas and SEA
- Lessons learned from other regions
- Identification of core issues (technical, environmental, social, cultural, governance, institutional)
- Panels (Nunavut, Community and institution, federal, industry)
- Process to answer summit question



Background info on Oil and Gas and SEA

- Huge oil and gas potential (12 billion barrels, 143 trillion cubic feet)
- Proper consultation and bidding issues key
- SEA important for Nunavut
- Communities and IQ must be integrated into, and central to SEA
- AANDC and NEB have key roles in SEA and regulation



Lessons Learned

- Greenland, GNWT, Nunatsiavut, Newfoundland and Labrador, Inuvialuit Game Council, CAPP
- Community support and trust key, as is IQ
- Need good IBAs and clear benefits
- Seismic research needed
- Need good flow of info
- Canadian industry considers social, cultural and environmental issues as very important

Core Technical Issues

- Oil and gas spill response needed
- Climate change questions
- IQ must be used and incorporated more
- Ice management and tourism issues
- Baseline data lacking



Core Environmental Issues

- Seismic/marine mammal effects
- Climate change
- Monitoring
- Effects on hunting/fishing
- Shipping effects
- Baseline data



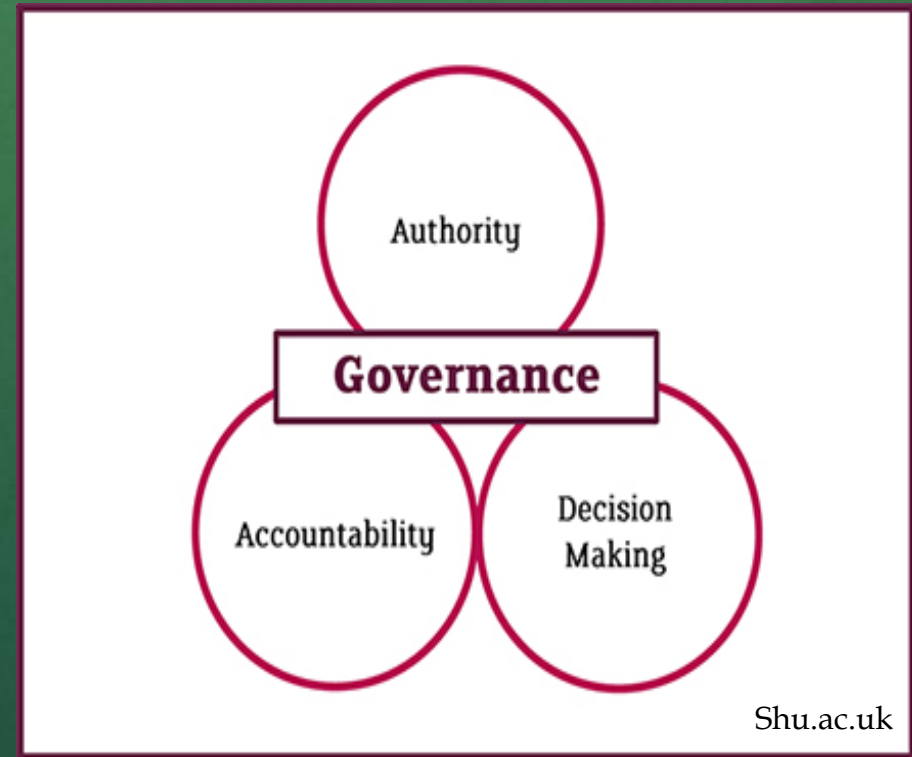
Core social and cultural issues

- Training and education needed
- Issues around revenues and compensation
- Cultural adaptation
- Boom/bust cycles
- Proper consultation
- Youth involvement



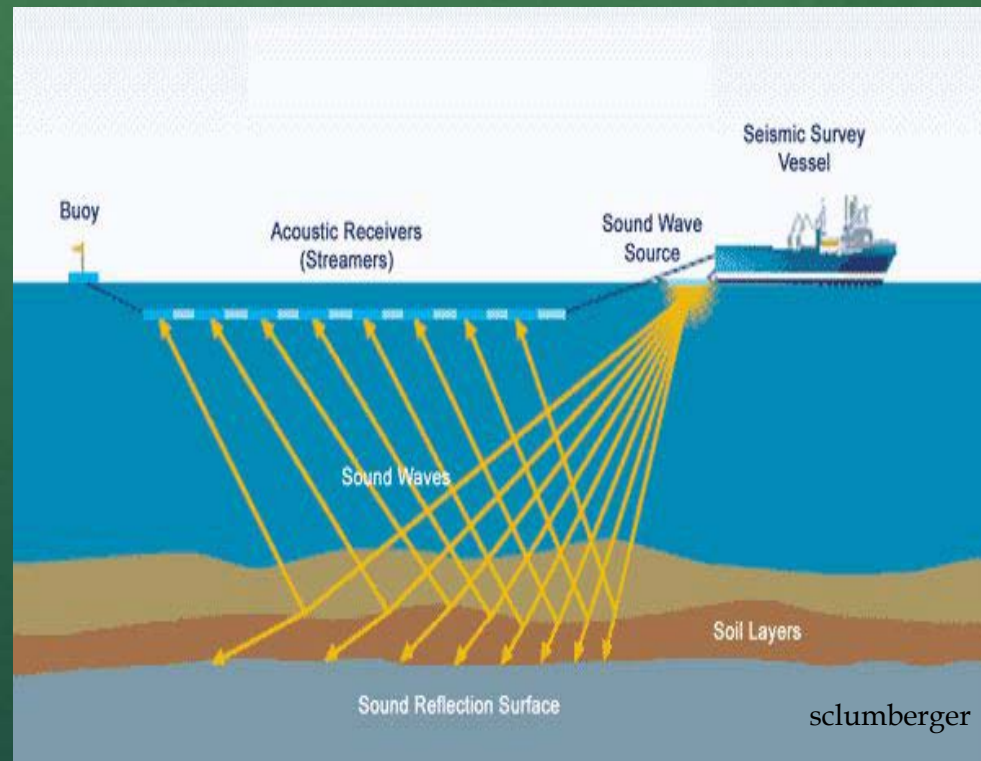
Institution and Governance Issues

- Education needed on jurisdiction issues
- Inuit institutions need to be included and part of decision making
- SEAs must link to Land Use Plans
- Need social/cultural and environmental capacity to deal with operations
- Land Claim issues need clarity



Emerging Themes

- SEA could be a useful planning tool for Baffin Bay/Davis Strait
- More education needed on transboundary and jurisdictional issues
- Communities need better consultation and information on seismic issues
- Youth must be involved now
- IQ to be used in all phases of oil and gas operations



Topics for Further Discussions

- Summit report needs to be discussed with communities and youth
- AANDC to complete Baffin bay/Davis Strait SEA before drilling permits issued
- IQ be used in all oil and gas decisions



Topics for Further Discussions

- Working Group / Nunavut Oil and Gas Council to carry ideas and momentum forward
- This group will have an Advisory Body as well
- Communications with communities on oil and gas benefits, marine seismic surveying, jurisdictional and trans-boundary issues
- Identify effective community engagement, communication and consultation methods



Is Nunavut Ready for Oil and Gas Development?

Conclusion: “Not yet, and more education, information and discussion on seismic and related oil and gas issues are needed by each community now”



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