The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) and the Government of Canada (represented by Parks Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Transport Canada) have been actively negotiating an Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement (IIBA) for Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA) since early 2018. The parties have recently reached an Agreement in Principle and wish to share the following highlights of their work.

The vision brought forth by QIA into the IIBA negotiations was one of Inuit Stewardship for the Qikiqtani Region and the advancement of the conservation economy. Specifically, QIA is seeking dedicated investments in Inuit cultural practices such as traditional harvesting, Inuit employment, and infrastructure development. Moving forward, QIA will propose tangible benefits for Inuit that support economic development consistent with the objectives of an NMCA. QIA is seeking:

- Proposed Stewardship Programs – Uattijiit Inuit Steward and Harvester positions within each of the five communities in and around Tallurutiup Imanga would realize tangible, direct socio-economic benefits, including food security and addressing research while engaging youth and building Inuit capacity and autonomy.

- Proposed Infrastructure Support
  - a. Marine infrastructure investments in four of the five communities. The Government of Canada and QIA have commenced feasibility studies to advance this work.
  - b. Multi-use infrastructure that would sustain safe access to the land and sea in the context of rapid environmental changes and supporting operations of the Uattijiit Inuit Steward and Harvester programs. This would include mobile country food processing units to support food processing and economic activities related to harvesting.
  - c. The establishment of a Regional Training Centre to train Inuit within the Qikiqtani Region for employment across various sectors.

The final terms of the IIBA, including all of the QIA proposals outlined above, are still subject to negotiation between the Government of Canada and QIA, and the Government of Nunavut as required.