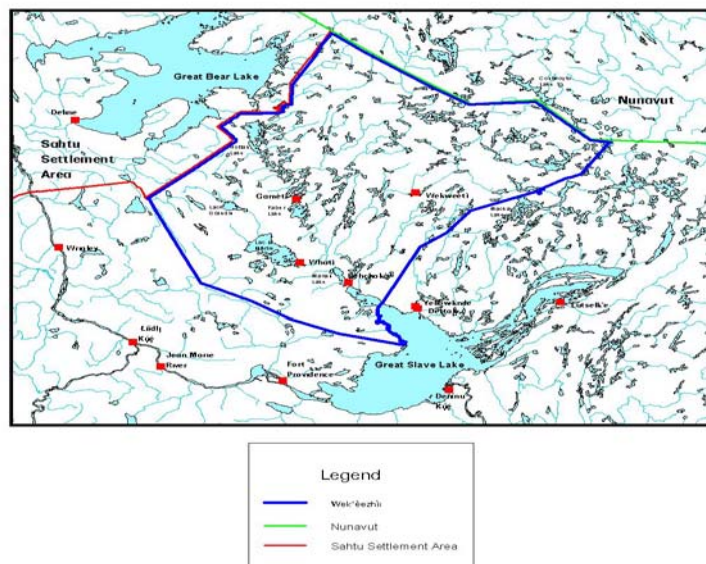


Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board Announcement - Appointment of Board and Commencement of Operations

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board is pleased to announce that it has begun operations. On February 4th, 2006, the Board will become a decision making body, with responsibilities for land-use permitting and water licensing in Wek'èezhìi. (See attached map)

Wek'èezhìi



The Board's authority comes from the Tłı̨chǫ Land Claim and Self-Government Agreement and recent amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. The Board has been established as part of the implementation of the Tłı̨chǫ Agreement, which took effect on August 4th, 2005.

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board is a unique co-management body, with appointees from the Government of Canada, the GNWT and the Tłı̨chǫ Government. It currently consists of four appointed members:

Violet Camsell- Blondin - Federal Appointee and Interim Chair
Joyce Rabesca – Federal Appointee (nominated by GNWT)

Alfonz Nitsiza – Tłchq Government appointee
Joseph Judas – Tłchq Government appointee.

The main office of the Board is located in Wekweètì. Staff of the board are currently working with staff at the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board Office in Yellowknife to ensure a smooth and efficient transfer of jurisdiction.

During this interim period all inquiries, applications and other communications relating to your permit or license should be directed to the staff of the MVLWB. All correspondence relating to your permit or license should continue to be forwarded to the offices of the MVLWB.

The board intends to respect, subject to any limitations of law and procedure, the work carried out to date by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board on active applications.

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