

**PEEL WATERSHED GATHERING
COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT**

February 18, 2007

**We the Tetlit Gwich'in, Nacho N'yak Dun, Tr'ondek Hwech'in, from the
communities around the Peel Watershed value the Watershed ~**

As a source of clean, life giving water for our people and all living things;

As a source of our spirituality, culture, and identity

where our youth can learn who they are.

Our people have traveled, trapped, and harvested throughout the Watershed.

We have raised up our children and buried our people in the Watershed.

WE ARE STEWARDS OF THIS LAND OF PLENTY AND PRISTINE BEAUTY

To be stewards is to have a long term vision for the future of the Watershed.

**We reaffirm the Vancouver Agreement of 1990 where the Tetlit Gwich'in Council,
the Nacho N'yak Dun First Nation, the Vuntut Gwitchin Council, and the Tr'ondek**

**Hwechin First Nation directed that the Peel River Watershed be protected in
perpetuity from all damage to harvesting, wildlife, and fish habitat, and the quantity
and quality of water flow.**

When we and others use the Watershed, we want to be sure:

The clean water keeps flowing;

The fish and wildlife remain healthy;

**The future generations can walk where their ancestors have walked and live as they
have lived;**

The youth can learn who they are from the land;

We can make a living from the Watershed.

**When we work for this future vision, we walk in the footsteps of our ancestors and
our Elders are before us.**

“WE MUST DO IT, ALL OF US TOGETHER.”