Inuit Have an "Ecological Clock"

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NSB DWM Goals & Objectives

GOAL 1: DOCUMENT THE CONTINUED IMPORTANCE OF SUBSISTENCE BY MAINTAINING ACCURATE, AREA-SPECIFIC HARVEST RECORDS

GOAL 2: DETERMINE THOSE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS IMPORTANT TO SUBSISTENCE-USE ANIMALS

GOAL 3: ENHANCE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIOLOGY OF SUBSISTENCE-USE ANIMALS AND THEIR HABITAT FOR ENHANCED LOCAL PARTICIAPTION IN MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE SUBSISTENCE HARVEST GOAL 4: COMMUNICATE, COOPERATE, AND COLLABORATE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES REGARDING STUDIES AND THE EVALUATION OF DATA FOR STRONG LOCAL INPUT INTO MANAGEMENT OF SUBSISTENCE-USE RESOURCES

GOAL 5: WORK CLOSELY WITH THE BOROUGH'S FISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR SUBSISTENCE-USE ANIMALS

GOAL 6: IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, THROUGH APPROPRIATE STUDIES, AND THE REVIEW OF EXISTING INFORMATION, IDENTIFY AND ASSESS INDUSTRIAL IMPACTS LIKELY TO ADVERSELY AFFECT PEOPLE, WILDLIFE, OR THE ENVIRONMENT

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Inuit Circumpolar Council, 2017. Prepared by Agata Durkalec. Basemap from the Atlas of Canada Reference Map Series produced by Natural Bessures Consida. 2008.

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Inuit Circumpolar Council-Alaska. 2015. Alaskan Inuit Food Security Conceptual Framework: How to Assess the Arctic From an Inuit Perspective.

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Indigenous Knowledge

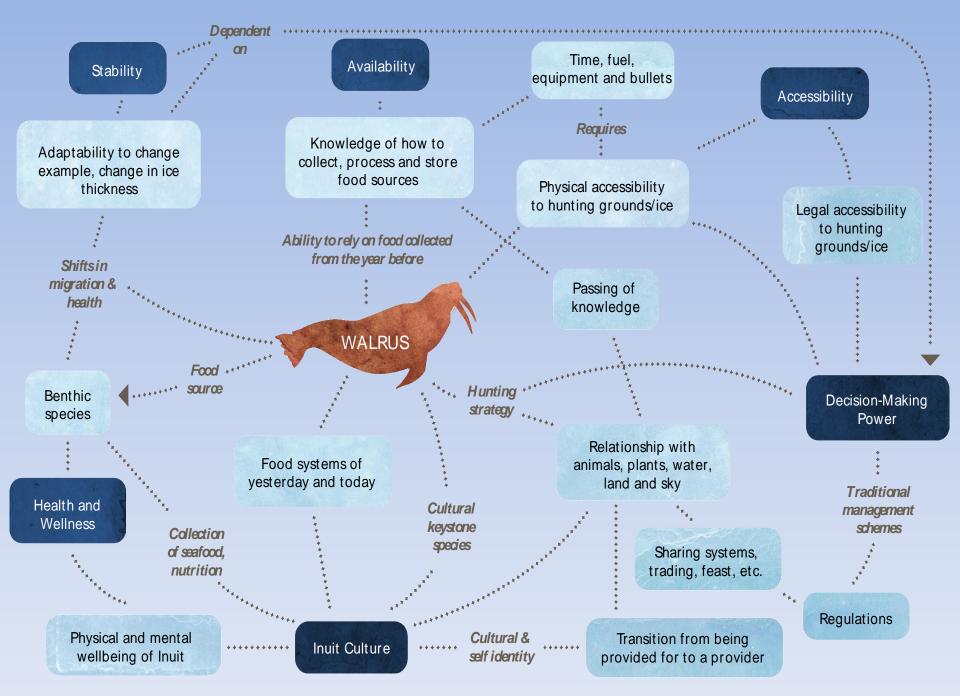
- a systematic way of thinking and knowing
- developing in a living process, including knowledge acquired today and in the future
- holds methodologies, evaluation and validation process



Photo: Abby Kanayurak



Thirty-two miles north of the point and 27 miles west of Barrow. It all depends on the current and the wind. It's not a B-line shot; you can't do that. It all depends on the current and the wind. The ice was further out, and we didn't see a whole bunch of walruses until August. That was 32 miles [north of the point]. (SRB&A **Barrow Interview March 2006)**



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Respect for Nature

- Inupiaq Value
 - No Cash Value
 - Lose the context of our Inuit Values when distill to the valuation of nature and ecological objectives
 - Integrated in an Inuit way to manage our Food Security
 - Humans are a part of the Environment

Implementation of EA

- Utilize mechanisms that work for Indigenous Communities
 - Conflict avoidance areas
 - Agreements with Indigenous organizations that manage living marine resources
 - Address Invasive human activities and reduce the burden on Indigenous populations in a changing climate
 - Think about who is being managed



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EA Support to Implementation in the Arctic

- National Implementation Plans for EA should support Arctic community involvement
 - Arctic Route and Corridor Studies
 - Cumulative Impacts
 - Agency coordination in the Arctic on research needs

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