

Mapping Inuit Sea Ice Knowledge and Use (SIKU)



Igloolik Trip Report (May 14 – June 18, 2008)



Purpose of the trip:

- To be introduced to the community of Igloolik
- To continue the previous sea ice, trails, and environmental change work done by Gita Laidler and

Claudio Aporta

- Carry out interviews and mapping sessions with individuals from Igloolik
- To verify Inuktitut terminology and English translations for Noetix, in relation to the Floe Edge Service
- To develop Inuktitut descriptions for a bilingual sea ice dictionary
- To continue mapping and documenting local and regional sea ice features and knowledge

Activities during this trip:

- Worked with Theo Ikummaq on terminology and Inuktitut definitions
- Conducted 10 interviews with: Abraham Ulayuruluk, Theo Ikummaq, Jason Kunnuk, Moshi Kotierk, Elizabeth Peacock, Michelline Ammaq, Julia Amarualik, Lydia Qaumaq, Herve Paniak, Leah Otak
- Went on 3 sea ice trips with Theo Ikummaq as guide to document sea ice features
- Did a mapping workshop with Abraham Ulayuruluk, Nathan Qamaniq and Jaipiti Palluq to map trails between communities
- Had a small two day workshop on Inuktitut definitions with John Arnatsiaq and Theo Ikummaq



Next steps:

- Summer 2008: transcribe audio from interviews and digitize maps
- Fall 2008: analyze the transcripts and maps, compile the results, and begin to write reports and the draft of my dissertation on Inuit Perspectives on Climate Change

Thank you for welcoming me into your community and aiding me in my first field research experience. I especially want to thank Theo for being an integral part of the project, being my patient and knowledgeable guide, and working long and tedious hours with me. I must also thank his family for their acceptance, allowing me to join them on hunting trips and welcoming me into their home. I also want to thank all of people who participated in my interviews, workshops and sea ice trips. I am grateful for the time you took in sharing your experiences and perspectives with me. I am also very appreciative of William, Leah and John at the Oral History Project research center for allowing me to use their space and equipment, and providing a warm, welcoming work environment. Lastly, I want to thank the community of Igloolik for supporting and participating with this ongoing sea ice project. Igloolikmiut are an important part of the Inuit Sea Ice Use and Occupancy Project and the project could not thrive without the assistance of the community. I have learned so much from my short time in Igloolik and I hope I will be able to return to Igloolik to follow up on this work within a year or so.

Questions? Comments?

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