

### The Community Tour is Coming!!

The Coastal Habitat Comprehensive Research Program will be traveling to each of the four participating coastal communities in early April. Presentations will be given regarding the results of the different research teams, as well as how they link together. It is a great opportunity to meet all the researchers together, to give feedback on the research and to learn about the plan for summer 2020.

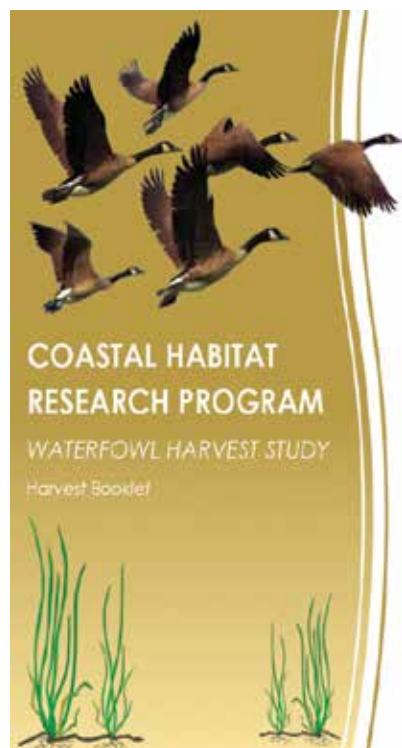
Also planned during the visits are community workshops with the researchers to exchange knowledge and to improve communication with different community-members.

Below is the schedule for the visits. Exact details and venues will be posted in each community. For more information, contact your Niskamoon Local Officer. Names are provided below.

We hope to see you all there!

Week 1	
<b>Waskaganish:</b> March 31-Evening Presentation April 1-Morning Workshop  Contact: Clarence Happyjack (Band Office)	<b>Eastmain:</b> April 1-Evening Presentation April 2-Morning Workshop  Contact: Norman Cheezo (Band Office)
Week 2	
<b>Wemindji:</b> April 6-Afternoon/Evening Presentation April 7-Morning Workshop  Contact: Geraldine Mark (Band Office)	<b>Chisasbi:</b> April 8-All Day Presentation April 9-Morning Workshop  Contact: Shirley Chiskamish (Niskamoon Office)

Postponed due to COVID-19



#### Keep bringing in your waterfowl harvesting booklets!

Your local CTA will still be accepting harvest booklets for the spring 2020 goose hunt. Additional copies are available at your local office.

#### Want to contribute to improving the goose hunt in Eeyou Istchee?

Bring in a photo of all the bird bands you have hunted over the years, this information helps us understand the migration. We just need the number, you can keep the band!

For more information on the Waterfowl study contact: **Jean-Francois Giroux**  
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### The Coastal Habitat Comprehensive Research Project lead educational activities in the Cree coastal communities.

Different researchers from the Coastal Habitat Comprehensive Research Project visited each of the four participating coastal communities this past fall, 2019, to conduct educational workshops with High School students in three of four communities and at the Cree cultural camp in Eastmain. The activity gave a chance to Cree youth to better understand the project, to learn about scientific research carried out in James Bay and to have fun in the process! Presentations were adapted to the different age groups involved.



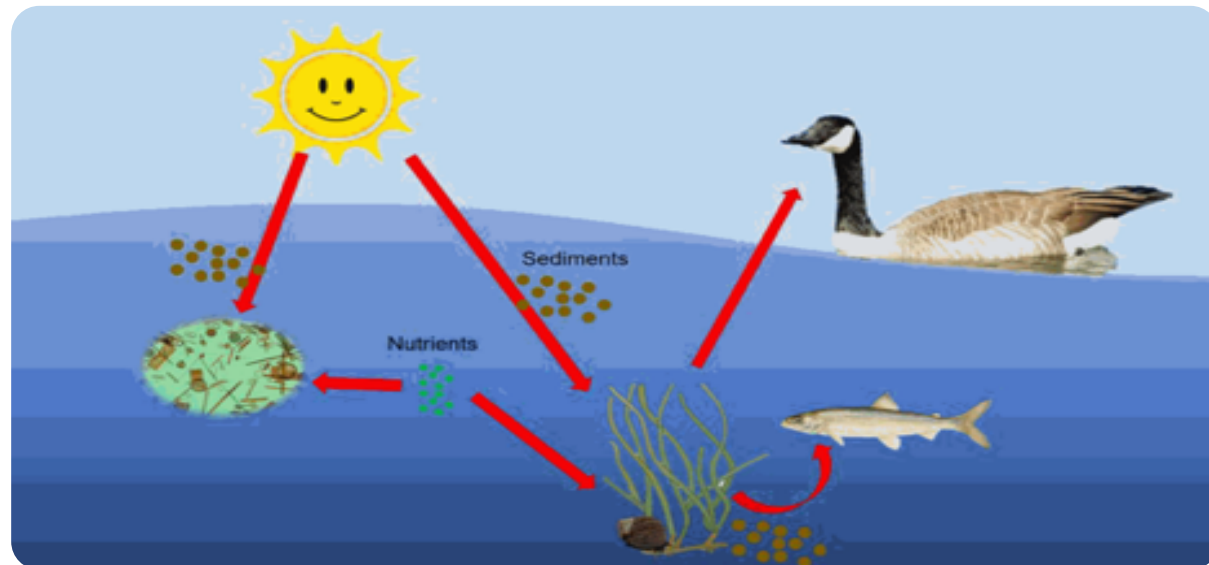
September 23-29, 2019	Chisasibi	James Bay Eeyou School Secondary 1 & 2: 5 groups Secondary 3: 2 groups Secondary 4: 1 group Secondary 5: 1 group
October 28-29, 2019	Wemindji	Maquatua Eeyou School Secondary 1: 1 group Secondary 2: 1 group Secondary 3: 1 group
October 31-November 1, 2019	Eastmain	Cree Cultural Camp
November 4 - 9, 2019	Waskaganish	Wiinibekuu School (English and French) Secondary 1: 3 groups Secondary 2: 3 groups Secondary 3: 2 groups Secondary 4: 2 groups Secondary 5: 2 groups



One of the games that was played during the workshops was the Coastal Ecosystem Puzzle, shown below. Groups of students were invited to identify the different parts of the ecosystem. The goal was to understand the different relationships that exist in nature and the importance of the ecosystem for a properly functioning environment.



The activity allowed for a better understanding of the different components in the research project and why they are all equally important to understand environmental changes along the coast.

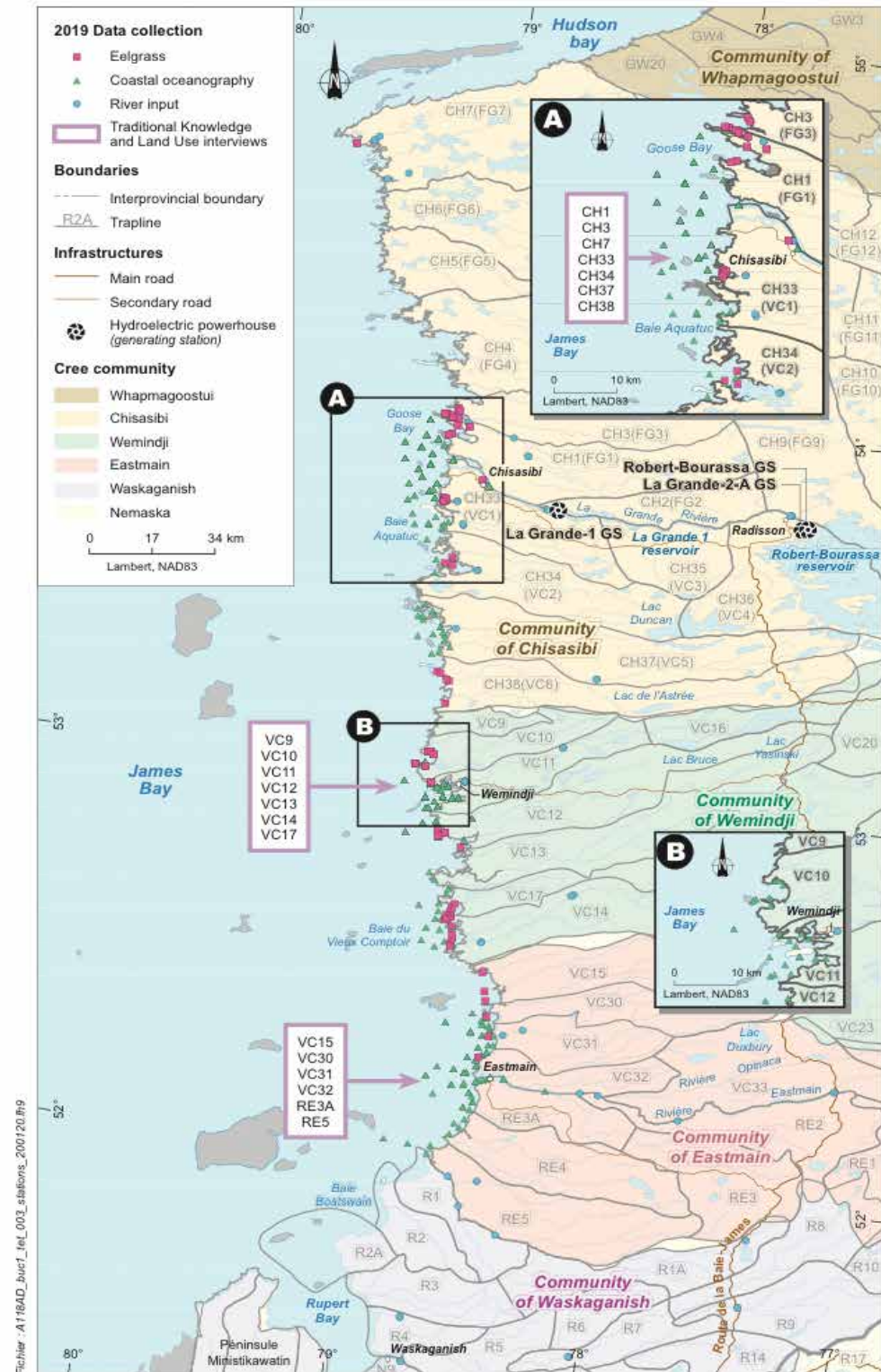


Simplified view of ecosystem puzzle

Workshops targeted for elders, land users and youth are currently being planned for the upcoming community tour, scheduled for March 30-April 8, 2020. Details on the schedule of the tour are presented on page 4 of the newsletter. All are welcome!

### Map of 2019 Sampling Effort

- The map below shows sites visited by the different research teams along the coast in 2019 (Year 3 of the project).
- 2020 will be the last year of sampling



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