

APPENDIX 2. Series of questions used as guide for the semi-directive interviews held during the first phase of the research, from May to September 2005.

Interviewee Personal Data

1. Where were you born?
2. What year were you born?
3. Have you lived in this area for a long time?
4. Did you live somewhere else (and if so, for how long)?
5. Are you still going on the land for hunting and camping? If yes, how often and at what time of the year?
6. If no, when did you stop going on the land and for how many years did you go before you stopped?
7. Can you tell me in which area you spend the most time when you go out on the land (if applicable)? Which area do you know the most?

Snow Geese (Kanguq, Qavii, Kanguara)

Hunting

1. Do you harvest snow geese?
2. Can you show me where on the map (young adult compared to now)?
3. How frequently do you hunt geese? What time of the year?
4. Did you hunt geese more or less in the past?
5. Can you comment on the method you use to harvest geese?
6. Is the method similar or different than method use in the past?
7. I heard of people driving geese on the ice to kill them, have you heard of this method?
8. Have you heard of geese fences made of rocks?
9. What kind of geese are the best for hunting? Do they have young geese with them?
What I mean is there are groups with young ones and it seems there are groups without.

Eggs

1. Do you gather goose eggs?
2. Can you show me where on the map (young adult compared to now)?
3. How frequently do you gather eggs, and what time of the year?
4. Did you gather eggs more or less frequently in the past?

Migration

1. Can you show me on the map where you see geese arriving first in the spring?
2. When do you see geese leave the area?
3. What happens at that moment, do they leave all at the same time?
4. Can you show me their travel routes?
5. Do you remember times when migration was unusually early or late?

Nesting

1. Where have you seen geese nesting? Where are the large groups?
2. During your lifetime, have you seen geese nesting in the same areas or have they moved to other areas (young adult compared to now)?
3. Do you have knowledge about where your parents, grandparents and other elders used to see large geese nesting areas?
4. Do these areas have names?
5. I have heard of a place called Qaversisit. Have you heard of this place? Can you tell me about his place? Is it a nesting place for geese?

Moulting

1. When do the geese start to molt their feathers? Do they all molt at the same time?
2. Do you know where geese go to molt their feathers?
Those who have a nest and goslings
Those who do not have nests
3. During your lifetime, have you observed that geese (those that do not have young) always go to molt their feathers in the same place?
4. Do you have knowledge about where your parents, grandparents and other elders used to see geese molting?

Numbers

1. Have you noticed any similarities or change in the number of geese you see today compared to before (young adult compared to now) ?
2. Do you remember any exceptional years when you saw very many or very few geese?
What was special in that/those year(s) that could have affected the geese?

Goose Health

1. Have you noticed if geese are healthier, similarly healthy, or less healthy now than they were before (young adult compared to now)?
2. Do you remember anything that stands out that you have noticed concerning the health of geese?

Community use and values

1. Can you please comment on why are geese important to you, to your culture or to your children and grandchildren?
2. Do the people use geese now the same way that they use to long time ago?

Final comment about the geese

1. Do you have any other comment or old stories you would like to make regarding the geese?

Arctic and red foxes (Tiriganniaq, Qiangaqtuq, Kajuqtuq)

Hunting

1. Do you trap or hunt arctic and/or red Foxes?
2. If you still hunt or trap foxes on a regular basis, how frequently do you go out to trap/hunt them?
3. If you don't trap them now, have you trapped them in the past, and for how many years?
4. Can you show me on the map where you trap foxes (young adult compared to now)?
5. Are the areas different for the arctic and the red foxes?
6. Do you know of other places used by trappers to get foxes?
7. Did you go out to trap foxes more or less in the past?
8. What time of the year do you trap foxes (identify on calendar)?
9. Can you comment on the method you use to trap foxes?
10. Is the method similar or different than methods use in the past?
11. Which are the best foxes to trap?

Moulting

1. At what time of the year do you see the white fur appearing on the arctic Foxes?
2. At what time of the year does the fur of the arctic foxes start to turn completely white?

Red foxes

1. Have you always seen red foxes in the area? If not, when did you see them for the first time?
2. Did you ever hear your parents, grandparents or other elders talking about the first time they saw the red foxes? When did they see them for the first time?
3. What happened after the arrival of the red fox?
4. How did people react when they saw red foxes for the first time?
5. Have you ever seen arctic and red foxes at the same time? What were they doing?

Differences between arctic and red foxes

1. What are the major differences between red and arctic foxes? (behavior, food, intelligence, relation to humans)

Habitat used for Reproduction

1. Can you show me on the maps areas that are good for the Foxes to reproduce, to build a den? Why are these areas good?
2. Can you show me places where you have seen fox dens? Can you show me dens that are:
 - a. -old
 - b. -new (last ten years)
 - c. -are these dens occupied by arctic or red foxes?
3. Are some areas better for the red foxes than the arctic fox?
4. Do you know of dens that were abandoned, or arctic fox dens taken over by red foxes?

Feeding Habitat

1. Can you show me on the maps areas that are good for the Foxes to feed?
2. Are the good areas the same for the arctic and red foxes? Why?
3. During the winter, where do you most often see the arctic fox? Do you see them on the land or on the ice?
4. And what about the red fox?
5. When you see arctic foxes during the winter, what are they generally doing?
6. When you see arctic foxes eating a carcass, what type of animal is it usually (seals and what kind, walruses, whales)?
7. When arctic foxes are eating a carcass, do they eat the fat, the meat, or both?

Temporal and spatial trends in distribution and abundance

1. Do you know of any places where you used to see arctic and/or red foxes and where you do not find them anymore? Or where there are fewer foxes?
2. Is the number of foxes you see today similar or different compared to when you were younger?
3. Are there places where your parents, grandparents or other elders used to see many arctic and red foxes that are different than today? Can you show me these places on the maps?
4. What are the consequences of those differences?

Fox Health

1. Is the health of the foxes the same, or have you seen changes in their health from time to time? What are the signs that tell you that their health has changed?
2. Have you seen foxes that are particularly in bad health?

Threats and disturbance

1. Can you describe any threat to foxes that you know of?
2. Do you think foxes avoid places where you find humans?

Community use and Values

1. Can you please comment on why are foxes important to you, to your children and grandchildren?
2. Do the people use foxes now the same way that they used to long time ago?
3. What do you use Foxes for today?

Final comment about the foxes

1. Do you have any other comments you would like to make regarding the Foxes, any old stories or interesting thing?