

People of the Whales: Environmental Change & Cultural Resilience Among the Iñupiat of Arctic Alaska



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Iñupiat : “People of the Whales”

Bowhead Whale (*Aġvīq*)

Balaena mysticetus



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Cutting Trails

March-April

Whale Hunt

April-May/June

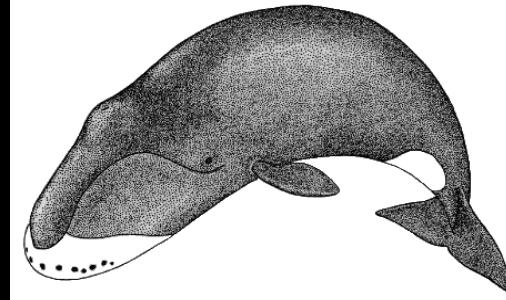
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January-February

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Iñupiat



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Fishing
Berry Harvest

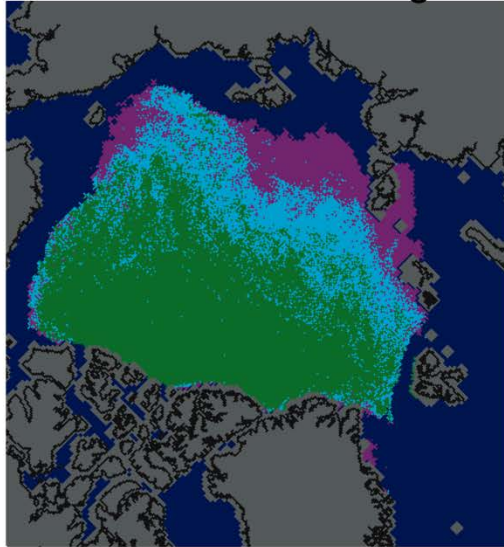
July-September

Nalukataq

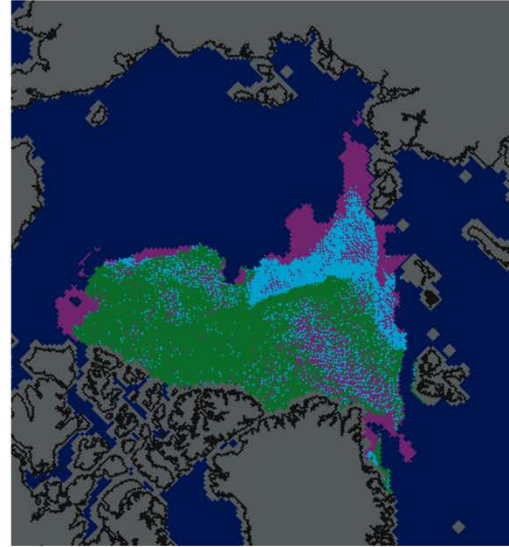
Late June (Summer Solstice)

Arctic sea ice age at the end of the melt season

1981 - 2000 average



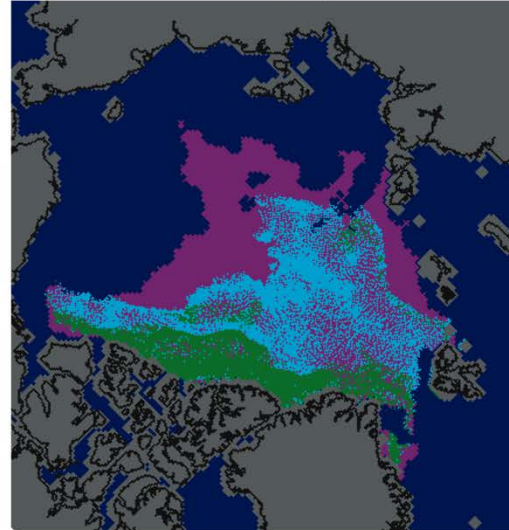
2007



2008



2009



■ First-year ice (<1 year old) ■ Second-year ice (1-2 years old) ■ Older ice (>2 years old) ■ Open water ■ Land

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Caroline
2008

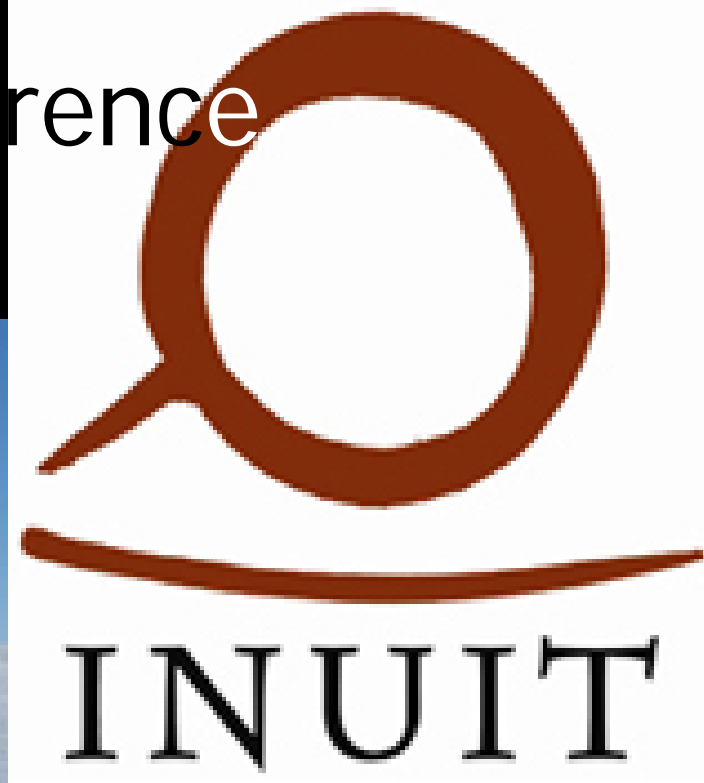








Inuit Circumpolar Conference Greenland, 2010



Record Low Arctic Sea Ice Extent for January 2012









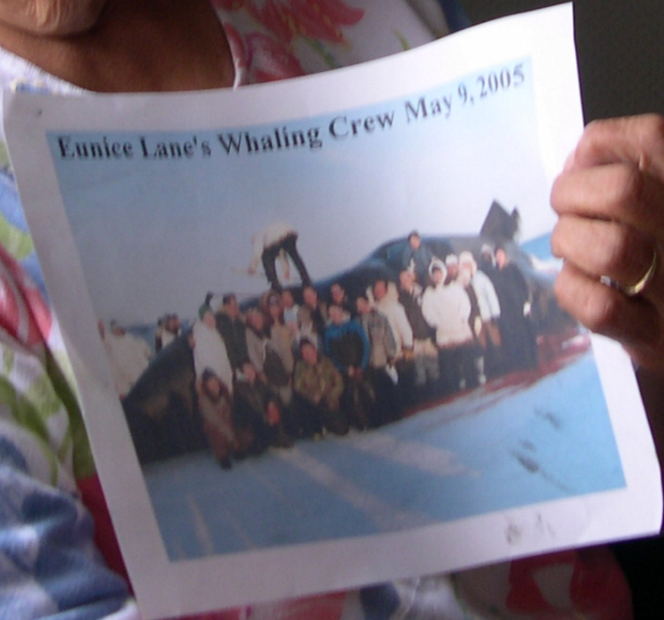








Eunice Lane's Whaling Crew May 9, 2005

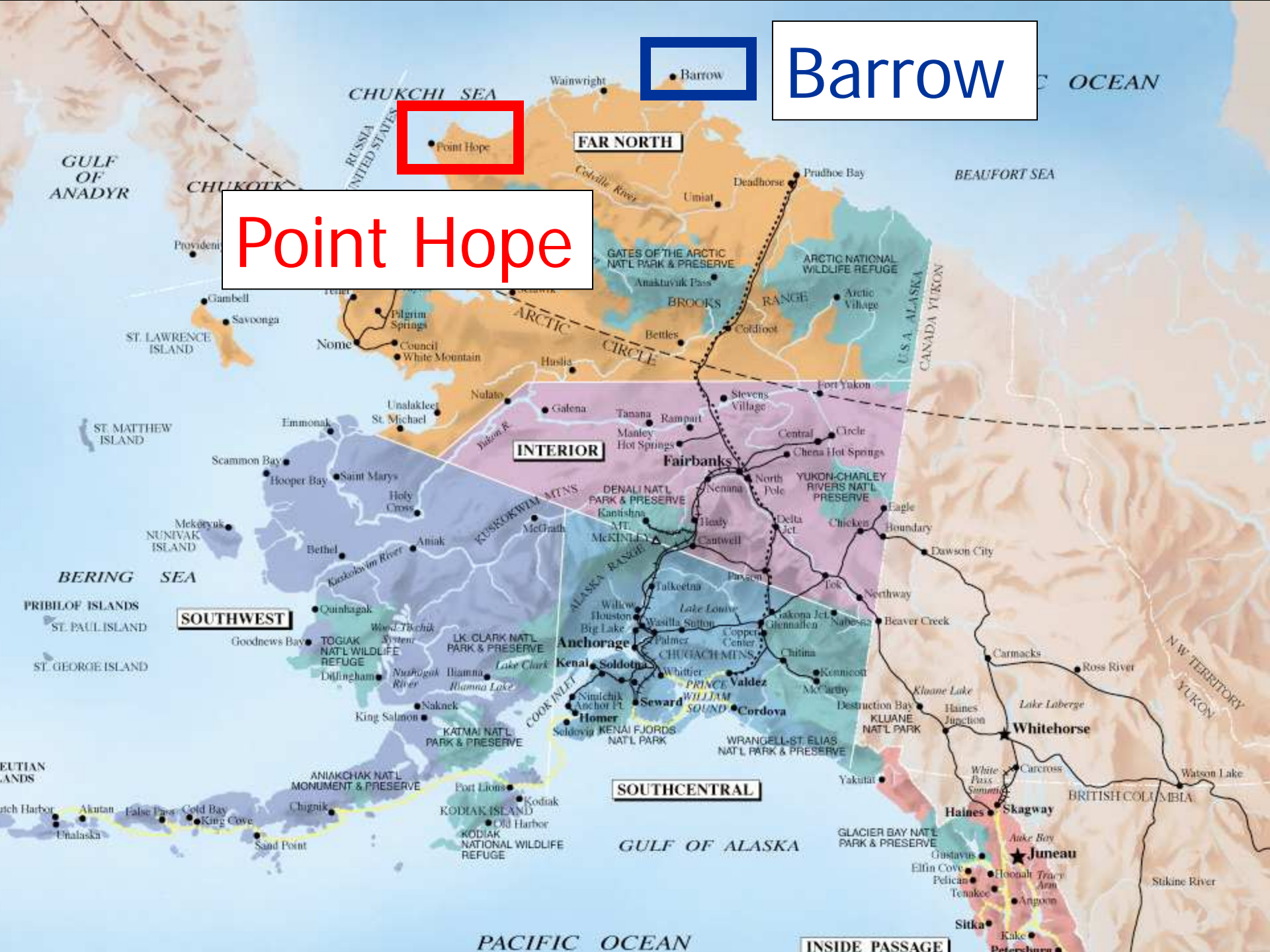






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Barrow, Alaska

71° 18'1"N, 156° 44'9"W



**Point Hope (Tikigaaq),
Alaska**

68° 20'49"N, 166° 45'47"W











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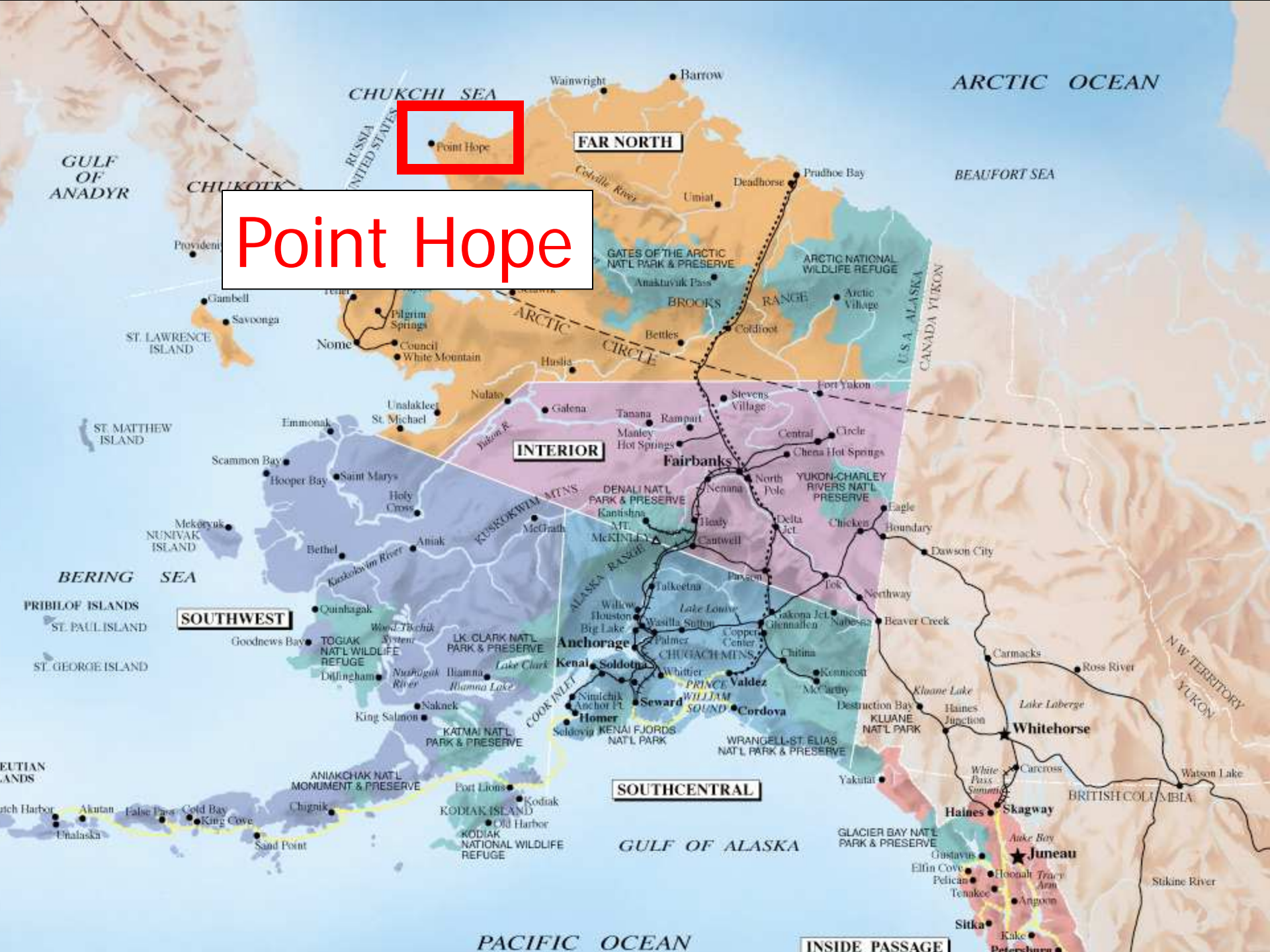












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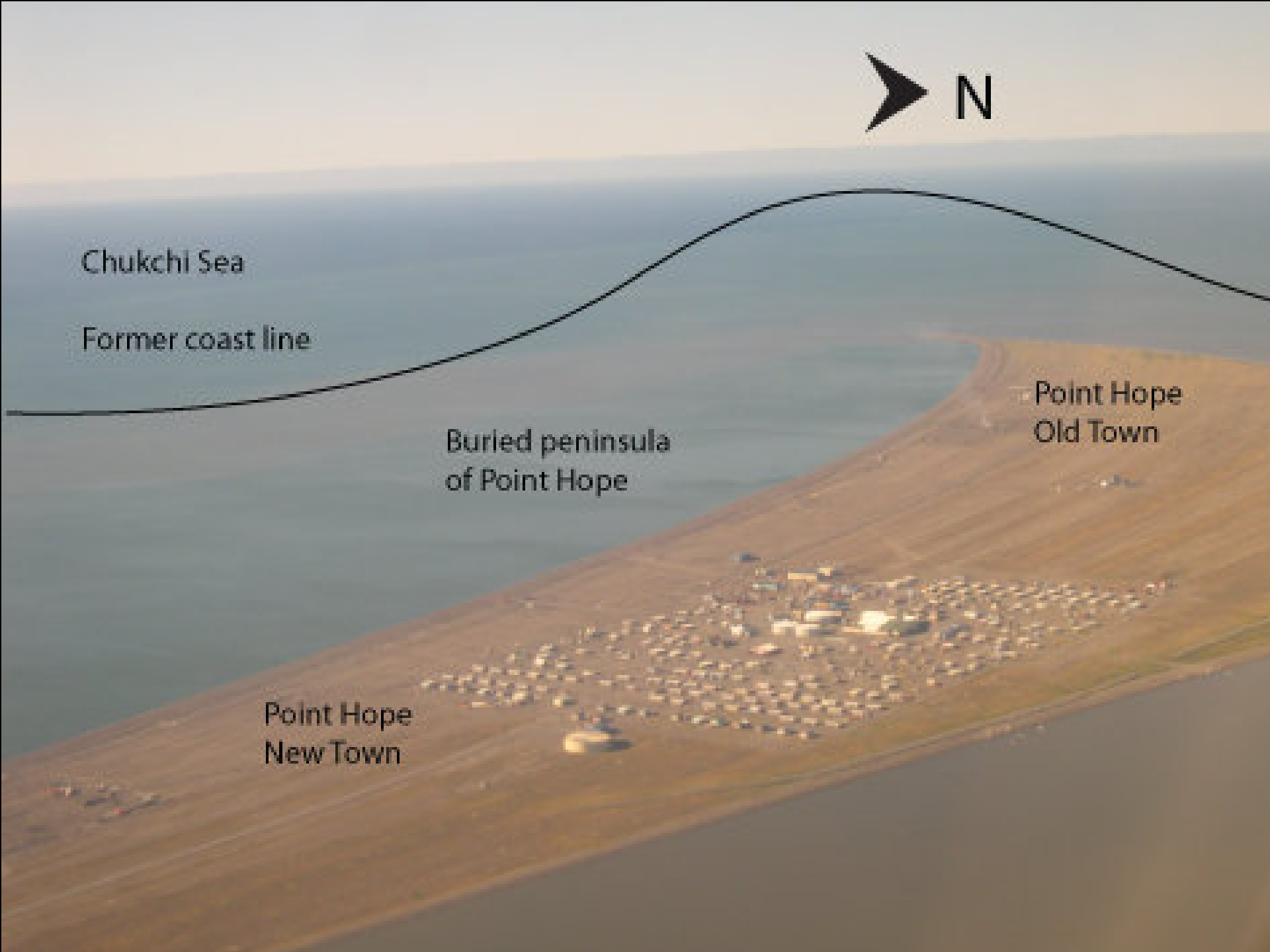
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Former coast line

Buried peninsula
of Point Hope

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Old Town

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Qalgi - Clan Ceremonial Ground



Sigluaq – Underground Ice Cellar





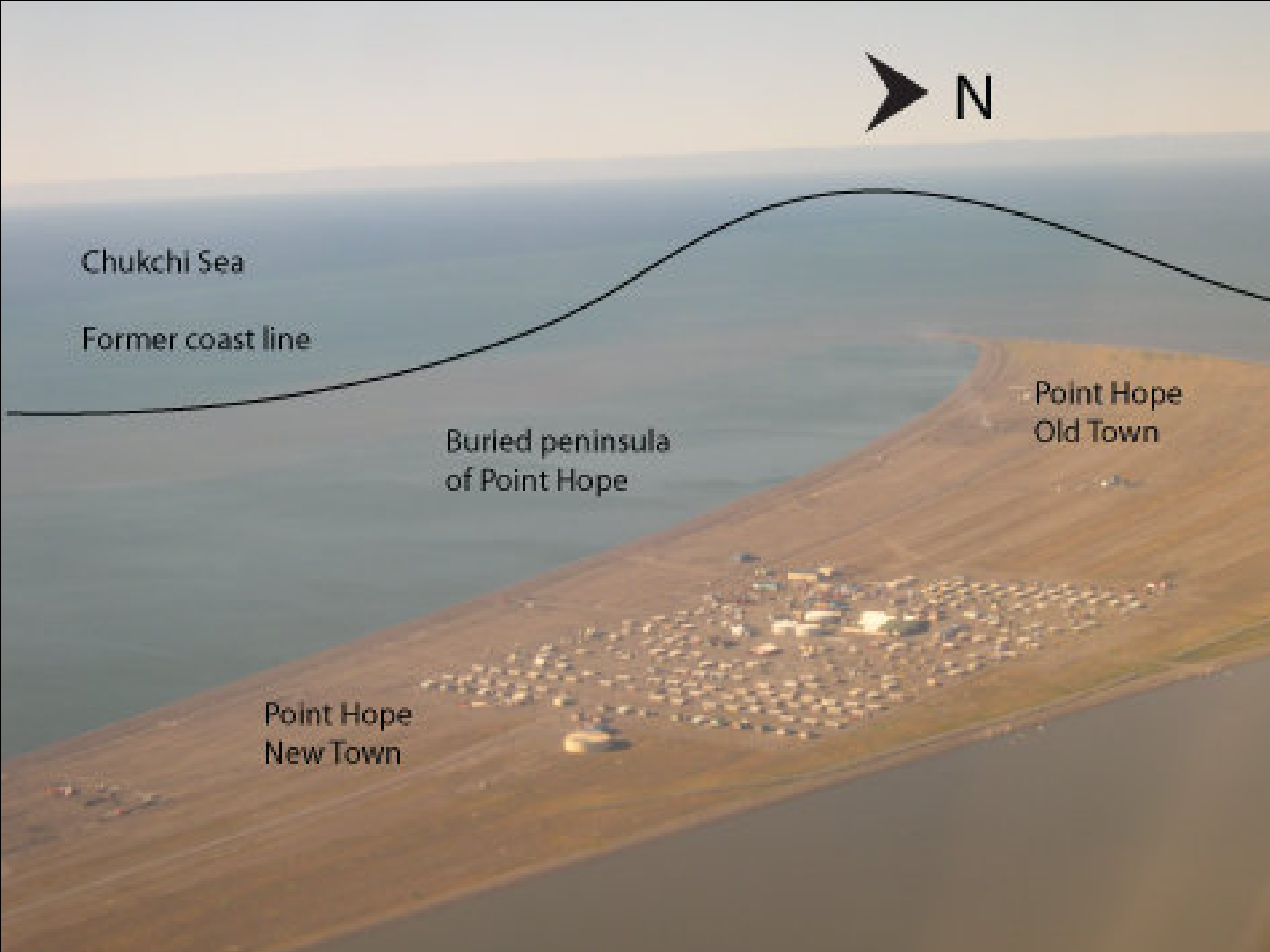
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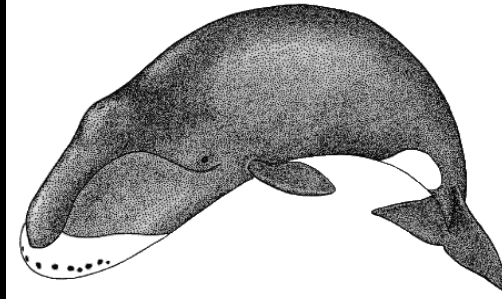
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Iñupiat Paisanich

Language • Whaling • Tradition



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