



## Research Permitting Overview for Parks Canada's Western Arctic Field Unit

*Aulavik National Park*  
*Ivvavik National Park*  
*Tuktut Nogait National Park*  
*Pingo Canadian Landmark*

Parks Canada encourages research and monitoring projects in our heritage areas. Accordingly, information about the Parks Canada research permitting process is available on the Parks Canada website through the **On-Line Research and Collection Permitting System (RCPS)** ([http://www.pc.gc.ca/apps/rps/page1\\_e.asp](http://www.pc.gc.ca/apps/rps/page1_e.asp)). For research permitting information specific to the western Arctic please visit the **General Information** section of the RCPS website. Click on [Heritage Area Specific Information and Conditions](#) and select the appropriate park or the Pingo Canadian Landmark from the scroll down menu. For research in the western Arctic that extends **outside** of the national parks or the Pingo Canadian Landmark (PCL) please ensure that you have applied for the appropriate Territorial permits (see section 1).

All three national parks and the Pingo Canadian Landmark fall within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) and, as such, are subject to the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA). Ivvavik National Park is managed under the IFA as part of the Yukon North Slope special conservation regime. A number of the processes and cooperative management bodies established through the IFA have been put in place to ensure that the Inuvialuit are adequately involved and consulted with respect to activities occurring within the ISR. Due to the cooperative regime established under the IFA, the research permitting process in the western Arctic is complex. In general, plan for a **minimum** of four months to complete all of the necessary steps and include a "best case" scenario (i.e.: all desired research at all desired locations) in your permit application. Be sure to contact the Research Coordinator for the Western Arctic Field Unit at the initial stages of the permitting process for assistance in completing your *Parks Canada Research and Collection Permit* application and to determine the appropriate consultative requirements and procedures.

For additional information about conducting research in the national parks of the Western Arctic or in the Pingo Canadian Landmark please contact:

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## 1.0 TERRITORIAL RESEARCH PERMITTING

### Northwest Territories

An overview of the NWT research permitting process can be obtained at the Aurora Research Institute (ARI) website (<http://www.nwtresearch.com>). A PDF version of their guide *Doing Research in the Western Northwest Territories: a guide for researchers* is available for download.

### Yukon Territory

An overview of the Yukon Scientific Research Licensing process is available at the Heritage Branch, Department of Tourism and Culture, Government of Yukon website ([www.gov.yk.ca/services/abc/scientific\\_research.html](http://www.gov.yk.ca/services/abc/scientific_research.html)).

To obtain an overview of the Yukon North Slope's permitting process, contact the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope) at [wmacns@web.ca](mailto:wmacns@web.ca) for a copy of their Draft *Yukon North Slope Research Guide* or visit their website at <http://taiga.net/wmac>.

All of these guides are excellent resource documents and cover topics such as: which permits, licences and review processes apply, where to find funding, how to involve communities in research and monitoring, how to consult with the communities, how to access traditional and local knowledge, how to communicate information to the communities, and ethical conduct.

## 2.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- For more specific information about community consultation and environmental assessment in the western Arctic, please visit the **General Information** section of the RCPS website. Click on [Heritage Area Specific Information and Conditions](#) and select the appropriate park or the Pingo Canadian Landmark from the scroll down menu.
- Each community in the ISR has a Community Conservation Plan that might be of interest to researchers in preparing their permit applications. These are now available electronically at <http://www.bmmda.nt.ca/> under "downloads".
- A number of cooperative management bodies established through the IFA can provide research contacts and facilitate research in all areas of the ISR.
  1. Wildlife Management Advisory Councils for the Northwest Territories ([wmacnwt@jointsec.nt.ca](mailto:wmacnwt@jointsec.nt.ca)) and Yukon North Slope ([wmacns@web.ca](mailto:wmacns@web.ca)) can provide guidance and direction for matters related to wildlife management. The Councils also establish research and monitoring priorities and play a large role in the allocation of implementation funding.
  2. The Fisheries Joint Management Committee ([fjmc@jointsec.nt.ca](mailto:fjmc@jointsec.nt.ca)) advises on the research and management of fisheries and marine mammal resources in the ISR.



### 3.0 CHECKLIST OF RESEARCH PERMITS

1. If you are conducting research and/or collection activities **entirely within** a Heritage Area you will require:

- Parks Canada Research/ Collecting Permit
- Environmental Impact Screening Committee Approval
- Environmental assessment through CEAA, YESAA or Park Canada's policy (if required)
- Documentation to show that any consultative requirements with the appropriate community organization(s) have been fulfilled

2. If your research and/or collection extends **beyond** the Heritage Area boundaries, you may need:

- Wildlife Research Permit (for research on wildlife in the NWT)
- Yukon Scientists and Explorers License (for research in the Yukon)
- Approval for archaeological research from the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and the affected community corporation
- Archaeologists Permit (issued by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre (PWNHC) for archaeological work in the NWT)
- Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulation Permit
- Scientific Research License (issued by the Aurora Research Institute for research in the NWT)
- Inuvialuit Land Administration Land Use License. This permit is needed if you are conducting research on private lands within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. Their website is <http://www.inuvialuitland.com/> - noanchor
- A permit from the Canadian Wildlife Service if your research involves a species listed in the Species at Risk Act (SARA) or would affect a species listed in SARA.
- Documentation to show that the appropriate community organization(s) have been contacted and any consultative requirements with the appropriate government bodies and/or community organizations have been fulfilled

3. If your research involves migratory birds or takes place in a migratory bird sanctuary, you must also have:

- Migratory Birds Scientific Permit (issued by the Canadian Wildlife Service)