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*Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources
Annual Report*



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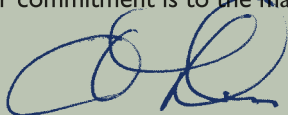
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Welcome to our 2005/2006 Annual Report. The last twelve months have been exhilarating at the Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources. Expansion, change, and evolution have joined together to make our organization stronger than ever. Our commitment to the environmental health of Unama'ki has grown to include the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative, the Pitu'paq partnership, Moose Management Initiative, Collaborative Salmon Initiative, Species at Risk, and a host of marine science, forestry, and other environmental projects.

With long-term core funding from Fisheries and Oceans Canada we have been able to establish a full-time staff to manage these initiatives. This gives us the ability to build our capacity, expand existing programs and get involved in other important projects with our partners in government departments and community groups. All the while we keep a unique Mi'kmaq perspective on things. Traditional Ecological Knowledge and its integration with science is playing an increasing role in all of our work.

The past year has seen a huge expansion of our communications activities. The launch of our informative website, regularly published newsletters, brochures, fact sheets, posters, and public events have combined to really put UINR's face out in the community. The media has begun to look to UINR whenever an important environmental issue arises.

Our contribution to the understanding and protection of the environment of Unama'ki will continue as we develop new partnerships and watch our current initiatives grow. Our commitment is to the many future generations of Unama'ki people.



Charlie Dennis, *Executive Director*

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project and partnership development



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The number of new projects and partnerships at UINR that have formed and grown over the past year is staggering. New initiatives in salmon, moose management, science, education, and traditional knowledge have combined to make UINR a busy place to be!

Signed Memorandums of Understanding with Cape Breton University, Stora Enso, and DFO have started to show their potentials with new projects underway and in the works.

Our Moose Management Initiative is a great example of a project that has the support of a wealth of groups, government departments and individuals, all working together to develop a management plan for Cape Breton moose. A similar initiative is underway to protect salmon in Unama'ki rivers and streams.

The Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative is a true testament to UINR's ability to bring people together. First Nations chiefs, municipalities, all levels and relevant departments of provincial and federal governments, community groups, and elders have joined together to begin to develop a comprehensive management plan for our Lakes. It is a complex process involving science, technology, education, and of course, politics.

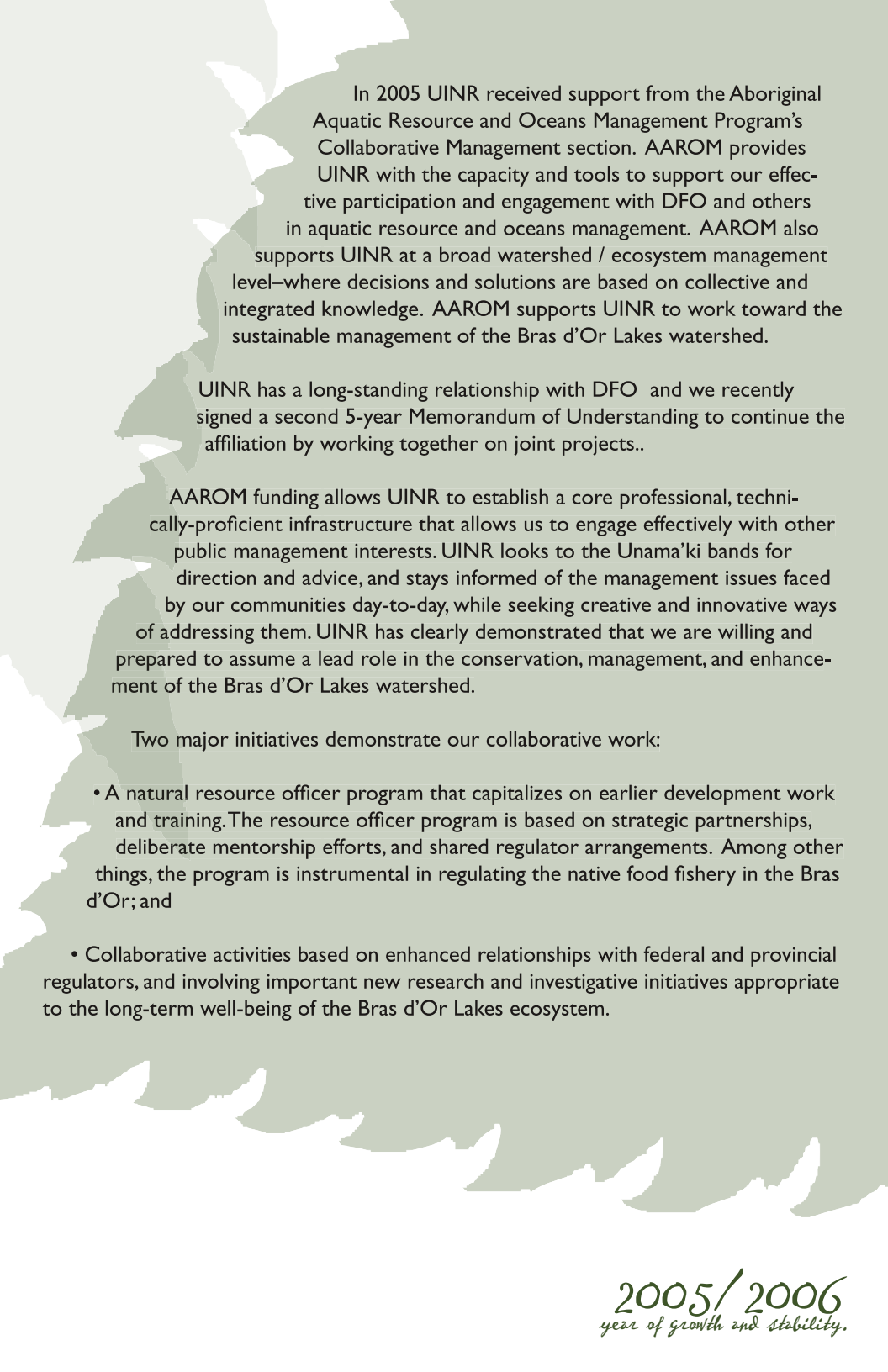
With AAROM, UINR unites Natural Resource Officers under one coordinator, while maintaining the autonomy of individual communities. Communications protocols, regulatory procedures, and development of command and control structure are key elements of UINR's NRO program. Training, curriculum, and methods are being enhanced and extensive discussions have been held with NRO officers, Chiefs, and councils of the five communities.

Our partnership building strengths are well-illustrated through our involvement with Pitu'paq. This organization brings together a diverse group of First Nations, municipal, provincial and federal partners with a common goal in making the Bras d'Or watershed a cleaner place.

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core funding for 5 year plan





In 2005 UINR received support from the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management Program's Collaborative Management section. AAROM provides UINR with the capacity and tools to support our effective participation and engagement with DFO and others in aquatic resource and oceans management. AAROM also supports UINR at a broad watershed / ecosystem management level—where decisions and solutions are based on collective and integrated knowledge. AAROM supports UINR to work toward the sustainable management of the Bras d'Or Lakes watershed.

UINR has a long-standing relationship with DFO and we recently signed a second 5-year Memorandum of Understanding to continue the affiliation by working together on joint projects..

AAROM funding allows UINR to establish a core professional, technically-proficient infrastructure that allows us to engage effectively with other public management interests. UINR looks to the Unama'ki bands for direction and advice, and stays informed of the management issues faced by our communities day-to-day, while seeking creative and innovative ways of addressing them. UINR has clearly demonstrated that we are willing and prepared to assume a lead role in the conservation, management, and enhancement of the Bras d'Or Lakes watershed.


Two major initiatives demonstrate our collaborative work:

- A natural resource officer program that capitalizes on earlier development work and training. The resource officer program is based on strategic partnerships, deliberate mentorship efforts, and shared regulator arrangements. Among other things, the program is instrumental in regulating the native food fishery in the Bras d'Or; and
- Collaborative activities based on enhanced relationships with federal and provincial regulators, and involving important new research and investigative initiatives appropriate to the long-term well-being of the Bras d'Or Lakes ecosystem.

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communications





At UINR we know that communication is key In an office as busy as ours. It's hard to keep track of the many different people, projects, and partners we deal with every day. That's why, over the past year we have established some communications protocols that make it easier to keep each other informed.

We strengthened and unified the "look" of UINR from business cards to PowerPoint presentations. Posters, brochures, fact sheets, and other printed materials all bear the unique UINR brand.

Four times a year we publish The Marten, an informative, easy-to-read newsletter that helps keep each other, our partners, and the community informed. The Marten has been a popular and educational publication that has received praise for both its content and look. It is widely distributed to groups and libraries, and is a popular download from our website.

This year we launched our website at www.uinr.ca. The website is a great repository of information about UINR. We also use it to announce scholarship and job opportunities. We add to the website regularly and we are committed to continued support and development of the site.

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funding partners





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Canada



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Canada



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Canada



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Canada



Natural Resources
Canada



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Kwilmuk Maw-klusuaqn

Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative

Our Rights. Our Future.



Centre for Indigenous
Environmental Resources



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2005/2006 fiscal year.**

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Financial statements

Balance Sheet

March 31

2006

2005

Assets

Current

Cash	\$ 72,669	\$ 336,821
Receivables	548,512	317,314
Prepays		2,000
	<u>621,181</u>	<u>656,135</u>

Property and equipment (Note 3) 43,522

47,629

\$ 664,703

\$ 703,764

Liabilities

Current

Payables and accruals	\$ 309,986	\$ 467,034
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Equity

Surplus	<u>354,717</u>	<u>236,730</u>
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\$ 664,703

\$ 703,764

On behalf of the Board



Director



Director

Statements of Operations and Surplus

Year ended March 31

2006

2005

Revenues

Cape Breton University	\$ 81,665	\$ 23,849
Government contributions	807,427	696,983
Forestry	830,267	481,750
Mining royalties	84,302	105,600
Miscellaneous	<u>34,309</u>	<u>23,590</u>

1,837,970

1,331,772

Expenses (Schedule of Expenses) **1,719,983**

1,246,549

Excess of revenue over expenses **\$ 117,987**

\$ 85,223

Surplus, beginning of year **\$ 236,730**

\$ 151,507

Excess of revenue over expenses **117,987**

85,223

Surplus, end of year **\$ 354,717**

\$ 236,730

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