



An update on the GNWT's Regional Land Use Planning Strategy

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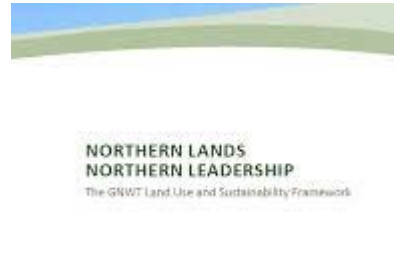
Presentation Overview

- The NWT framework for regional planning
- Status of planning in the NWT
- GNWT efforts to strengthen regional planning & advance planning in unplanned areas
- Reflections



Framework for planning in NWT

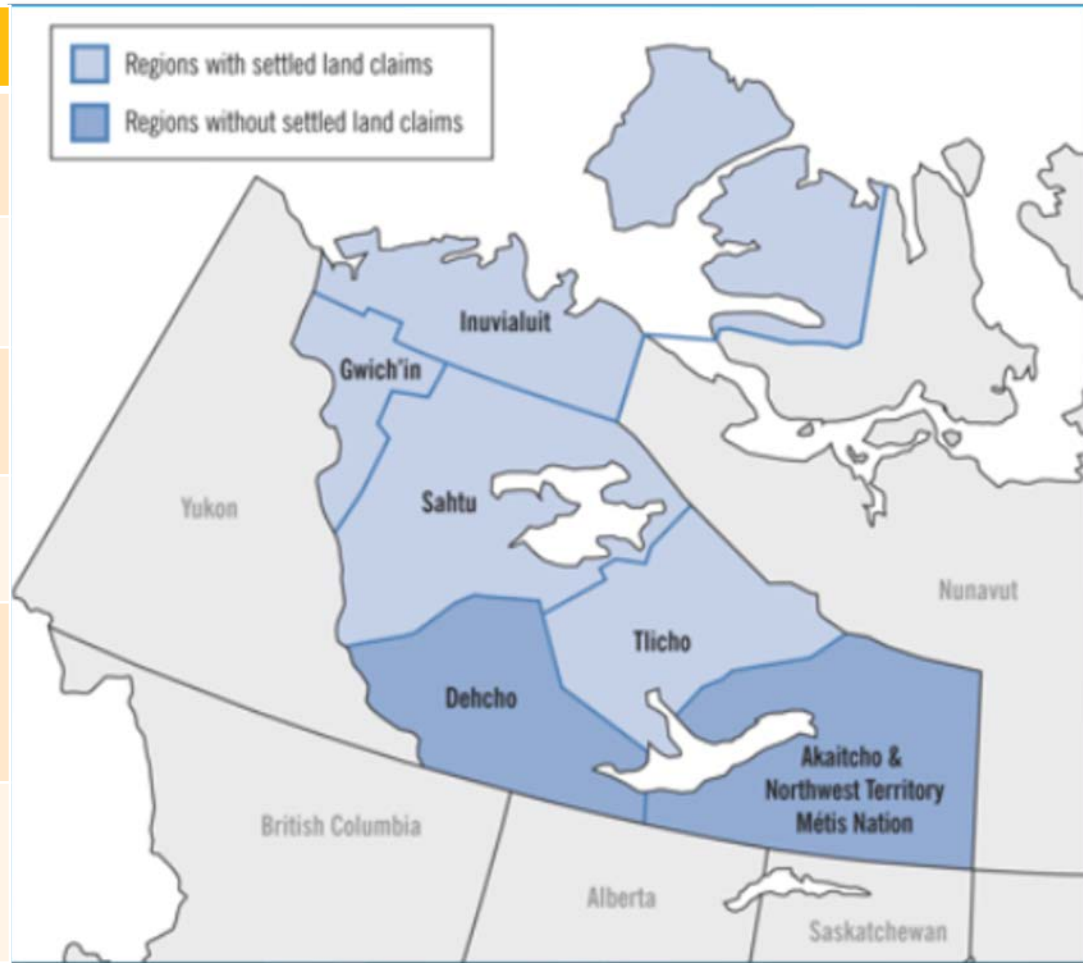
- “Basis of Agreement” for Northern Land Use Planning (1984)
- Lands Resources and Self-government Agreements (Sahtu, Gwich'in, Tłıchǫ)
- Federal *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*
- Northern Lands Northern Leadership – GNWT Land Use and Sustainability Framework (2014)
- Regional Land Use Planning: Guidelines on what to expect from the GNWT (2016)





State of Regional Planning

Region	Status
Inuvialuit	Completed. Community advisory plans + RSEA
Gwich'in	Complete. Unable to complete 5 year review.
<i>Sahtu</i>	Complete. Plan due for 5 year review in 2018.
Tłıchǫ	Plan for Tłıchǫ Lands complete. Plan for public lands incomplete
<i>Dehcho</i>	Draft plan proceeding in tandem with land claim negotiation since 2006
<i>SE NWT</i>	Incomplete. Potential to be completed in tandem with land claim negotiations





Approach to advancing planning in the NWT



Current Planning Context

Areas in the NWT without completed land use plans include overlapping traditional lands of several Indigenous groups within and outside of the NWT.

There is a move towards co-governance between public and Indigenous Governments in the NWT

Canada seems willing to invest in the work being done in the NWT to advance direct government to government approaches to land use planning.

Indigenous groups are seeking support from Government for their own pre-planning work, and to build overall capacity for participating in land and resource management.

The policy framework to guide future land use planning will need to be developed and agreed upon in partnership.

Existing land use plans need renewal, and the planning boards are struggling.



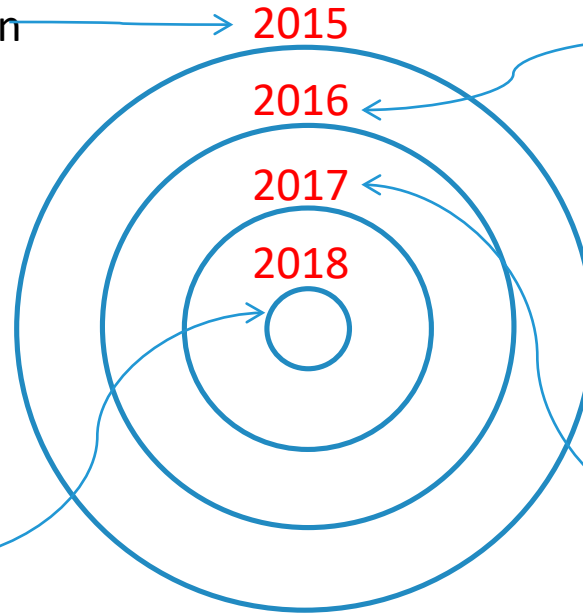


Our approach

Forum #1: Engagement on LUP Needs for the NWT & discussion about LUPPF

- ❑ Discussion Paper: “Towards an NWT LUP Strategic Framework”
- ❑ Scoping Study: A Wek'èezhii LUP Process

Forum #4: Engagement on Draft LUP Strategy



Forum #2: Engagement on Development of a GNWT LUP Strategy

- ❑ Options Paper: Land Use Planning Mechanism for Wek'èezhii
- ❑ Options Paper: Advancing LUP in the SE NWT

Forum #3: Engagement on advancing LUP in SE NWT





The current conversation in the NWT

There is a real interest in undertaking future **planning on a G3 basis** between the NWT, Indigenous Governments and Canada. What is needed to guide the planning process?

We need to build **better business cases for federal funding** in partnership with our planning partners.

How can we support planning boards to complete the **review of existing land use plans**.



What can we learn from the **successes of the Inuvialuit region** in planning for areas of overlapping traditional lands, and the use of strategic EA?

How can we support **Indigenous Government led pre-planning work**, and **community dialogue** in overlapping traditional areas as part of a regional planning processes?

Can we do a better job at coordinating **sector planning; and, contribution funding** to address the capacity needs of Indigenous Governments?





Reflections

- Build a shared vision through dialogue
- Strengthen relationships and build partnerships
- Pull all the levers
- Keep your eye on the big picture and adapt to regional differences



Questions and comments

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