

Kinngait Trip Report (May 11 - 24, 2005)
Summary of Gita Laidler's Fourth Research Trip for "Ice, Through Inuit Eyes"

Purpose of the trip: to meet community members (elders, active hunters, and other local experts) and organizations to discuss research progress, and to revise interview transcripts and Inuktitut sea ice terminology.

Purpose of this report: to update the community members of Kinngait on: i) what I did during this last research trip; and, ii) my future research plans.

What I did during this last research trip →

- Revised unclear or inaudible parts of the interview transcripts with the help of Pootoogoo Elee
- Revised spellings and meanings of certain Inuktitut sea ice terms with the help of Pootoogoo Elee
- Began the process of putting sea ice terms into order based on their sequence of occurrence from freeze-up to break-up
 - With the help of Pootoogoo Elee translating I held a revision session for project participants to contribute to the revision process, and to ensure the accuracy of the work
 - Atsiaq Alasuaq, Ashevak Ezekiel, Adamie Nuna, and Oqutaq Mikigak all contributed to these discussions, and identified the need for more detailed revisions and more time to be dedicated to this process
- Dropped off audio and video tapes of individual interviews to the Community Learning Centre - these are available for community members to view or use
- Met with the Hunters and Trappers Association to update them on the project

Future research plans →

- **June, 2005** → apply for additional funding to support the full revision of sea ice terminology and the ordering of these terms into seasonal chronology
- **July - December, 2005** → finalize transcripts and digitized maps; begin detailed analysis of information collected.
- **Spring, 2006** → make final results available; undertake a reporting trip to Kinngait once results have been fully reviewed (with Pootoogoo Elee and my committee members).

Thank you for hosting me in your community, and for supporting this research project. I am very grateful to the Hamlet Office and the Community Learning Centre for allowing the use of their buildings for meeting space. I would also like to thank Kristiina and Timmun Alariaq for the hands-on learning opportunities provided by a 3-day land and sea ice trip.

I will provide another update on project funding status, and results progress, by September or October, 2005. Feel free to contact me any time with comments, questions, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Gita J. Laidler