

ICC: Reports overstated contamination

Reports of severe problems with toxic contaminants in the Arctic have been overstated, according to the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, and changes in diet for indigenous people in the Canadian North are not needed at this time.

John Amagoalik, president of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, and Mary Simon, ICC president, made the announcement after a recent briefing in Ottawa on a meeting of scientists to discuss Arctic contaminants.

"It is very clear that previous statements made by various researchers which proposed serious contamination of the Inuit food supply are not supported by the research findings currently available," Amagoalik said.

Simon, however, said the ICC will continue to press for removal of PCB laden wastes and reduction of other contaminants in the Arctic.