

Igloolik
Population: 922
Igloolik Island

Located on an island in the northern end of Foxe Basin, Igloolik has been the site of human habitation for nearly 4000 years. Here the Denbigh, Dorset and Thule cultures preceded today's Inuit. William Perry of the Royal Navy wintered in Igloolik in 1822, writing about the life of the community at that time. In 1939, the Hudson Bay Company set up a supply post that encouraged many of the region's hunters to leave their remote camps and reside nearby. Further growth was spurred by construction of the Distant Early Warning radar station (DEW-line) at Hall Beach in the mid-1950's. A school and government facility were built soon after. Today, the community is home to the Eastern Arctic Research Laboratory. Local outfitters are also available for fishing and naturalist trips.