



**MANDATE
PIKIALASORSUAQ COMMISSION**

Inuit have established the Pikialasorsuaq Commission to provide an informed Inuit vision and recommendations for the future of this region. Pikialasorsuaq, “the great upwelling,” is the largest polynya in the Northern Hemisphere and the most biologically productive region north of the Arctic Circle. Inuit use and occupation of Northeast Canada and Northwest Greenland is linked to Pikialasorsuaq and the abundance of marine life it supports. This region has been home to the northernmost human settlements in the world for millennia.

The Commission will conduct consultations with communities in Greenland and Nunavut most connected to Pikialasorsuaq. These consultations will be held in such a way as to facilitate participation from communities in the region and incorporate indigenous and local knowledge.

With the vision that Inuit will continue to use and occupy Pikialasorsuaq region in perpetuity, the Commission will complete a report of its findings and recommendations in a timely manner. The Commission may recommend further areas of study.