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## Final Baffinland hearings wrap up in Nunavut

### Regulators are expected to make a decision on the mine in September

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For the last two weeks, regulators in Nunavut have been hearing all about the proposed iron ore mine at Mary River.

The final hearings into Baffinland's project wrapped up on the weekend. Now, it's a waiting game for a decision which could reshape the territory's economy and environment.

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Inuit filmmaker Zacharias Kunuk is in the middle of capturing the life and land of Nunavut on film.

"What I want to do is record the wildlife, the land, the beauty of the land," he said. "That's the project we're doing right now – to record it now, elders who are living now, and do it again in 10 years."



*Inuit filmmaker Zacharias Kunuk has hired a human rights lawyer to study the proposed project. He is also filming the land and people in the area to keep track of any changes caused by the mine if it goes ahead. (CBC)*

By then, the north Baffin region could look very different.

If the massive mine goes ahead, ore-carrying icebreakers will plow through Foxe Basin. Hundreds of people from the region will leave home to work at the mine site.

Besides documenting the environmental change, Kunuk has hired a human rights lawyer to study the project.

"Right now Baffinland is really nice to us, giving us a free ride to their sites. What about in five years, 10 years?," he said. "That's why we have to entrench human rights in all the policies."

The hearings wrapped up in Pond Inlet Saturday. The Nunavut Impact Review Board's decision is expected in September.