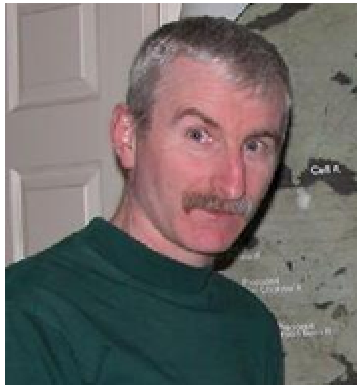


Biography: Tim Byers



Tim Byers has been involved in a diversity of environmental research work in the Canadian Arctic for 25 years, working on marine invertebrates, fish and seabirds in the Beaufort Sea, western Hudson Bay and eastern Nunavut. This work was done mostly as a consultant.

He has worked for several years with aboriginal people in the western arctic.

- documented Inuvialuit traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) regarding charr river systems and beluga whales;
- summarized historical aboriginal land use patterns in the Slave Geological Province from archival documents for the N.W.T. Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation; and
- technical reviews of various diamond mine environmental impact statements (EIS) for Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

Tim Byers was appointed to the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency by Akaitcho Treaty 8 (Yellowknives Dene and Lutsel K'e First Nations). He has served as a director on this board for 4 years. Agency mandate is to serve as an independent public watchdog of the regulatory process and the environmental protection performance of BHP- Billiton's EKATI diamond mine in the North West Territories. As well, we are tasked with acting as a catalyst for providing effective dialogue between aboriginal groups and the mine company in regards to environmental protection and monitoring at the mine.