



# Doing Research in the Northwest Territories:

A Guide for Researchers

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## 1. About this Guide

This edition of *Doing Research in the Northwest Territories: A Guide for Researchers* was updated by the Aurora Research Institute (**ARI**). The *Guide* focuses on research that legally requires a Scientific Research Licence, issued by ARI, as well as contact information related to this licensing process.

This publication, also serves as an introductory manual for all other types of research permits in the Northwest Territories.

Note that although care is taken to have current information in the *Guide*, procedures and contact information can change without notice. Please contact the Manager of Scientific Services at ARI for up-to-date information regarding Scientific Research Licensing, or other organizations regarding updates to their respective contact information.

### ***About ARI***

The Science Institute of the Northwest Territories (SINT) was created by the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly in 1984, the federal government transferred ownership of their Research Laboratories that were established in 1964 to SINT. In 1995, SINT was divided, and merged with Arctic College in what would later become Nunavut (1999) and Aurora College in the NWT. Licensing in the Northwest Territories under the NWT Scientists Act is handled by ARI's Head Office in Inuvik. Licensing in Nunavut under the Nunavut Scientists Act is handled through the Nunavut Research Institute in Iqaluit (refer to Figure 1 for boundary delineation).

ARI's mandate is to improve the quality of life for NWT residents by applying scientific, technological and indigenous knowledge to solve northern problems and advance social and economic goals. As such, ARI is responsible for:

- licensing and coordinating research in accordance with the NWT Scientists Act;
- promoting communication between researchers and the people of the communities in which they work;
- promoting public awareness of the importance of science, technology and indigenous knowledge;
- fostering a scientific community within the NWT which recognizes and uses the traditional knowledge of northern aboriginal peoples;
- making scientific and traditional knowledge available to people of the NWT; and
- supporting or conducting research which contributes to the social, cultural and economic prosperity of the people of the NWT.

## **2. Obtaining Research Licences and Permits**

All research in the NWT must be licensed. This includes work in the physical, social, health and biological sciences, as well as in traditional knowledge, and applies for all researchers – including government agencies and NWT organizations. Through the licensing review process, information about your work is shared with northern residents.

You are advised to submit your licensing and related application(s) at least 3 months prior to the planned start date of fieldwork as this ensures adequate time for review and feedback by NWT community organizations and for you to address any questions or concerns raised during the review process.

Research licensing in the NWT involves authorities at local, territorial and federal levels. The number and type of permits that you have to apply for vary depending on the scope, methods and location of your research. The intent of the research regulatory processes in the NWT is to help mitigate the potential risk of harm to the natural, social and cultural environments of the NWT. Many of these processes include provisions to ensure that local communities are well informed of upcoming research projects, and that the best practices are followed to ensure effective knowledge translation. While some of the regulatory bodies focus on technical reviews and/or environmental assessments, others work with local representatives to address concerns and ensure communication between researchers and community parties.

What differentiates the ARI's research licensing process for the NWT from those in most parts of the Canadian provinces is the inclusion of the opportunity for feedback by community organizations. Communicating with communities is a vital part of the research licensing procedure. A research licence will not be issued if appropriate communication with the community has not taken place. The level of involvement with community organizations will depend on the size, type, scope, location and potential impact of the study.

## **A. Authorizing Research with the GNWT**

For NWT research, you will require at least one of the three licences below, issued at the territorial level. This publication gives you an introduction to the Archaeologists Permit and Wildlife Research Permit. The Scientific Research Licence, the focus of this guide, is described in detail.

Depending on the scope, methods and location of your research, you will need other territorial and federal permits, aboriginal private land access authorization, land use permits and water licences. Check the other sections in this guide for more information.

Ensure that your research location is only within the NWT (see Figure 1). If your research is to take place in more than one Territory, you will have to apply for licences in all territories you will work in.

### **Wildlife Research Permit**

Research studies on any vertebrates (including migratory birds and species at risk, but excluding fish and marine mammals), terrestrial invertebrates or wildlife habitats anywhere in the NWT require a Wildlife Research Permit under the NWT Wildlife Act.

Permits are issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) – Wildlife Division regional offices for studies conducted only in one region, or by the Yellowknife ENR office for studies occurring in multiple NWT regions.

If your study involves handling animals, you must also submit an Application to Handle Wildlife to the Chair of the NWT Wildlife Care Committee (NWT-WCC).

Information and contacts for the application processes are available online at the Environment and Natural Resources Department website: [enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/permits-research-observe-and-handle-wildlife-nwt](http://enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/permits-research-observe-and-handle-wildlife-nwt);

For more information:

Information Coordinator  
Wildlife Division  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
Email: [wildliferesearch\\_permit@gov.nt.ca](mailto:wildliferesearch_permit@gov.nt.ca)  
Phone: (867) 767-9237 Ext. 53219

## Archaeologists Permit

Research in archaeology requires a NWT Archaeologists Permit under the NWT Archaeological Sites Regulations. Applications for a permit are submitted to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre (PWNHC) in Yellowknife. Information about the Archaeologists Permit and applications can be obtained at the PWNHC's website at [pwnhc.ca](http://pwnhc.ca).

For more information:

Territorial Archaeologist  
Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre  
Department of Education, Culture and Employment  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
P.O. Box 1320  
4750 48th Street  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 2L9  
Phone: (867) 873-7688  
E-mail: [archaeology@gov.nt.ca](mailto:archaeology@gov.nt.ca)  
URL: [pwnhc.ca](http://pwnhc.ca)

## Scientific Research Licence

Research in the NWT that does not fall under Wildlife or Archaeological legislation requires a Scientific Research Licence under the NWT Scientists Act. This licence is obtained through the Head Office of ARI in Inuvik. You can only apply for a Scientific Research Licence via ARI's online system, **Portal to Online Licence Applications for Research (POLAR, since 2005)**.

To apply for a Scientific Research Licence, complete and submit your online application by logging in to POLAR at: [polar.nwtresearch.com](http://polar.nwtresearch.com).

ARI encourages early and effective communication with community organizations, we suggest that you begin before submitting your research application. Communicating with communities is a vital part of the research licensing procedure. A research licence will not be issued if appropriate communication with the community has not taken place. The level of involvement with community organizations will depend on the scope, methods and location of your research and potential impact of the study.

You are advised to submit your licensing and related application(s) at least 3 months prior to the planned start date of fieldwork as this ensures adequate time for review and feedback by NWT community organizations and for you to address any questions or concerns raised during the review process.

### About POLAR:

This application system, established since 2005, allows you to register for an account, input information to make up your application and make changes before submitting it. Applications can take up to 90 days to process depending upon the scope, methods and location of your research. This timeframe ensures adequate time for review by NWT community organizations. It is best to apply early and begin communicating with NWT organizations about your research.

**Online Application Process:**

Once you have created an account in the system, you will be prompted on how to complete your application. Help prompts throughout the application form give you additional information on how to complete each text box.

If you already have an electronic copy of your project description, or documents that you will be using to construct your application, it is easy to copy and paste the relevant pieces into the online form. We recommend that you use a word processor to write your application, and then paste it in to the online form.

You can also include attachments such as maps, ethics review approvals, community consultation records, or other supporting documents. Keep the text sections as relatively brief summaries (but clearly explain your work) and write all sections in plain-language. You can add more detailed or technical information as attachments – this keeps the application streamlined for easier review by the NWT organizations. For more on plain language writing, our website offers an introductory guide on the topic, accessible at:

[nwtresearch.com/licensing/communicating-research/plain-language](http://nwtresearch.com/licensing/communicating-research/plain-language).

Once submitted, the Manager, Scientific Services reviews the application for clarity and completeness. If edits or resubmission is advised, the application will be returned to you for further editing if more information is required or advised. It will go back into draft mode in the system and you will be notified of the recommendations. Applications are usually reviewed and distributed to the community organizations within a week of the submission date, but this may take longer during busy times of the year.

If your project involves residents of the NWT as subjects or informants (including traditional knowledge interviews), a copy of your ethics review approval by an accredited Research Ethics Board is required before the research licence is issued. ARI upholds the standards set out by the Panel on Research Ethics in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans as a condition of any Scientific Research Licence involving human subjects. The research application process can run concurrently with your ethics review process, i.e. you don't need to have your ethics approval in order to begin a research licence application.

If your research does not directly involve NWT residents, it may still have a significant impact on the communities or their interests, including negative environmental impacts. For example, you may be planning to stay in or travel through an area of cultural, environmental or economic significance to the community, to conduct activities potentially impacting sensitive natural environments, or to access private lands. Be sure to gather information about these circumstances, pursue research agreements with local organizations, modify your plans and/or include in your application the mitigation measures required.

If you have been corresponding with community groups or other agencies prior to submitting your application, which we recommend, it will be helpful to attach a record of that correspondence to your application. If you have already received ethics approval for your project (for example, from a university), attach confirmation of that approval to your online application.

Once the Manager, Scientific Services, accepts your application, it is sent out via the online system to potentially impacted community organizations for review and feedback. You may then

see the application's distribution list in your POLAR account. These are the community organizations that received your application and may review it – and with whom you can discuss any concerns, recommendations and suggestions.

ARI advises that you contact these organizations – by phone or in person if possible – and clarify any questions as early in the process as possible. You can find the contact information for each organization in this *Guide* or, after your application has been distributed, online at POLAR by clicking on the organization's name in the application distribution list. Being proactive usually results in faster approvals and a better working relationship with the local community. You can also include recent letters of support from the affected community organization(s) or records of communication for phone conversations with community organization representatives.

Depending on your research project, you may also need to apply for permits from other agencies. You are responsible for contacting these agencies directly and to apply according to their procedures. For example, you may have to apply for environmental screening, land use and/or access permits, or permits specific to your research area. Research agreements may also have to be signed with aboriginal governments or institutes, especially when dealing with traditional knowledge research.

Once the application has been reviewed, the community organizations will provide feedback on the research proposal by sending the community review forms to ARI. Any concerns, recommendations and suggestions that ARI receives relating to your project will be forwarded to you. ARI may require documented proof that issues have been addressed before a project is licensed. ARI will also update your POLAR account with the organizations that have responded to the application, and feedback will be posted there for your records.

The review process can take up to 90 days, because some organizations' and/or agencies' boards only meet periodically. Delays also happen when there are local concerns regarding the research project – in most cases you will be required to address concerns before the licence is issued.

### **Application Fee:**

A \$200.00 administrative fee is automatically charged via the POLAR system when you submit your application. Payment can only be made online by credit card, at the time of submission.

### **Reporting Requirements for Licensed Research:**

After your licence is issued and for each year of your project for multi-year projects, you are required to submit a 200-word, plain-language summary of your licensed research. The report must be submitted to ARI within 6 months of the expiry of your licence for each year (i.e. June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year following your licence), or at the same time as you submit a new application (whichever comes first).

This summary should be submitted using ARI's online POLAR licensing system by logging into your account and selecting the appropriate application number / research title from your list. A text box is available to paste the text in and submit your summary. Research summaries are organized into an annual publication by ARI called the, *Compendium of Research in the NWT* which is distributed to all NWT community organizations involved in the licensing process, as well as local libraries and high schools.

### **Annual Reporting Requirements:**

ARI also requires you to submit copies of any publications and reports produced to the ARI library in Inuvik – through POLAR, or by email to the Manager of Scientific Services. You can come back to POLAR and upload files at any time after the licence has been issued – even years later after publishing.

Publications and reports are stored in the permanent collection at ARI. This collection is accessible to the community and other researchers. Additionally, you are required to send reports and copies of publications related to your research to any community organizations that request them, either during the review process or afterwards.

It is recommended that you provided updates to community organizations on the progress of your study after each field season or site visit. This includes formal and/or informal visits to the local organizations during your fieldwork, if you are staying in a community, or before/after if you are just passing through. It is important to remember that you represent not only your project but also the broader scientific community – and that one of the main concerns is the quantity of sufficient reporting from visiting researchers. Please be aware that you are working in lands and/or communities where strong communication will help build better relationships for future research within the NWT scientific community.

### **Multi-year Research Projects:**

ARI's Online Licensing System allows you to go through a simplified process if you intend to continue your project for more than one year. To initiate a multi-year renewal in POLAR, select more than one year as an option when you start an application. In subsequent years, your renewal consists of submitting an application that is basically an update to the communities on how the research is going and what the plans are for this year's activities. These applications in subsequent years also offer opportunities for communities to voice new suggestions, questions and concerns.

Note that significant changes to the research project in subsequent years, especially to the objectives, methodology and potential impacts of your work, may require you to re-start the licensing process with a new detailed application. In addition, community concerns and negative impacts from a research project in one year may slow down the following year's application, since there may be a need to address new concerns and/or present mitigations to potential impacts.

## ***B. Research in the NWT***

### **Communication with communities**

Communicating with communities is a vital part of the research licensing process in the North and you have a very important role in it.

ARI encourages early and effective communication with community organizations, we suggest that you begin before submitting your research application. Communicating with communities is a vital part of the research licensing procedure. A research licence will not be issued if appropriate communication with the community has not taken place. The level of involvement with community organizations will depend on the size, type, scope, location and potential impact of the study. Please take careful note of the following paragraph.

ARI requires written confirmation that the community(ies) and/or agency(ies) potentially affected by your research do not have concerns regarding your research project, if there are concerns, ARI will require you to address those concerns to the best of your abilities. Generally, the organizations respond directly to ARI via fax or email using a response form.

Although ARI will distribute a copy of your research licence application to the community organizations and forward their questions to you, it is your responsibility to contact them and to address any potential questions or concerns.

Communicating effectively with communities involves not only appropriate language and cross-cultural awareness, but also taking the initiative to approach the local organizations throughout the research project – from developing your study idea and submitting your application, to conducting fieldwork and presenting results (from preliminary data through to completion).

It is important to remember that many community organizations in the NWT do not have staff with technical knowledge to address scientifically-written research proposals. In addition, these organizations review applications from a broad scope of scientific fields, in which the technical language varies from one field to the next. Plain language is the key to effective communication.

The ARI website provides a guide with an introduction to plain language writing, as well as other materials such as Community Perspectives on Research. For these resources and more, go to: [nwtresearch.com/licensing/communicating-research/plain-language](http://nwtresearch.com/licensing/communicating-research/plain-language).

Expect to involve residents and visit communities well in advance of your fieldwork if your research project is large, and/or if it is likely to generate debate or environmental or socio-cultural impacts (or to be perceived that way).

ARI promotes effective communication between researchers and members of local NWT communities, and believes that this is essential for a welcoming reception to researchers, as well as the development and strengthening of the resident research community.

Communities' contact information is located in the relevant sections of this guide, as well as online in your POLAR application. You may also contact the Manager, Scientific Services at Aurora Research Institute for additional guidance and assistance.

## **Ethical principles for conducting research**

Researchers are expected to follow the highest standard of ethical principles possible. When planning your studies, you are advised to become familiar with the documents below. As a reminder, any research involving human subjects, including traditional knowledge interviews, requires an ethical review approval by a Tri-Council accredited Research Ethics Board.

Some helpful publications contact information are provided below:

*Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (2014)*  
Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (PRE)  
Phone: (613) 996-0072  
URL: [pre.ethics.gc.ca](http://pre.ethics.gc.ca)

*Ethical Principles for the Conduct of Research in the North*  
Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS)  
Phone: (613) 820-8300 ext. 100, or ext. 101  
E-mail: [awards@acuns.ca](mailto:awards@acuns.ca)  
URL: [acuns.ca](http://acuns.ca)

*Negotiating Research Relationships with Inuit Communities, a Guide for Researchers, 2007*  
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami  
Phone: (613) 238-8181  
Toll-Free: 1(866) 262-8181  
E-mail: [info@itk.ca](mailto:info@itk.ca)  
URL: [itk.ca](http://itk.ca)

*Traditional Knowledge Policy 2004*  
Gwich'in Tribal Council  
Department of Cultural Heritage (formerly the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute)  
Phone: (867) 952-2524  
URL: [gwichin.ca](http://gwichin.ca)

*Samba K'e Dene Band Policy Regarding the Gathering, Use, and Distribution of Yüндіit'ö'h (Traditional Knowledge, 2003).*  
Samba K'e Dene Band  
Phone: (867) 206-2800  
E-mail: [manager@sambaakefn.com](mailto:manager@sambaakefn.com)

## **Involving Northern residents in research projects**

Northern people have an intimate knowledge of their community and the land. Their knowledge of local conditions and challenges, community events for scheduling of local meetings and their access to traditional knowledge, may provide new considerations for your research.

To support the development of the Northern scientific community, as a researcher, you can share your knowledge by speaking at community meetings, giving talks at schools, providing non-technical posters to display at local libraries or community centres, or reaching out to the local newspaper and radio talk show. You can alternatively produce short, informal videos of your research with emphasis on your fieldwork and results. It is in the best interest of both you

and Northern residents to seek effective ways of communicating your research to the local community – whatever works best for your public in the NWT, be it conventional tools or the use of modern communication technology. The Manager, Scientific Services at ARI may be able to guide you in effective communication methods for your project.

You should also consider including residents in field trips, involving local volunteers, or hiring them to assist with your research. If you plan to hire assistants, Aurora Research Institute staff may be able to provide you with local contacts who do, or have done, scientific work in related disciplines, or who have specific knowledge in your field.

By communicating your enthusiasm for your research and/or involving residents in your fieldwork, you may inspire NWT residents to participate in science. Providing residents with an opportunity to participate in or directly comment on your research not only improves relations between researchers and residents, but also fosters a research-oriented community in the North.

### **Northern Research for Northern Priorities – GNWT’s Knowledge Agenda**

In June 2017, the Government of the Northwest Territories released its *Knowledge Agenda: Northern Research for Northern Priorities*.

Research completed in the North and relevant to the North is essential to help the Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT), Aboriginal and federal governments, residents and communities increase our knowledge and understanding of climate change. The NWT is warming at a rate four to five times faster than the global average. This is causing significant changes in the natural environment. Investigation, experience and research relevant and valuable to NWT residents and communities will ensure we are better able to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

The Northwest Territories Knowledge Agenda outlines ways to acquire the necessary knowledge for meeting the northern interest, benefiting NWT residents and increasing the calibre of northern research. It is designed to minimize knowledge gaps and support evidence-based decision making at all levels of government.

To download a copy of Northern Research for Northern Priorities, go to:  
[https://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/sites/default/files/td\\_406-182.pdf](https://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/sites/default/files/td_406-182.pdf)

### **C. Additional Research Licences and Permits**

#### **Contaminant-related Research**

All research projects addressing the occurrence of natural and/or man-made contaminants in aquatic, terrestrial or atmospheric systems should contact the NWT Regional Contaminants Committee (NWT-RCC) before conducting fieldwork. Researchers funded by the Northern Contaminants Program are required to follow protocols that involve working together with the NWT-RCC. This committee serves as a means of exchanging information on contaminants between researchers, relevant organizations and programs, and Northerners.

For more Information:

NWT Regional Contaminants Committee (NWT-RCC)  
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)  
P.O. Box 1500  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 2R3  
Tel: (867) 669-2416

## **Health-related Research**

Besides the requirements common to other social sciences, health research in the NWT must have approval from the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Health and Social Services (HSS). Although ARI will notify the HSS, researchers are required to contact the Department directly, submit the required documents or application, and address their concerns and comments.

To locate HSS contact information and further Health research guidance at:  
[hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/health-and-social-services-research-nwt](http://hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/health-and-social-services-research-nwt).

In addition, health-related research carried out by physicians may require a Medical Research Permit issued by the Registrar's office of the GNWT, Department of Health and Social Services (HSS).

For more information on the permit contact:

Registrar, Professional Licensing  
Department of Health and Social Services  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
P.O. Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 2L9  
Phone: (867) 767-9067  
URL: [hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/professional-licensing](http://hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/professional-licensing)

## **Forestry-related Research**

Research projects related to forest environments in the Northwest Territories require a Forest Research Licence under the NWT Forest Management Act and Regulations. This licence is required in addition to the Scientific Research Licence issued by ARI.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Forest Management Division is responsible for issuing Forest Research Licences. Researchers are required to contact the ENR - Forest Management Division regional office in their study area to apply for this licence.

The Forest Research Licence pertains to studies on trees and most woody vegetation (including shrub tundra), and to certain forest ecosystem and physical studies such as carbon exchange investigations – and similar research that may disturb forest soil. It is your responsibility as a researcher to contact the ENR-Forest Management Division to apply for a Forest Research Licence, and to check whether your research will require such a licence.

For more information contact:

Forest Management Division  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
P.O. Box 7  
2nd Floor, 149 McDougal Road  
Fort Smith, NT  
X0E 0P0  
Phone: (867) 872-7700  
URL: [enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/timber-permits-and-licences](http://enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/timber-permits-and-licences)

## Research Involving Fisheries and/or Marine Mammals

For scientific studies involving marine or freshwater life, including fish, marine mammals (except polar bears – see Wildlife Research Permit), aquatic invertebrates (including their eggs, spawn, embryonic, larval and juvenile stages) and other biota such as benthos and plankton, a licence is required from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Every researcher or individual who intends to fish for scientific purposes is required to have a licence, including employees of the federal, provincial or territorial governments. Other oceanographic research projects may also require a licence from DFO, depending on the scope of the study and the potential disturbance to or incidental capture of aquatic life.

In addition to the DFO licence, the research project also requires a Scientific Research Licence issued by ARI before work in the NWT begins.

Licences for North of 60 degrees are issued by the DFO office in Iqaluit, NU.

Senior Licence Officer  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)  
Northern Operations  
P.O. Box 358  
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0  
Phone: (867) 979-8005  
Email: [XCNA-NT-NUpermit@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:XCNA-NT-NUpermit@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)

## Research in Lands Administered by Parks Canada

A Research and Collection Permit (RCP) is required to conduct any natural research or archaeological collection activities in national parks, national park reserves, national marine conservation areas, national historic sites, and/or the Pingo Canadian Landmark.

RCP applications are submitted through a national online system at:  
[www.pc.gc.ca/apps/rps/page1\\_e.asp](http://www.pc.gc.ca/apps/rps/page1_e.asp).

The RCP System website also contains information regarding the process, guidelines, research coordinators and their contact information, and other relevant information.

## Migratory Bird Research

Researchers that wish to study any migratory bird designated in the Migratory Birds Convention Act may also require a Scientific Permit from the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). Studies involving fauna listed as Species at Risk (SAR) may also require a SAR permit from CWS. Proof

of some other permits/authorizations may be required before a CWS permit can be issued. Please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) in Yellowknife for further information and see the links below:

Canadian Wildlife Service  
Environment and Climate Change Canada  
5019 52nd Street  
P.O. Box 2310  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 2P7  
Telephone: (867) 669-4754  
Email: [ec.tnopermisscf-cwspemnitnw.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.tnopermisscf-cwspemnitnw.ec@canada.ca)  
URL: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-birds-legal-protection/list.html>

If your research will involve banding birds, you will also require a Migratory Birds – Canadian Bird Banding Permit. Information and applications are available online at the website below, or by contacting:

Canadian Bird Banding Office  
National Wildlife Research Centre  
Canadian Wildlife Service  
1125 Colonel By Drive (Raven Road)  
Ottawa, ON  
K1A 0H3  
Phone: (613) 998-0524  
Email: [ec.bbo.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.bbo.ec@canada.ca)  
URL: [canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/bird-banding/program-overview-contact-information.html](http://canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/bird-banding/program-overview-contact-information.html)

## **Research in Migratory Bird Sanctuaries**

Researchers wanting access to a Migratory Bird Sanctuary for the purposes of scientific study require a Migratory Bird Sanctuary Permit. This applies not only to biological studies, but any kind of research – including physical studies, non-intrusive activities and certain aerial surveys. This permit is required in addition to a GNWT research permit or licence, and any other applicable permitting processes.

For more information, contact:

Canadian Wildlife Service  
Environment and Climate Change Canada  
P.O. Box 2310  
4th Floor, 5019 – 52 Street  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 2P7  
Phone: (867) 669-4754  
Email: [ec.tnopermisscf-cwspemnitnw.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.tnopermisscf-cwspemnitnw.ec@canada.ca)  
URL: [canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-bird-sanctuaries/locations.html](http://canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-bird-sanctuaries/locations.html)

## Research in Territorial Lands

Commissioner's Lands are lands managed and administered by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), and specifically, by the Department of Lands.

The Administration of the Territorial Land Acts System (ATLAS) is how land ownership inside municipalities. ATLAS provides accurate graphic and written information on each parcel of land within a community's boundaries. ATLAS is a land information system that uses GIS technology. Visit this resource at:

[maps.geomatics.gov.nt.ca/HTML5Viewer\\_Prod/index.html?viewer=ATLAS](https://maps.geomatics.gov.nt.ca/HTML5Viewer_Prod/index.html?viewer=ATLAS).

Researchers intending to conduct projects using Territorial Lands should contact the regional office of the Department of Lands closest to their fieldwork area. At its discretion, Lands may issue a lease if the project entails intrusive activities or long-term capital improvements.

Contact information for the Department of Lands regional offices' can be found at:

[lands.gov.nt.ca/en/regional-offices](https://lands.gov.nt.ca/en/regional-offices).

## Research in Nunavut

If you are planning to conduct research in Nunavut, you will require a licence or permit to do so. The Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) is responsible for administering Scientific Research Licences under the Nunavut Scientists Act. NRI does not license wildlife or archaeology research, research in National Parks (Research and Collection Permit required) and certain fisheries research. The Scientific Research Licence application process involves consultation with Nunavut community authorities and other local and regional agencies who may be affected by and/or have an interest in the proposed study.

For more information, visit the Nunavut Research Institute's website at: [nri.nu.ca](https://nri.nu.ca), or contact:

Manager, Research Liaison  
Nunavut Research Institute  
P.O. Box 1720  
Iqaluit, NU  
X0A 0H0  
Phone: (867) 979-7279  
URL: [nri.nu.ca](https://nri.nu.ca)

Wildlife research in Nunavut is licensed under the Nunavut Wildlife Act. The *Wildlife Research Permit Application* guidelines and form can be downloaded at the Nunavut Department of Environment website at: [gov.nu.ca/environment/information/wildlife-management](https://gov.nu.ca/environment/information/wildlife-management).

Archaeological Research in Nunavut is covered under the Archaeological Sites Regulations of the Nunavut Act. The Nunavut Archaeology Program is responsible for the management and protection of the territory's archaeological resources. The *Guidelines for Nunavut Territory Archaeology and Palaeontology Permits* can be downloaded at:

[ch.gov.nu.ca/en/Archaeology.aspx](https://ch.gov.nu.ca/en/Archaeology.aspx).

## Research in the Yukon

Under the provisions of the Scientists and Explorers Act, all persons entering the Yukon for the purposes of research must obtain a Scientists and Explorers Licence. For more on the

application process, licence requirements, required research permits, and information about conducting research in the Yukon, you can download the *Guidebook on Scientific Research in the Yukon* at [tc.gov.yk.ca/scientists\\_explorers.html](http://tc.gov.yk.ca/scientists_explorers.html) .

Consultation with Yukon First Nations is part of the research licensing process.

For additional information, contact:

Manager, Heritage Resources Unit  
Cultural Services Branch  
Department of Tourism & Culture  
Government of Yukon  
Box 2703  
Whitehorse, YT  
Y1A 2C6  
Phone: (867) 667-5363  
URL: [tc.gov.yk.ca/scientists\\_explorers.html](http://tc.gov.yk.ca/scientists_explorers.html)

### 3. Land Claim Regions and Community Contacts

There are six Land Claim Regions in the NWT: Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Sahtu, North Slave, Dehcho and South Slave (see Figure 1).

Consultation within each of these regions differs due to the different socio-political structure in each. See Figure 1 to identify which region(s) your research will be conducted. Refer to Table 1 for communities in each region of the NWT. Each of the six regions is further broken down under its own section. You are advised to begin the research licence application process and communicating with communities at least three months before the planned start date of your research.

As previously mentioned, effective communication with communities is a vital part of the research licensing process in the North, and a research licence will not be issued by ARI if appropriate communication with the communities has not taken place. The community organization(s) with which you need to communicate will depend on the scope, methodology and location of the study.

ARI requires written confirmation that the agency(ies) and/or community(ies) potentially affected by your research have no concerns regarding your research project. Generally, the organizations respond directly to ARI via fax using a response form, or email through the POLAR system.

**Table 1 - Land Claim Regions and Associated Communities in the NWT**

Admin. Region	Communities
Inuvialuit	Aklavik, Inuvik, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk, Ulukhaktok
Gwich'in	Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Inuvik, Tsiigehtchic
Sahtu	Colville Lake, Déjûne, Fort Good Hope, Norman Wells, Tulita,
Dehcho	Enterprise, Fort Liard, Fort Providence, Fort Simpson, Hay River, Hay River Dene Reserve, Jean Marie River, Kakisa, Nahanni Butte, Trout Lake, Wrigley
North Slave	Behchokò, Detah, Gamètì, N'dilo, Wekweètì, Whatì, Yellowknife
South Slave	Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, Łutselk'e

In addition to the contact information available in this *Guide*, you can find updated contact information for aboriginal governments at the GNWT's Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs website: [eia.gov.nt.ca/en/nwt-aboriginal-governments](http://eia.gov.nt.ca/en/nwt-aboriginal-governments).

Maps of the territory, including a *Settlement Areas and Asserted Territories within the NWT* map, are also available on this website.



## **A. Inuvialuit Settlement Region**

The Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA), implemented in 1984, authorized the transfer of ownership of large tracts of land within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) from the Government of Canada to the Inuvialuit. The ISR is located in the northwest corner of the NWT and the northern portion of the Yukon.

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*Actions you need to include in your plan to research in the ISR:*

- 1) Submit a pre-screening form with the EISC;*
  - 2) Consult with the ILA to determine if a land use permit is required; and*
  - 3) Communicate with the local Community Corporation and HTC about your research project.*
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### **The Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC)**

The Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) is one of five co-management bodies established under the IFA. These co-management bodies are part of the resource management regime in the ISR. Each board serves to jointly manage resources within the ISR.

If your research takes place on land or water in, or adjacent to, the ISR (see Figure 2) you must contact the EISC for pre-screening (i.e. to determine whether or not your project will require screening for potential environmental impacts). Note that you have to contact the EISC directly, and that their application and submission process is separate from ARI's.

If the EISC requires environmental screening for your research project, the Secretary to the EISC will provide you with the necessary information to complete a project description and make a submission. This is separate from the ARI submission. You must submit this application at least 45 days prior to their next scheduled meeting date in order to be placed on the agenda for that meeting.

You will find more information about the EISC and the screening process at the web address below, and you may direct your questions to:

Environmental Impact Screening Committee  
Joint Secretariat – Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees  
107 Mackenzie Road, Suite 204  
P.O. Box 2120  
Inuvik, NT  
X0E 0T0  
Phone: (867) 777-2828  
Email: [eisc@jointsec.nt.ca](mailto:eisc@jointsec.nt.ca)  
URL: [screeningcommittee.ca](http://screeningcommittee.ca)

### **Territorial and Inuvialuit Private Lands**

The Inuvialuit Settlement Region is divided into Territorial Land and Inuvialuit Private Lands. The Inuvialuit Private Lands are further divided into lands in which the Inuvialuit have ownership

of surface and subsurface minerals – referred to as class 7(1)(a) lands – and lands with surface rights only – referred to as 7(1)(b) lands.

In the ISR, land use permits for use of Inuvialuit Lands are obtained from the Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA), and for the use of Territorial Lands, from the GNWT, Department of Lands. Water licences in the ISR are obtained from the Inuvialuit Water Board.

The Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA) administers and manages the lands received under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. The ILA reviews and makes approval decisions on applications to access and use Inuvialuit Private Lands. Permits are required by researchers in order to access Inuvialuit Private Lands.

Note that you have to contact the ILA directly to confirm whether you need to apply for a land use permit. If so, you will need to prepare and submit a permit application for your project. This is different and separate from ARI's licensing process.

You may direct inquiries to:

Inuvialuit Land Administration  
P.O. Box 290  
Tuktoyaktuk, NT  
X0E 1C0  
Phone: (867) 977-7100  
URL: [inuvialuitland.com](http://inuvialuitland.com)

## **Territorial Lands**

On Territorial land in the ISR, you will require a Land Use Permit from the Department of Lands if your proposed research activities have significant potential impacts on the local environment. Activities that fall below the thresholds outlined in the regulations do not require a Land Use Permit.

It is your responsibility as a researcher to contact GNWT, Department of Lands and determine whether you require a Land Use Permit.

For more information on land use regulations, including activities that require a land use permit, refer to Appendix B for links to some of INAC's publications. Links to INAC's contact information in the ISR, and elsewhere in the NWT, are also available in Appendix B.

The Inuvialuit Water Board provides for the conservation, development and utilization of water resources in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) in order to provide the optimum benefit of water resources to all Canadians, and to NWT residents in particular. Under the Act, an application must be made to the Board and a Licence issued prior to the use of any waters or disposal of waste. The application requirements apply equally to departments and agencies of the federal government. The only exclusions are the use of water for domestic purposes, in-stream users (fishing, swimming, boating), or during an emergency, to extinguish a fire or to control or prevent a flood. For more information, visit the Inuvialuit Water Board website: [inuvwb.ca](http://inuvwb.ca).

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In addition, if you will conduct research that uses land within the municipal limits of any NWT community you should contact the GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) for a potential lease of Commissioner's Lands (see [Research in Territorial Lands](#) under *section 2.C. Additional Research Licences and Permits*).

### Community Consultation

Before a Scientific Research Licence is issued by ARI, the researcher must effectively communicate with the appropriate community organizations and address any concerns, comments and suggestions regarding their proposed research. For studies involving land, water, flora and/or fauna within the ISR, contact the local Hunters and Trappers Committee(s) (HTCs). For research involving people – such as research on social, cultural, economic or health issues – contact the local Community Corporation(s) and the Métis Local (in the ISR currently only in Inuvik).

In addition, consult the Inuit Research Advisor (IRA) at:

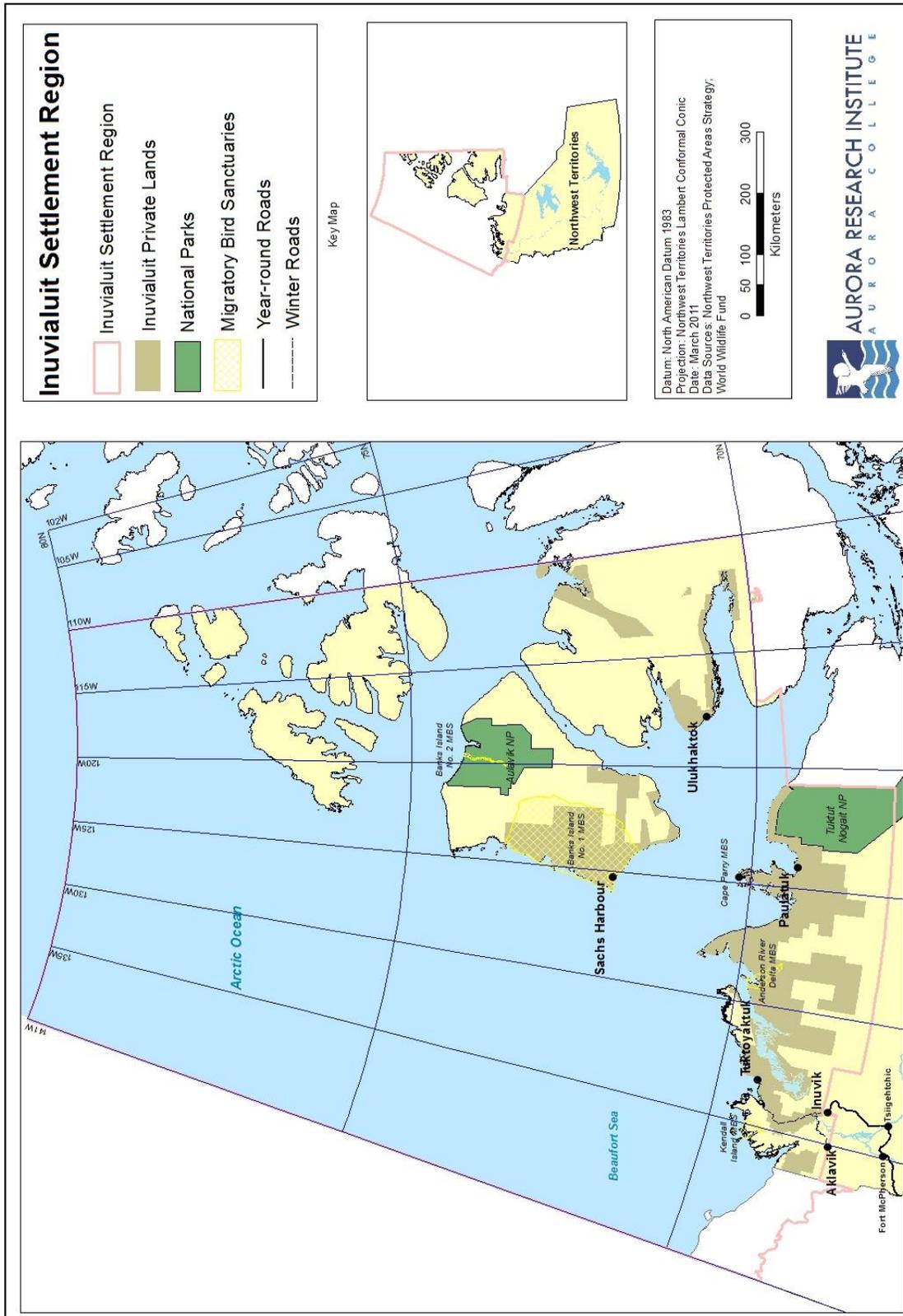
Inuit Research Advisor  
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation  
Community Development Division  
107 Mackenzie Road  
Inuvik, NT  
Tel: (867) 777-7026  
Email: [research@inuvialuit.com](mailto:research@inuvialuit.com)

Further information on research involving human subjects is also available at:

Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre  
Bag Service #21  
Inuvik, NT  
X0E 0T0  
Phone: (867) 777-2595  
E-mail: [culturalcentre@inuvialuit.com](mailto:culturalcentre@inuvialuit.com)

See the following pages for community contacts within the ISR.

Figure 2 - Inuvialuit Settlement Region



**Table 2 - Community Contacts in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region**

Community	Community/Band Council	Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC)	Municipal Office
Aklavik*	Aklavik Community Corporation Corporate Manager P.O. Box 119 Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0 Phone: (867) 978-2414 E-mail: <a href="mailto:accmanager@inuvialuitcc.com">accmanager@inuvialuitcc.com</a>	Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee President P.O. Box 119 Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0 Phone: (867) 978-2723 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ahtc@northwestel.net">ahtc@northwestel.net</a>	Hamlet of Aklavik Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 88 Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0 Phone: (867) 978-2361 Email: <a href="mailto:saoaklavik@permafrost.com">saoaklavik@permafrost.com</a>
Inuvik*	Inuvik Community Corporation Corporate Manager P.O. Box 1365 Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0 Phone: (867) 777-2603 E-mail: <a href="mailto:manager@inuvikcc.com">manager@inuvikcc.com</a> URL: <a href="http://irc.inuvialuit.com">irc.inuvialuit.com</a>	Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee President P.O. Box 1720 Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0 Phone: (867) 777-3671 E-mail: <a href="mailto:inuvikhtc@hotmail.com">inuvikhtc@hotmail.com</a>	Town of Inuvik Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 1160 Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0 Phone: (867) 777-8600 Email: <a href="mailto:sao@inuvik.ca">sao@inuvik.ca</a> URL: <a href="http://inuvik.ca">inuvik.ca</a>
Paulatuk	Paulatuk Community Corporation Corporate Manager P.O. Box 98 Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0 Phone: (867) 580-3601 Email: <a href="mailto:pccmanager@inuvialuitcc.com">pccmanager@inuvialuitcc.com</a>	Paulatuk Hunters and Trappers Committee President General Delivery Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0 Phone: (867) 580-3004 Email: <a href="mailto:paulatukhtc@gmail.com">paulatukhtc@gmail.com</a>	Hamlet of Paulatuk Mayor P.O. Box 98 Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0 Phone: (867) 580-3531 E-mail: <a href="mailto:hopaulatuk@gmail.com">hopaulatuk@gmail.com</a>
Sachs Harbour	Sachs Harbour Community Corporation Corporate Manager P.O. Box 59 Sachs Harbour, NT X0E 0Z0 Phone: (867) 690-3025 Email: <a href="mailto:sachs.manager@gmail.com">sachs.manager@gmail.com</a>	Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Committee President P.O. Box 79 Sachs Harbour, NT X0E 0Z0 Phone: (867) 690-3028 Email: <a href="mailto:shtcresperson@yahoo.ca">shtcresperson@yahoo.ca</a>	Hamlet of Sachs Harbour Mayor P.O. Box 90 Sachs Harbour, NT X0E 0Z0 Phone: (867) 690-4351 Email: <a href="mailto:hamlet_CEO@northwestel.net">hamlet_CEO@northwestel.net</a>

Community	Community/Band Council	Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC)	Municipal Office
Tuktoyaktuk	Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation Corporate Manager P.O. Box 350 Tuktoyaktuk, NT X0E 1C0 Phone: (867) 977-2390 Email : <a href="mailto:manager@tukcommunitycorp.com">manager@tukcommunitycorp.com</a>	Tuktoyaktuk Hunters and Trappers Committee President P.O. Box 286 Tuktoyaktuk, NT X0E 1C0 Phone: (867) 977-2457 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tuk.htc@gmail.com">tuk.htc@gmail.com</a>	Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 120 Tuktoyaktuk, NT X0E 1C0 Phone: (867) 977-2286 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sao@tuktoyaktuk.ca">sao@tuktoyaktuk.ca</a>
Ulukhaktok (Holman)	Ulukhaktok Community Corporation Corporate Manager P.O. Box 127 Ulukhaktok, NT X0E 0S0 Phone: (867) 396-4701 Email: <a href="mailto:ulu_community_corp@hotmail.com">ulu_community_corp@hotmail.com</a>	Olokhaktomiut Hunters and Trappers Committee Chairperson P.O. Box 161 Ulukhaktok, NT X0E 0S0 Phone: (867) 396-4808 Email: <a href="mailto:ohc_2015@outlook.com">ohc_2015@outlook.com</a>	Hamlet of Ulukhaktok Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 157 Ulukhaktok, NT X0E 0S0 Phone: (867) 396-8000 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sao_ulu@northwestel.net">sao_ulu@northwestel.net</a>

\* see also Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA) - these communities fall as well under the jurisdiction of the GSA.

## **B. Gwich'in Settlement Area**

The Gwich'in Land Claim Settlement Act of 1992 delineated a parcel of land in, and adjacent to, the Mackenzie Delta that is referred to as the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA). Along with recognizing certain rights and privileges for Gwich'in people on Crown Land within the GSA, this act also transferred ownership of specific lands to the Gwich'in people. Consult Figure 3 to determine whether your research will be conducted on either Crown or Private Lands within the GSA.

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*Actions you need to include in your plan to research in the GSA:*

- 1) Check in with the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board;*
  - 2) Check in with the Gwich'in Land and Water Board to determine if a land use permit or water licence is required;*
  - 3) Communicate with the local Band and Renewable Resources Council about your project.*
  - 4) Contact the GTC, Department of Cultural Heritage to enter into a research agreement if your project involves Gwich'in people as participants, or contact the GTC, Department of Lands and Resources for permission to access private lands.*
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### **Gwich'in Private Lands**

The Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC), Department of Lands and Resources is responsible for administering and managing the lands received under the Gwich'in Land Claim Settlement Act. Permits are required by researchers in order to access Gwich'in Private Lands.

Note that you have to contact the GTC directly to confirm whether you need to apply for a land use permit. If so, you will need to prepare and submit a permit application for your project. This is a separate process from ARI's licensing procedure.

You may direct inquiries to:

Gwich'in Tribal Council  
Department of Lands and Resources,  
P.O. Box 1509  
Inuvik, NT  
X0E 0T0  
Phone: (867) 777-7914  
URL: [gwichintribal.ca](http://gwichintribal.ca)

### **Territorial Lands**

You require a Land Use Permit and/or a Water Licence if your activities in the GSA will exceed certain thresholds. This is determined by the potential impacts of your proposed research on the environment. Activities that fall below the thresholds outlined in the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations do not require a Land Use Permit. Activities that require a Land Use Permit include, but are not restricted to: establishing a campsite with a duration exceeding 200 person-days; construction of a building with a footprint of more than 100 m<sup>2</sup> and a height of more than 5 m; and petroleum fuel storage with a capacity that equals or exceeds 4 000 L. Water Licences are applied according to NWT Water Regulations criteria.

The Gwich'in Land and Water Board (GLWB) is responsible for issuing Land Use Permits and Water Licences within the GSA. To determine whether your proposed activity requires a land use permit and/or a water licence, to apply for either, or to learn more about the GLWB, visit their website at [glwb.com](http://glwb.com) or contact them at the following address:

Gwich'in Land and Water Board  
P.O. Box 2018  
Inuvik, NT  
X0E 0T0  
Phone: (867) 777-4954  
URL: [glwb.com](http://glwb.com)

It is your responsibility as a researcher to contact the GLWB to determine whether you require a Land Use Permit and/or Water Licence.

Researchers should also be aware that a Land Use Permit will only be issued for activities that are in accordance with the Land Use Plan as developed by the Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board (GLUPB). For more information on the Gwich'in Land Use Plan, visit the GLUPB website at [gwichinplanning.nt.ca](http://gwichinplanning.nt.ca), or contact them using the contact information listed under *Community Consultation*.

In addition, if you will conduct research that uses land within the municipal limits of any NWT community you should contact the GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) for a potential lease of Commissioner's Lands (see [Research in Commissioner's Lands](#) under *section 2.C. Additional Research Licences and Permits*).

## Community Consultation

Before a Scientific Research Licence is issued by ARI, the researcher must effectively communicate with the appropriate community organizations and address any concerns, comments and suggestions regarding their proposed research. For studies involving land, water, flora and/or fauna within the GSA, contact the local Renewable Resource Council(s) (RRCs) and the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB). For research involving people – such as research on social, cultural, economic or health issues – contact the local Gwich'in Council(s), the Métis Local(s) and the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute (GSCI; now the GTC, Department of Cultural Heritage).

Contact the GTC, Department of Cultural Heritage (Formerly the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute -GSCI) at:

Executive Director  
GTC, Department of Cultural Heritage  
P.O. Box 30  
Fort McPherson, NT  
X0E 0B0  
Phone: (867) 952-2524  
E-mail: [SSnowshoe@Gwichin.nt.ca](mailto:SSnowshoe@Gwichin.nt.ca)  
URL : [gwichin.ca](http://gwichin.ca)

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Contact the Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board at:

Executive Director  
Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board  
P.O. Box 2240  
Inuvik, NT  
X0E 0T0  
Phone: (867) 777-6600  
URL: [grrb.nt.ca](http://grrb.nt.ca)

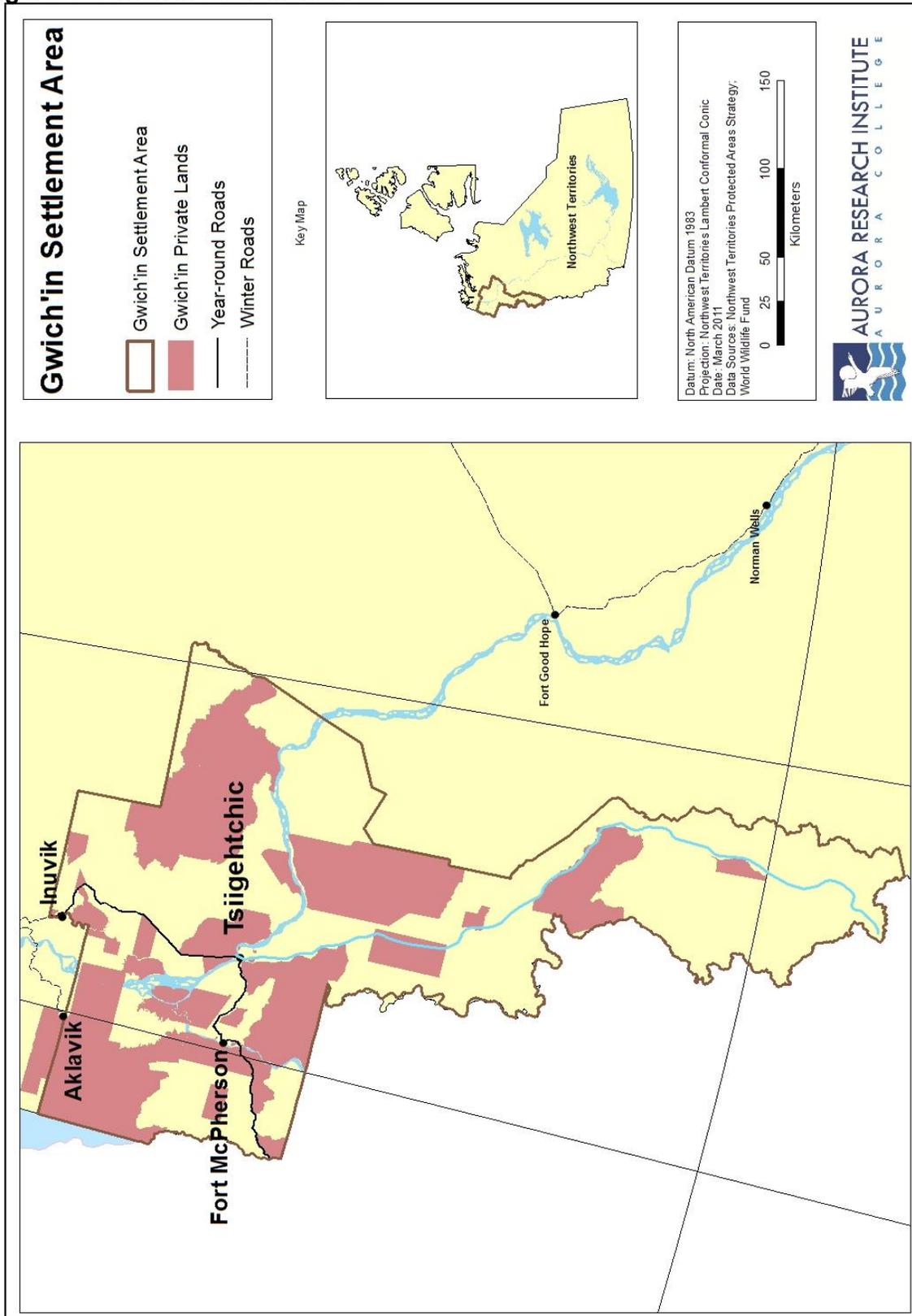
The Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board (GLUPB) stays informed of all research projects taking place within the GSA, and may also advise local organizations on whether research activities are in accordance with the Land Use Plan.

For more information, you may wish to contact:

Land Use Planner  
Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board  
P.O. Box 2478  
Inuvik, NT  
X0E 0T0  
Phone: (867) 777-7936  
Fax: (867) 777-7970  
E-mail: [planner@gwichinplanning.nt.ca](mailto:planner@gwichinplanning.nt.ca)  
URL : [gwichinplanning.nt.ca](http://gwichinplanning.nt.ca)

See the following pages for community contacts within the GSA.

Figure 3 - Gwich'in Settlement Area



**Table 3 - Community Contacts in the Gwich'in Settlement Area**

Community	Band Council	Renewable Resource Council (RRC)	Municipal Office
Aklavik*	Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council President/CEO P.O. Box 118 Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0 Phone: (867) 978-2340	Ehdiitat Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council RRC Coordinator P.O. Box 118 Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0 Phone: (867) 978-2336 E-mail: <a href="mailto:errccoord@northestel.net">errccoord@northestel.net</a>	Hamlet of Aklavik Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 88 Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0 Phone: (867) 978-2361 Email: <a href="mailto:saoaklavik@permafrost.com">saoaklavik@permafrost.com</a>
Fort McPherson	Tetlit Gwich'in Council President P.O. Box 30 Fort McPherson, NT X0E 0J0 Phone: (867) 952-2330 Email: <a href="mailto:president@tgcouncil.ca">president@tgcouncil.ca</a>	Tetlit Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council RRC Coordinator P.O. Box 30 Fort McPherson, NT X0E 0J0 Phone: (867) 952-2330	Hamlet of Fort McPherson Mayor P.O. Box 321 Fort McPherson, NT X0E 0J0 Phone: (867) 952-2428 URL: <a href="http://www.fortmcperson.ca">www.fortmcperson.ca</a>
Inuvik*	Nihtat Gwich'in Council President P.O. Box 2570 Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0 Phone: (867) 777-6650 Email: <a href="mailto:President@nihtatgwichin.ca">President@nihtatgwichin.ca</a>	Nihtat Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council RRC Coordinator P.O. Box 2570 Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0 Phone: (867) 777-6652 Email: <a href="mailto:rc@nihtatgwichin.ca">rc@nihtatgwichin.ca</a>	Town of Inuvik Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 1160 Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0 Phone: (867) 777-8600 Email: <a href="mailto:sao@inuvik.ca">sao@inuvik.ca</a> URL: <a href="http://inuvik.ca">inuvik.ca</a>
Tsiigehtchic	Tsiigehtchic Charter Community Gwichya Gwich'in Band Chief P.O. Box 4 Tsiigehtchic, NT X0E 0B0 Phone: (867) 953-3201	Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council RRC Coordinator P.O. Box 58 Tsiigehtchic, NT X0E 0B0 Phone: (867) 953-3608 E-mail: <a href="mailto:gwichyarrcb@hotmail.com">gwichyarrcb@hotmail.com</a>	Tsiigehtchic Charter Community Council Chief P.O. Box 4 Tsiigehtchic, NT X0E 0B0 Phone: (867) 953-3201

\* see also Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) - these communities fall as well under the jurisdiction of the ISR.

### **C. Sahtu Settlement Area**

The Sahtu Dene and Métis Land Claim Agreement, signed in 1993, allocated approximately 41,000 km<sup>2</sup> within the Sahtu Settlement Area (SSA) to the Sahtu Dene and Métis people. This Land Claim Agreement also recognizes certain rights and privileges of the Sahtu Dene and Métis people on Crown Lands within the SSA.

On September 1, 2016, the Délı̄ne Gotı̄ne Government was initiated under the Délı̄ne Self Government Agreement (i.e. the NWT's First community self-government). Figure 4 depicts the boundaries of the SSA, the districts within it, and the location of land claims.

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*Actions you need to include in your plan to research in the SSA:*

- 1) Check in with the Sahtu Land and Water Board to determine if a land use permit or water licence is required;*
  - 2) Check in with the appropriate District Land Corporation Office for permission to access private lands;*
  - 3) Check in with the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board;*
  - 4) Check in with the local Band and Renewable Resources Council about your project.*
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### **Sahtu Private Lands**

District Land Corporations are responsible for managing the lands included in the Sahtu Dene and Métis Land Claim Agreement, except for the lands included in the Déline Self Government Agreement. Land Access & Benefits Agreements may be required by researchers in order to access Sahtu Private Lands.

Note that you must contact the appropriate District Land Corporation (see map, Figure 4) to verify if your fieldwork will occur in Sahtu Private Lands, and if so, to seek access to those Lands. There are three districts in the Sahtu – the Délı̄ne District, Tulı̄ta District and K'ahsho Gotı̄ne District (Colville Lake and Fort Good Hope). Below is the contact information for each district:

Délı̄ne Gotı̄ne Government  
P.O. Box 69  
Délı̄ne, NT  
X0E 0G0  
Phone: (867) 589-8100

Tulı̄ta District Land Corporation Limited  
P.O. Box 108  
Tulı̄ta, NT  
X0E 0K0  
Phone: (867) 588- 4984

K'ahsho Gotı̄ne Land Corporation Limited  
P.O. Box 18  
Fort Good Hope, NT  
X0E 0H0

Phone: (867) 598-2529

The Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated (SSI) is the coordinating body for the Land Corporations. It functions as a point of contact for all government agencies and departments on issues such as education, health, environment and economic development. The Secretariat's mandate is to ensure implementation of programs and services under the land claims agreement for the benefit of the Sahtu people.

The SSI does not own land. Title to all settlement lands outside of municipalities are vested to the district land corporations, as defined in the Agreement. As such, the responsibility for the ownership and management of these lands rest with the three district land corporations, on behalf of the land claim participants.

For more information, contact:

Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated  
P.O. Box 155  
Déljne, NT  
X0E 0G0  
Phone: (867) 589-4719  
Fax: (867) 589-4908

## **Territorial Lands**

You require a Land Use Permit and/or a Water Licence if your activities in the SSA exceed certain thresholds. This is determined by the potential impacts of your proposed research on the environment. Activities that fall below the thresholds outlined in the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations do not require a Land Use Permit. Activities that require a Land Use Permit include, but are not restricted to: establishing a campsite exceeding 200 person-days in length; construction of a building with a footprint of more than 100 m<sup>2</sup> and a height of more than 5 m; and petroleum fuel storage with a capacity that equals or exceeds 4 000 L. Water Licences are applied according to NWT Water Regulations criteria.

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) is responsible for issuing Land Use Permits and Water Licences within the SSA. To determine whether your proposed research requires a land use permit and/or a water licence, to apply for either, or for more information on the SLWB, visit their site at [slwb.com](http://slwb.com). You can also contact the SLWB at the following address:

Sahtu Land and Water Board  
P.O. Box 1  
Fort Good Hope, NT  
X0E 0H0  
Phone: (867) 598-2413  
URL: [slwb.com](http://slwb.com)

It is your responsibility as a researcher to contact the SLWB to determine whether you require a Land Use Permit and/or Water Licence.

Researchers should also be aware that the SLWB will submit the completed application to the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board (SLUPB) as part of the referral process, to determine if the

proposed activity conforms to the applicable Land Use Plan. For more information on the Sahtu Land Use Plan, visit the SLUPB website at [sahtulanduseplan.org](http://sahtulanduseplan.org).

## **Community Consultation**

Before a Scientific Research Licence is issued by ARI, the researcher must effectively communicate with the appropriate community organizations and address any concerns, comments and suggestions regarding their proposed research. For studies involving land, water, flora and/or fauna within the Sahtu, contact the local Renewable Resource Council(s) (RRCs) and the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB). For research involving people – such as research on social, cultural, economic or health issues – contact the local Band Council(s) and the local Métis Land/Financial Corporation.

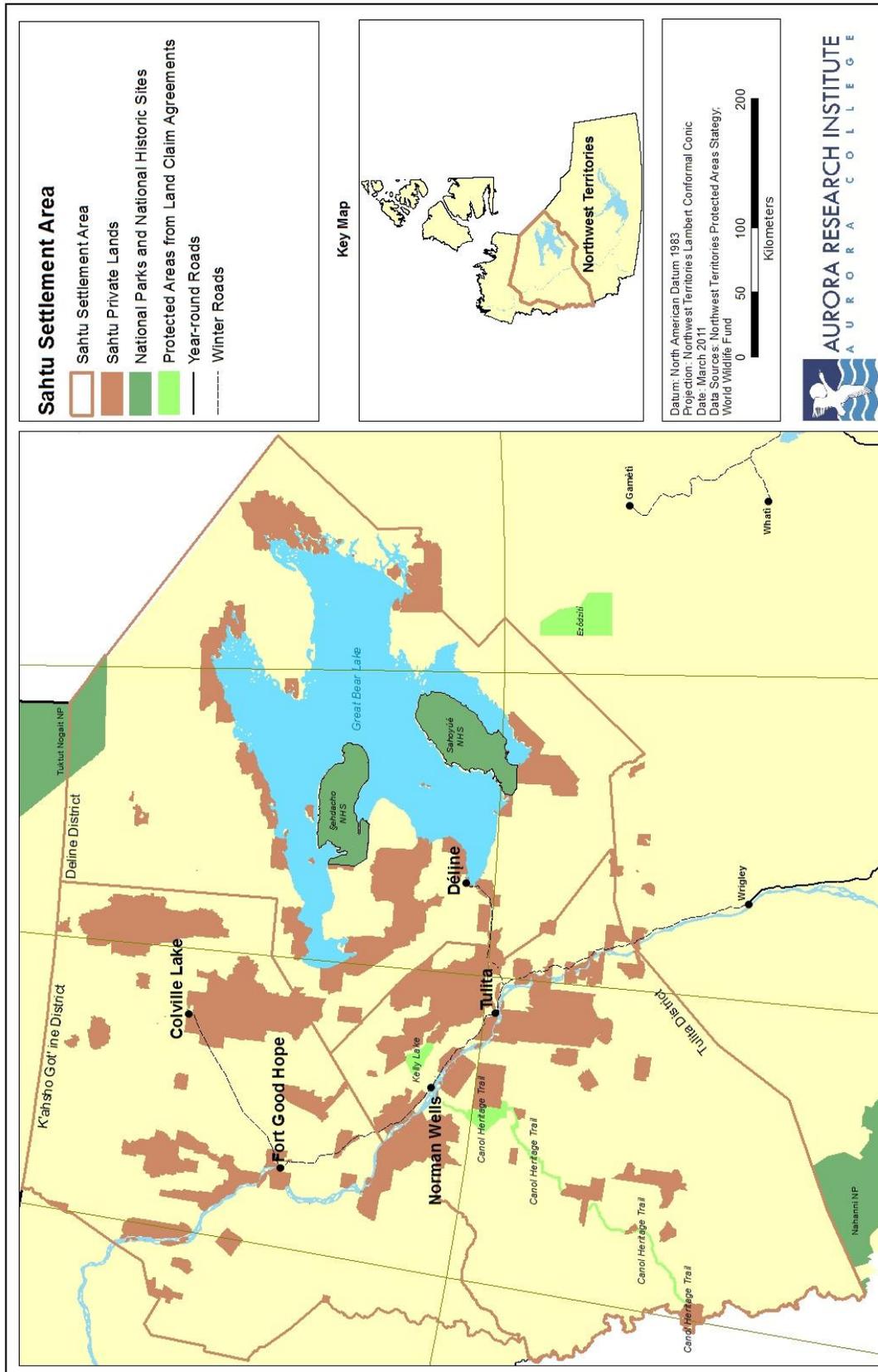
The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board can be contacted at:

Sahtu Renewable Resource Board  
P.O. Box 134  
Tulita, NT  
X0E 0K0  
Phone: (867) 588-4040  
E-Mail: [eas@srrb.nt.ca](mailto:eas@srrb.nt.ca)  
URL: [www.srrb.nt.ca](http://www.srrb.nt.ca)

Any research within municipal limits also requires consultation with the Municipal Council(s). In addition, conducting research that uses land within the municipal limits of any NWT community may require you to contact the GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) for a lease of Commissioner's Lands (see [Research in Commissioner's Lands](#) under *section 2.C. Additional Research Licences and Permits*).

See the following pages for community contacts within the SSA.

Figure 4 - Sahtu Settlement Area



**Table 4 - Community Contacts in the Sahtu Settlement Area**

Community	Band Council	Renewable Resource Council (RRC)	Municipal Office
Colville Lake	Behdzi Ahda' First Nation Band Chief P.O. Box 4 Colville Lake, NT X0E 1L0 Phone: (867) 709-2200 Email: <a href="mailto:reception@behdziahda.com">reception@behdziahda.com</a>	Behdzi Ahda' Renewable Resource Council President P.O. Box 53 Colville Lake, NT X0E 1L0 Phone: (867) 709-2200 Email: <a href="mailto:reception@behdziahda.com">reception@behdziahda.com</a>	Ayoni Keh Land/Dugha Financial Corporation President P.O. Box 43 Colville Lake, NT X0E 1L0 Phone: (867) 709-2700 Email: <a href="mailto:reception@behdziahda.com">reception@behdziahda.com</a>
Délı̄ne (Fort Franklin)	Délı̄ne Got'ine Government P.O. Box 156 Délı̄ne, NT X0E 0G0 Phone: (867) 589-8100		
Fort Good Hope	K'ahsho Got'ine Charter Community Council Senior Administrative Officer General Delivery Fort Good Hope, NT X0E 0H0 Phone: (867) 598-2231 Email: <a href="mailto:sao@kashogotine.com">sao@kashogotine.com</a>  Fort Good Hope Métis Nation Local #54 Land Corporation President General Delivery Fort Good Hope, NT X0E 0H0 Phone: (867) 598-2105 Email: <a href="mailto:wfmcneely@rocketmail.com">wfmcneely@rocketmail.com</a>	Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Council President P.O. Box 19 Fort Good Hope, NT X0E 0H0 Phone: (867) 598-2193 Email: <a href="mailto:fgh.rrc@northwestel.net">fgh.rrc@northwestel.net</a>	Xahweguweh/Yamoga Land and Financial Corporation P.O. Box 18 Fort Good Hope, NT X0E 0H0 Phone: (867) 598-2519 Email: <a href="mailto:President@yamoga.ca">President@yamoga.ca</a>

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<p>Tulita (Fort Norman)</p>	<p>Tulita Dene Band Council Chief General Delivery Tulita, NT X0E 0K0 Phone: (867) 588-3341</p> <p>Fort Norman Métis Land/Financial Corporation President P.O. Box 36 Tulita, NT X0E 0K0 Phone: (867) 588-3201 Email: <a href="mailto:president@fnmlc.ca">president@fnmlc.ca</a></p>	<p>Tulita Renewable Resource Council Office Manager P.O. Box 27 Tulita, NT X0E 0K0 Phone: (867) 588-4724</p>	<p>Tulita District Land Corporation Executive Director P.O. Box 108 Tulita, NT X0E 0K0 Phone: (867) 588-4984 Email: <a href="mailto:district@allstream.net">district@allstream.net</a></p> <p>Hamlet of Tulita Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 91 Tulita, NT X0E 0K0 Phone: (867) 588-4471 Email: <a href="mailto:sao@hamletoftulita.ca">sao@hamletoftulita.ca</a></p>
<p>Norman Wells</p>		<p>Norman Wells Renewable Resource Council President P.O. Box 69 Norman Wells, NT X0E 0V0 Phone: (867) 587-2455 E-mail: <a href="mailto:nwrrc@nwlc.ca">nwrrc@nwlc.ca</a></p>	<p>Town of Norman Wells Mayor P.O. Box 5 Norman Wells, NT X0E 0V0 Phone: (867) 587-3700 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@normanwells.com">info@normanwells.com</a> URL: <a href="http://www.normanwells.com">www.normanwells.com</a></p> <p>Norman Wells Land Corporation President P.O. Box 69 Norman Wells, NT X0E 0V0 Phone: (867) 587-2455 Email: <a href="mailto:president@nwlc.ca">president@nwlc.ca</a></p>

## **D. North Slave Region**

The North Slave Region encompasses Tłıchq Final Agreement private lands, and lands where overlapping rights or interests exist:

Tłıchq lands (Territorial lands within the Tłıchq Final Agreement) - Wek'èezhii Management Area (Tłıchq resource management area) and Mowhì Gogha Dè Niitièè (Tłıchq traditional use area); Northwest Territories Métis Nation (NWTMN) Interim Measurement Agreement (IMA) area; Akaitcho Territory Government (Treaty #8 Tribal Council) Asserted Traditional Territory; and North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) asserted traditional territory.

Figure 5 depicts the boundaries of the North Slave Region.

Below is the current status of each of the land claims or negotiations listed above:

The Tłıchq Land Claims and Self-government Agreement came into effect August 4, 2005. The Tłıchq Agreement is the first combined land, resource, and self-government agreement in the NWT. The Agreement provides the Tłıchq with ownership of a single block of 39,000 km<sup>2</sup> of land, including subsurface resources, adjacent to or surrounding the four Tłıchq Communities of Behchokò, Whatì, Gamètì, and Wekweètì. A regional Tłıchq Government was created with law-making authority over Tłıchq Citizens in Tłıchq Communities and on Tłıchq lands. This law-making authority includes aspects of education, adoption, child and family services, training, income support, social housing, and Tłıchq language and culture. A Tłıchq Community Services Agency provides certain services to all residents based on Tłıchq Laws and NWT Laws. The Agreement provides for guaranteed Tłıchq participation on the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board and the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board.

In 1996, the Northwest Territory Métis Nation (formally the South Slave Métis Council), the Federal Government, and the GNWT signed a Process and Schedule Agreement that guides these negotiations. An Interim Measures Agreement was signed by the Northwest Territory Métis Nation, the Federal Government, and the GNWT in June 2002. The Northwest Territory Métis Nation represents three Métis locals from the communities of Fort Smith, Hay River and Fort Resolution.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is negotiating a land, resources and self-government agreement with Akaitcho Dene First Nations and the Federal Government. The Akaitcho Dene First Nations represent the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Detah), Yellowknives Dene First Nation (N'dilo), Łutselk'e Dene First Nation, and Deninu Kue First Nation. In November 2005 an Interim Land Withdrawal Protocol was concluded. On November 2, 2006 the GNWT and the Akaitcho Dene First Nations reached an agreement on the interim withdrawal of 1034 hectares of Commissioner's Land in the City of Yellowknife. On November 21, 2007 Canada and the Akaitcho Dene First Nations reached an agreement for the interim withdrawal of 62,000 km<sup>2</sup> of Federal Crown land within their asserted traditional territory.

Currently there are no land-claim negotiations involving the North Slave Métis Alliance. The NSMA is, however, recognized as having consultation rights in their asserted traditional territory, which extends across the North Slave region.

If you plan on doing research in the North Slave Region, please carefully read the items below.

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The Tłı̄chǫ Lands Protection Department (TLPD), part of the Tłı̄chǫ Government, is responsible for administering and managing the lands received under the Tłı̄chǫ Land Claims and Self-government Act. Note that you must contact the TLPD directly to confirm whether you need a permit to access Tłı̄chǫ Lands.

Direct your inquiries to:

Tłı̄chǫ Lands Director  
Tłı̄chǫ Government  
P.O. Box 412  
Behchokò, NT  
X0E 0Y0  
Phone: (867) 392-6381  
Fax: (867) 392-6389  
URL: [www.tlicho.com](http://www.tlicho.com)

### **Territorial Lands**

You will require a Land Use Permit and/or a Water Licence if your activities in the North Slave Region will exceed certain thresholds. This is determined by the potential impacts of your proposed research on the environment. Activities that fall below the thresholds outlined in the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations do not require a Land Use Permit. Activities that will require a Land Use Permit include, but are not restricted to: establishing a campsite with a duration exceeding 200 person-days; construction of a building with a footprint larger than 100 m<sup>2</sup> and a height of more than 5 m; and petroleum fuel storage with a capacity that equals or exceeds 4 000 L. Water Licences are applied according to NWT Water Regulations criteria.

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) is responsible for issuing Land Use Permits and Water Licences within the Wek'èezhìi Management Area. Outside this area in the North Slave Region, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) is responsible for issuing these permits and licences.

To determine whether your proposed activity requires a land use permit and/or water licence, to apply for either, or for more information on the WLWB and MVLWB, visit their websites or contact them at the following addresses:

Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board  
Box 32  
Wekweèti, NT  
X0E 1W0  
Phone: (867) 713-2500  
URL: [wlwb.ca](http://wlwb.ca)

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board  
Box 2130  
7th Floor - 4922 48th Street  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 2P6  
Phone: (867) 669-0506  
URL: [mvlwb.com](http://mvlwb.com)

It is your responsibility as a researcher to contact the WLWB and/or MVLWB to determine whether you will require a Land Use Permit and/or Water Licence.

In addition, if you conduct research that uses land within the municipal limits of any NWT community you should contact the GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) for a potential lease of Commissioner's Lands (see [Research in Commissioner's Lands](#) under *section 2.C. Additional Research Licences and Permits*).

## Community Consultation

Before a Scientific Research Licence is issued by ARI, the researcher must effectively communicate with the appropriate community organizations and address any concerns, comments and suggestions regarding their proposed research.

Because the North Slave Region encompasses lands with and without finalized land claims, make sure you refer to the distribution list for your research licence to confirm which community organizations you must consult.

The following gives you a general guideline of the organizations to which ARI may distribute your application, regarding the different areas of the North Slave region:

Tłı̄chǫ private lands: Tłı̄chǫ Government, Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB), and North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA);

East and northeast area of the North Slave Region – outside the Tłı̄chǫ private lands block: Tłı̄chǫ Lands Protection Department (TLPD), Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB), North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA), Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN), Łutselk'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN), and in the east corner of the region, also the Northwest Territories Métis Nation (NWTMN).

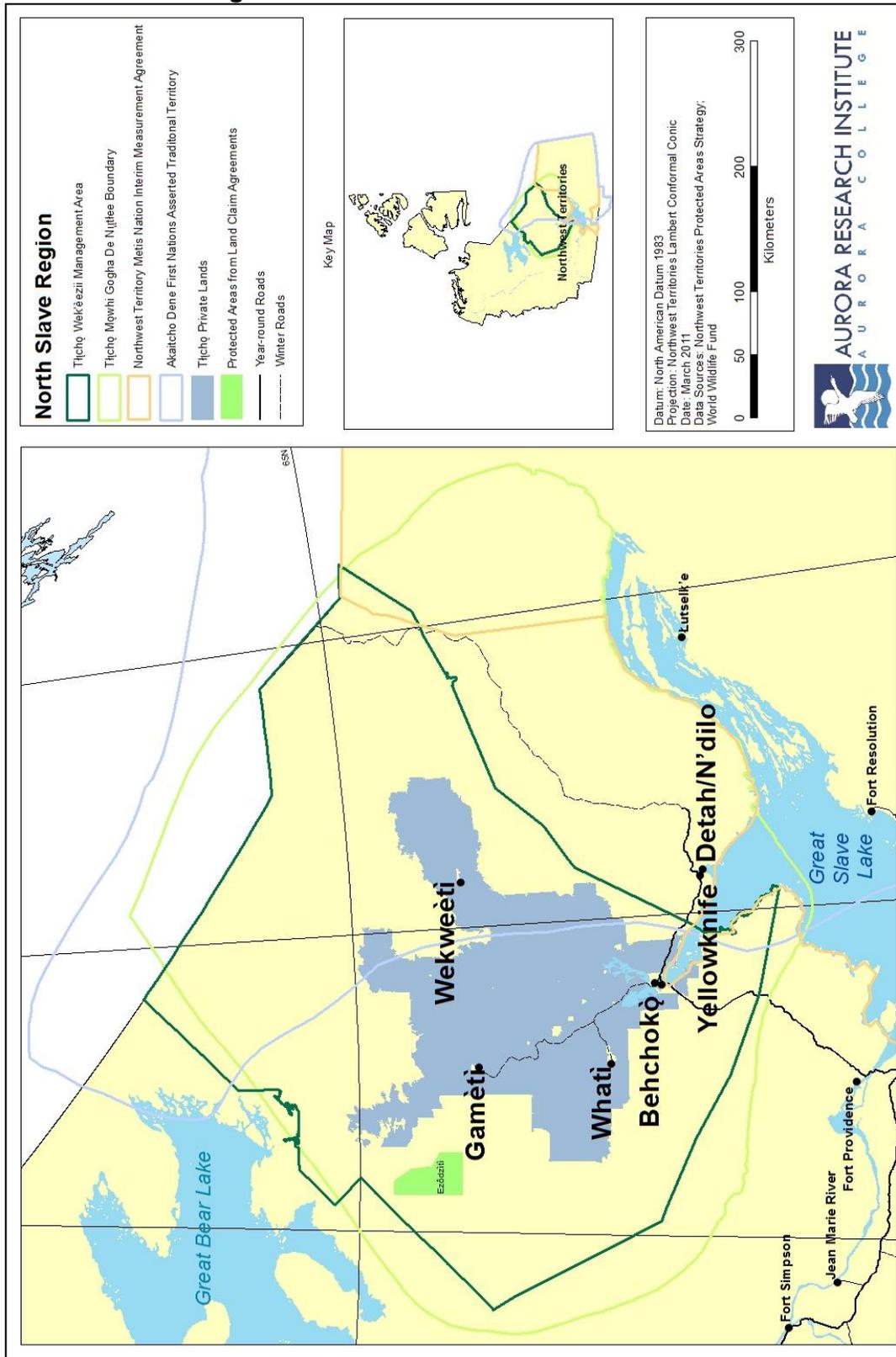
South area of the North Slave Region – outside the Tłı̄chǫ private lands block: Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN), Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB), North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA), and the Northwest Territories Métis Nation (NWTMN).

Research applications in the Treaty 8 area (Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations Asserted Traditional Territory, which is indicated above as the areas where the YKDFN and/or LKDFN are contacted) will be sent as a notification to the Akaitcho Territory Government (ATG). The ATG defers to the local communities to review research licence applications.

Akaitcho Territory Government  
General Delivery  
Fort Resolution, NT  
X0E 0M0  
Phone: (867) 394-3313  
Fax: (867) 394-3413  
URL: [akaitcho.ca](http://akaitcho.ca)

See below, and the following pages, for the contact information for organizations in the North Slave region.

Figure 5 - North Slave Region



**Table 5 - Community Contacts in the North Slave Region**

Community	Aboriginal Government / Band Council	Renewable Resources Organization	Municipal Office
Gamèti Behchokò (Rae-Edzo) Wekweèti Whati	Tłı̨chǫ Government Manager of Research and Operations P.O. Box 412 Behchokò, NT X0E 0Y0 Phone: (867) 392-6381 URL: <a href="http://tlicho.ca">tlicho.ca</a>		
East and Northeast area of North Slave Region	Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Dettah and N'dilo) Chiefs P.O. Box 2514 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8 Phone: (867) 766-3496 Email: <a href="mailto:dettahadmin@ykdene.com">dettahadmin@ykdene.com</a> URL: <a href="http://ykdene.com">ykdene.com</a>  Łutselk'e Dene First Nation P.O. Box 28 Łutselk'e, NT X0E 1A0 Phone: (867) 370-3151 Email: <a href="mailto:lkdfnlands@gmail.com">lkdfnlands@gmail.com</a>	Yellowknives Dene First Nation - Land & Environment Committee Lands and Environment Director P.O. Box 2514 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8 Phone: (867) 766-3496 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ndiloadmin@ykdene.com">ndiloadmin@ykdene.com</a> URL: <a href="http://ykdene.com">ykdene.com</a>  Łutselk'e Dene First Nation – Wildlife, Land and Environment Committee Lands and Environment Manager P.O. Box 28 Łutselk'e, NT X0E 1A0 Phone: (867) 370-3151 Email: <a href="mailto:lkdfnlands@gmail.com">lkdfnlands@gmail.com</a>	

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<p>Southern area of North Slave Region</p>	<p>Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Dettah and N'dilo) Chiefs  P.O. Box 2514  Yellowknife, NT  X1A 2P8  Phone: (867) 766-3496  Email: <a href="mailto:dettahadmin@ykdene.com">dettahadmin@ykdene.com</a>  URL: <a href="http://ykdene.com">ykdene.com</a></p>	<p>Yellowknives Dene First Nation - Land &amp; Environment Committee  Lands and Environment Director  P.O. Box 2514  Yellowknife, NT  X1A 2P8  Phone: (867) 766-3496  E-mail: <a href="mailto:ndiloadmin@ykdene.com">ndiloadmin@ykdene.com</a>  URL: <a href="http://ykdene.com">ykdene.com</a></p>	
<p>Yellowknife</p>	<p>NWT Métis Nation  Lands and Resources Manager  P.O. Box 1167  Fort Smith, NT  X0E 0P0  Tel: (867) 872-2770  URL : <a href="http://nwtmetisnation.ca">nwtmetisnation.ca</a></p>	<p>NWT Métis Nation  Lands and Resources Manager  P.O. Box 1167  Fort Smith, NT  X0E 0P0  Tel: (867) 872-2770  URL : <a href="http://nwtmetisnation.ca">nwtmetisnation.ca</a></p>	<p>City of Yellowknife  Mayor  P.O. Box 580  Yellowknife, NT  X1A 2N4  Phone: (867) 920-5600  Email: <a href="mailto:admin@yellowknife.ca">admin@yellowknife.ca</a>  URL: <a href="http://yellowknife.ca">yellowknife.ca</a></p>
<p>Throughout the North Slave Region</p>	<p>Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board  Executive Director  102A 4504 49th Street  Yellowknife, NT  X1A 1A7  Phone: (867) 873-5740  URL: <a href="http://wrrb.ca">wrrb.ca</a></p> <p>North Slave Métis Alliance  Regulatory Analyst  P.O. Box 2301  Yellowknife, NT  X1A 2P7  Phone: (867) 873-6762  E-mail: <a href="mailto:general@nsma.net">general@nsma.net</a></p>		

### ***E. Regions Where Land Claims are presently under Negotiation***

The Dehcho and South Slave Regions are presently under land claim negotiations. These regions include the: Dehcho First Nations Interim Measurement Agreement (IMA) area; Northwest Territories Métis Nation (NWTMN) Interim Measurement Agreement (IMA) area; Akaitcho Territory Government (Treaty #8 Tribal Council) Asserted Traditional Territory; Acho Dene Koe First Nation Asserted Traditional Territory – proposed traditional territory as asserted by the Acho Dene Koe.

Below is the current status of each land claim or negotiation listed above:

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is negotiating a land, resource, and self-government agreement with the Dehcho First Nations and the Federal Government. The progress made by all three parties led to the signing of The Dehcho Framework Agreement and Interim Measures Agreement in Fort Simpson on May 23, 2001.

The Dehcho First Nations and the Federal Government signed an Interim Resource Development Agreement and agreed on the interim withdrawal of 70,000 km<sup>2</sup> of Federal Crown land in April 2003. The Dehcho First Nations represents Band Councils and Métis Locals from the communities of Fort Providence, Fort Providence Métis, Fort Simpson, Fort Simpson Métis, Hay River Reserve, Jean Marie River, Kakisa, Nahanni Butte, Trout Lake, West Point and Wrigley.

The Northwest Territory Métis Nation represents three Métis locals from the communities of Fort Smith, Hay River and Fort Resolution. In 1996, the Northwest Territory Métis Nation (formally the South Slave Métis Council), the Federal Government, and the GNWT signed a Process and Schedule Agreement that guides these negotiations. An Interim Measures Agreement was signed by the Northwest Territory Métis Nation, the Federal Government, and the GNWT in June 2002.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is negotiating a land, resources and self-government agreement with Akaitcho Dene First Nations and the Federal Government. The Akaitcho Dene First Nations represent the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Detah), Yellowknives Dene First Nation (N'dilo), Łutselk'e Dene First Nation, and Deninu Kue First Nation. In November 2005 an Interim Land Withdrawal Protocol was concluded. On November 2, 2006 the GNWT and the Akaitcho Dene First Nations reached an agreement on the interim withdrawal of 1034 hectares of Commissioner's Land in the City of Yellowknife. On November 21, 2007 Canada and the Akaitcho Dene First Nations reached an agreement for the interim withdrawal of 62,000 km<sup>2</sup> of Federal Crown land within their asserted traditional territory.

The Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Canada, and the GNWT are negotiating a land, resource and self-government agreement. The Acho Dene Koe First Nation represents the Dene and Métis who are indigenous to the Fort Liard area. The Framework Agreement signed in Fort Liard on July 14, 2008, commits the parties to a two-phased approach to negotiations. The Phase One Final Agreement will focus on addressing land and resources. The Phase Two Final Agreement will focus on addressing self-government.

If you plan on doing research in the Dehcho and/or South Slave Regions, please carefully read the items in the following pages.

## Territorial Lands

You require a Land Use Permit and/or a Water Licence if your activities in the Dehcho and/or South Slave Regions exceed certain thresholds. This is determined by the potential impacts of your proposed research on the environment. Activities that fall below the thresholds outlined in the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations do not require a Land Use Permit. Activities that require a Land Use Permit include, but are not restricted to: establishing a campsite with a duration exceeding 200 person-days; construction of a building with a footprint of more than 100 m<sup>2</sup> and a height of more than 5 m; and petroleum fuel storage with a capacity that equals or exceeds 4 000 L. Water Licences are applied according to NWT Water Regulations criteria.

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) is responsible for issuing Land Use Permits and Water Licences in the Dehcho and/or South Slave Regions.

To determine whether your proposed research requires a land use permit and/or water licence, to apply for a permit and/or licence, or for more information on the MVLWB, visit their website or contact them at:

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board  
Box 2130  
7th Floor - 4922 48th Street  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 2P6  
Phone: (867) 669-0506  
URL: [mvlwb.com](http://mvlwb.com)

It is your responsibility as a researcher to contact the MVLWB to determine whether you require a Land Use Permit and/or Water Licence.

In addition, if you will conduct research that uses land within the municipal limits of any NWT community you should contact the GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) for a potential lease of Commissioner's Lands (see [Research in Commissioner's Lands](#) under *section 2.C. Additional Research Licences and Permits*).

## Community Consultation

Before a Scientific Research Licence is issued by ARI, the researcher must effectively communicate with the appropriate community organizations and address any concerns, comments and suggestions regarding their proposed research.

Because the Dehcho and South Slave Regions are still in land claim negotiations, make sure you refer to the distribution list for your research licence application to confirm which community organizations you must consult.

As land claim issues are settled and the appropriate boards and committees are set up in these regions, the consultation process will likely change. At present, these are the general guidelines for the consultation process for proposed research in the Dehcho and South Slave Regions:

- 1) If your research will take place within the municipal limits of the community, contact the Municipal Council(s).

2) If your research will involve community residents, contact the local Band Council(s) and Métis Local(s)/NWT Métis Nation.

3) If your research will take place outside the community's municipal limits, contact the local renewable resources organization. If the community does not have an established renewable resources organization, contact the local Band Council and/or Métis Local/NWT Métis Nation.

4) All researchers must contact the appropriate Regional Councils and Committees regarding their studies.

5) Note that research outside municipal limits often affects more than one community, depending on the location of your field work.

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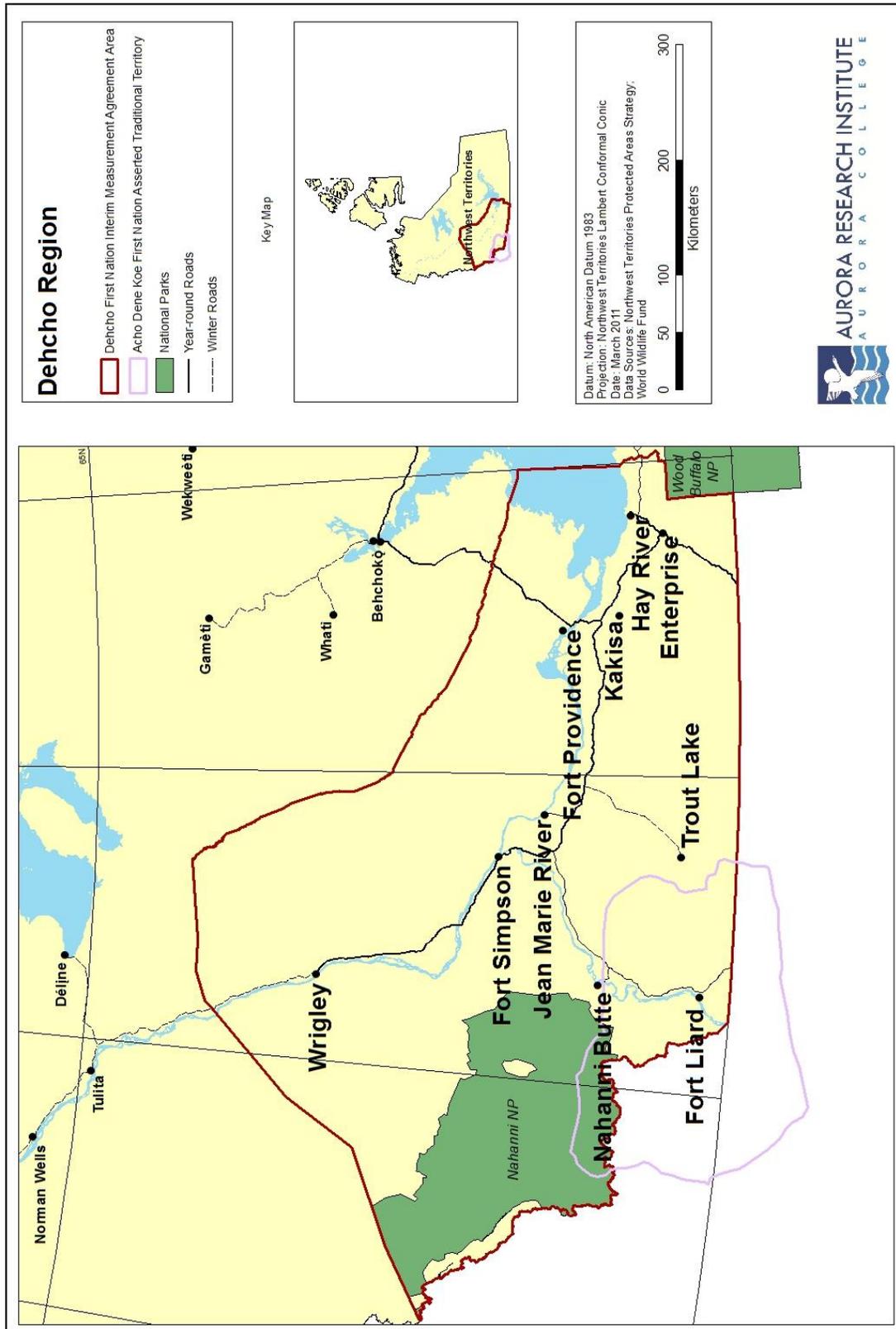
All communities in the Dehcho region are members of the Dehcho First Nations (DCFN), except the Acho Dene Koe Band, in Fort Liard. The DCFN receives applications for all research related to its member communities via the online licensing system, but for their information only. The DCFN usually defers to local communities for the review of research licence applications.

Dehcho First Nations  
P.O. Box 89  
Fort Simpson, NT  
X0E 0N0  
Phone: (867) 695-2610  
URL: [dehcho.org](http://dehcho.org)

Figure 6 depicts the boundaries of the Dehcho Region.

For contact information for organizations in the Dehcho region, see the following pages.

Figure 6 - Dehcho Region



**Table 6 - Community Contacts in the Dehcho Region**

Community	Band Council	Renewable Resources Organization	Municipal Office
Enterprise			Enterprise Settlement Council Senior Administrative Officer 526 Robin Road Enterprise, NT X0E 0R1 Phone: (867) 984-3491 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sao@enterprise-nt.ca">sao@enterprise-nt.ca</a>
Fort Liard	Acho Dene Koe Band Band Manager General Delivery Fort Liard, NT X0G 0A0 Phone: (867) 770-4571 Email: <a href="mailto:manager@adkfirstnation.ca">manager@adkfirstnation.ca</a>		Hamlet of Fort Liard Senior Administrative Officer General Delivery Fort Liard, NT X0G 0A0 Phone: (867) 770-4104 Email: <a href="mailto:sao@fortliard.com">sao@fortliard.com</a>
Fort Providence	Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council Chief P.O. Box 200 Fort Providence, NT X0E 0L0 Phone: (867) 699-7000 Email: <a href="mailto:chief@dehgahgotie.ca">chief@dehgahgotie.ca</a>	Fort Providence Resource Management Board Chairman P.O. Box 226 Fort Providence, NT X0E 0L0 Phone: (867) 699-7009 Fax: (867) 699-3133 E-mail: <a href="mailto:rm@dehgahgotie.ca">rm@dehgahgotie.ca</a>	Hamlet of Fort Providence Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 290 Fort Providence, NT X0E 0L0 Phone: (867) 699-3441 Email: <a href="mailto:sao@fortprovidence.ca">sao@fortprovidence.ca</a>
Fort Simpson	Liidlii Kue First Nation Lands & Resources P.O. Box 469 Fort Simpson, NT X0E 0N0 Phone: (867) 695-3131 E-mail : <a href="mailto:resources@liidliikue.com">resources@liidliikue.com</a>	Denendeh Resource Committee Lands and Environment Officer P.O. Box 469 Fort Simpson, NT X0E 0N0 Phone: (867) 695-3131 E-mail: <a href="mailto:resources@liidliikue.com">resources@liidliikue.com</a>	Village of Fort Simpson Senior Administrative Officer P.O. Box 438 Fort Simpson, NT X0E 0N0 Phone: (867) 695-2253 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sao@vofs.ca">sao@vofs.ca</a> URL: <a href="http://fortsimpson.com">fortsimpson.com</a>

<p>Hay River</p>	<p>West Point First Nation                  #1 47031 Mackenzie Highway                  Hay River, NT                  X0E 0R9                  Phone: (867) 874-6677                  Email: <a href="mailto:land@wpfn.ca">land@wpfn.ca</a></p> <p>NWT Métis Nation                  Lands and Resources Manager                  P.O. Box 1167                  Fort Smith, NT                  X0E 0P0                  Tel: (867) 872-2770                  URL: <a href="http://nwtmetisnation.ca">nwtmetisnation.ca</a></p>		<p>Town of Hay River                  Senior Administrative Officer                  #73 Woodland Drive                  Hay River, NT                  X0E 1G1                  Phone: (867) 874-6522                  E-mail:  <a href="mailto:sao@hayriver.com">sao@hayriver.com</a>                  URL: <a href="http://hayriver.com">hayriver.com</a></p>
<p>Hay River Reserve</p>	<p>Hay River Dene Band/Katlodeeche First Nation                  Director of Lands and Negotiations                  P.O. Box 3060                  Hay River Dene Reserve #1, NT                  X0E 1G4                  Phone: (867) 874-6701                  E-mail:  <a href="mailto:landdirector@katlodeeche.com">landdirector@katlodeeche.com</a></p> <p>NWT Métis Nation                  Lands and Resources Manager                  P.O. Box 1167                  Fort Smith, NT                  X0E 0P0                  Tel: (867) 872-2770                  URL : <a href="http://nwtmetisnation.ca">nwtmetisnation.ca</a></p>		
<p>Jean Marie River</p>	<p>Jean Marie River First Nation                  Chief                  General Delivery                  Jean Marie River, NT                  X0E 0N0                  Phone: (867) 809-2000                  E-mail: <a href="mailto:chief@jmrfn.com">chief@jmrfn.com</a></p>		

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Kakisa Lake	Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation Chief P.O. Box 4428 Kakisa, NT X0E 1G3 Phone: (867) 825-2000		
Nahanni Butte	Nahanni Butte Dene Band Chief General Delivery Nahanni Butte, NT X0E 0N0 Phone: (867) 602-2900 Email: <a href="mailto:chief.betsaka@gmail.com">chief.betsaka@gmail.com</a>		
Sambaa K'e (Trout Lake)	Sambaa K'e Dene Band Chief P.O. Box 10 Trout Lake, NT X0E 1E0 Phone: (867) 206-2800 E-mail: <a href="mailto:chief@sambaakefn.com">chief@sambaakefn.com</a> URL: <a href="http://sambaake.com">sambaake.com</a>		
Wrigley	Pehdzeh Ki First Nation Band Manager P.O. Box 56 Wrigley, NT X0E 1E0 Phone: (867) 581-3321 Email: <a href="mailto:bandmanager@pkfn.ca">bandmanager@pkfn.ca</a>		

## **South Slave (Akaitcho Territory)**

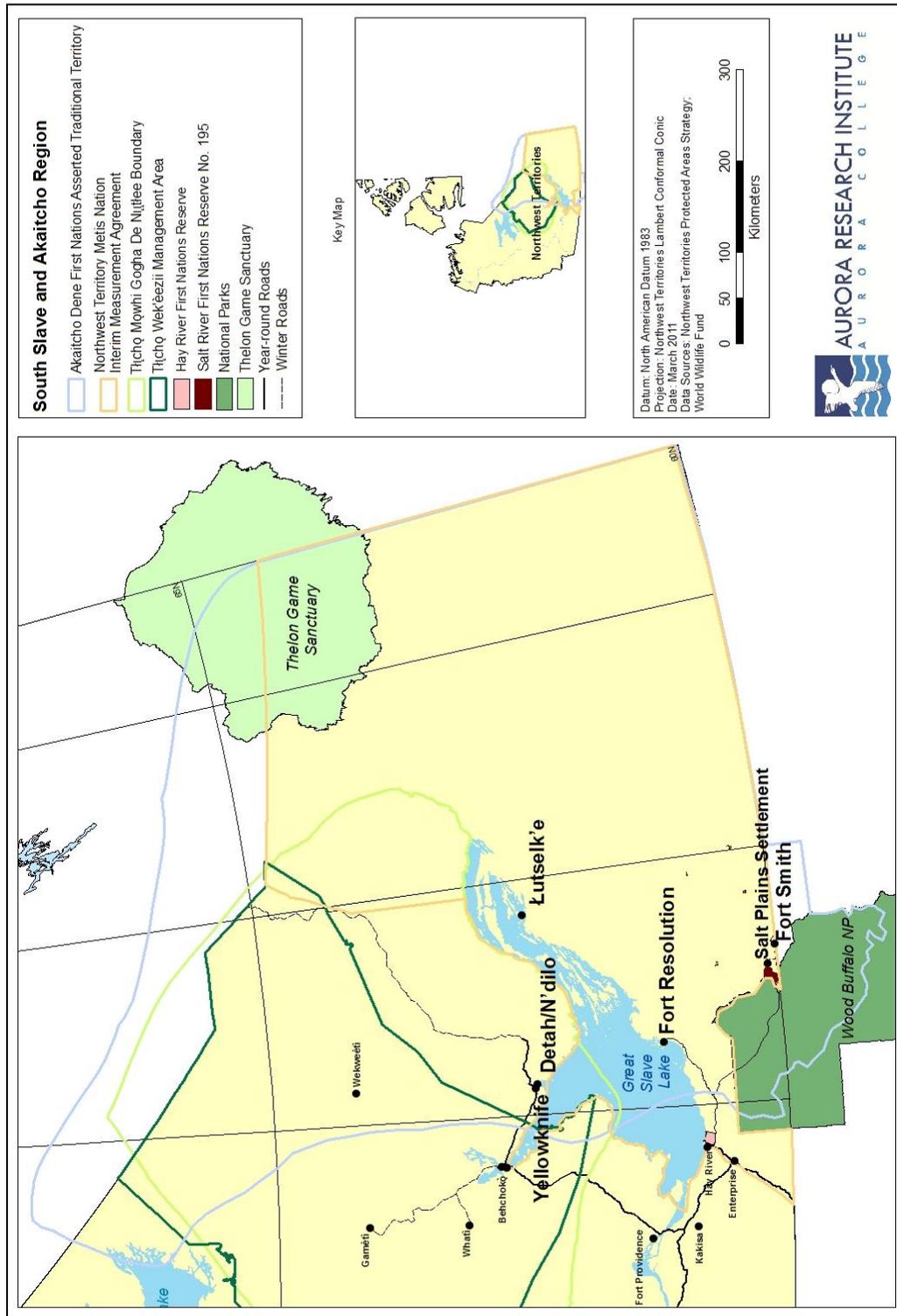
The Akaitcho Territory Government (ATG) represents all South Slave communities. The ATG receives applications for all research in the South Slave Region via the online licensing system, but for their information only. The ATG usually defers to local communities for the review of research licence applications.

Akaitcho Territory Government  
Great Slave Lake Office  
General Delivery  
Fort Resolution, NT  
X0E 0M0  
Phone: (867) 394-3313  
URL: [akaitcho.ca](http://akaitcho.ca)

Figure 7 depicts the boundaries of the South Slave Region.

For contact information for organizations in the South Slave, see the following pages.

Figure 7 - South Slave Region



**Table 7 - Community Contacts in the South Slave Region**

Community	Band Council	Resource Management Board	Municipal Office
Fort Resolution	<p>Deninu K'ue First Nation                      IMA Coordinator                      P.O. Box 1899                      Fort Resolution, NT                      X0E 0M0                      Phone: (867) 394-4335                      Email: <a href="mailto:ima@dkfn.ca">ima@dkfn.ca</a></p> <p>NWT Métis Nation                      Lands and Resources                      Manager                      P.O. Box 1167                      Fort Smith, NT                      X0E 0P0                      Tel: (867) 872-2770                      URL : <a href="http://nwtmetisnation.ca">nwtmetisnation.ca</a></p>	<p>Deninu K'ue First Nation                      Environment and                      Conservation Committee                      IMA Coordinator                      P.O. Box 1899                      Fort Resolution, NT                      X0E 0M0                      Phone: (867) 394-4335                      Email: <a href="mailto:ima@dkfn.ca">ima@dkfn.ca</a></p>	<p>Fort Resolution                      Settlement                      Corporation/Deninoo                      Community Council                      Mayor                      General Delivery                      Fort Resolution, NT                      X0E 0M0                      Phone: (867) 394-4556                      Fax: (867) 394-5415</p>
Fort Smith	<p>Salt River First Nation                      Chief                      P.O. Box 960                      Fort Smith, NT                      X0E 0P0                      Phone: (867) 872-2986                      Fax: (867) 872-3550</p> <p>NWT Métis Nation                      Lands and Resources                      Manager                      P.O. Box 1167                      Fort Smith, NT                      X0E 0P0                      Tel: (867) 872-2770                      URL : <a href="http://nwtmetisnation.ca">nwtmetisnation.ca</a></p> <p>Smith's Landing First                      Nation                      Chief Executive Officer                      P.O. Box 1470                      Fort Smith, NT                      X0E 0P0                      Phone: (867) 872-4950                      Email: <a href="mailto:ceo@slfn196.com">ceo@slfn196.com</a>                      URL: <a href="http://www.slfn.net">www.slfn.net</a></p>		<p>Town of Fort Smith                      Executive Secretary                      P.O. Box 147                      Fort Smith, NT                      X0E 0P0                      Phone: (867) 872-8400                      URL: <a href="http://town.fort-smith.nt.ca">town.fort-smith.nt.ca</a></p>

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<p>Łutselk'e (Snowdrift)</p>	<p>Łutselk'e Dene First Nation P.O. Box 28 Łutselk'e, NT X0E 1A0 Phone: (867) 370-3151 Email: <a href="mailto:lkdfnlands@gmail.com">lkdfnlands@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Łutselk'e Dene First Nation - Wildlife, Land and Environment Committee Lands and Environment Manager P.O. Box 28 Łutselk'e, NT X0E 1A0 Phone: (867) 370-3151 Email: <a href="mailto:lkdfnlands@gmail.com">lkdfnlands@gmail.com</a></p>	
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## 4. Support for Researchers

### **A. Aurora Research Institute Facilities**

ARI operates three facilities, the Western Arctic, North Slave and South Slave Research Centres. These facilities provide support to researchers operating in, respectively, the Inuvik, Yellowknife and Fort Smith regions. ARI facilities may be used by anyone conducting research, regardless of the sponsoring agency.

#### **Western Arctic Research Centre**

The Western Arctic Research Centre (originally called the Inuvik Research Laboratory) has been in operation since 1964. It is ideally located to support researchers working in the northern NWT and northern Yukon. Inuvik is located just south of the tree line on the eastern edge of the Mackenzie Delta, and acts as a regional centre for the Western Arctic. With a resident population of 3,140 (2016 Census), Inuvik is accessible by road via the Dempster Highway (for most of the year – be sure to check for seasonal road closures) or by air from Edmonton, Yellowknife and Whitehorse (year-round).

In 2011, the Inuvik Research Centre moved to a new building called, the Western Arctic Research Centre (WARC). This new facility was awarded under the Arctic Research Infrastructure Fund (part of the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan), with additional support from the territorial and community governments. WARC was built adjacent to the previous site of the Inuvik Research Centre. The new facility will provide improved services to researchers, as well as to the local community.

To date, well over 4,200 research projects have been conducted using the support of the Inuvik facility. It operates year-round and can provide researchers with office and laboratory space, access to a research library, and internet access. ARI accommodations are located near the research centre, and can host up to 24 researchers at a time. In addition, the centre is equipped with storage and freezer facilities and can provide field equipment and support to researchers. Examples of equipment available include snowmobiles, toboggans, boats and motors, tents, satellite phones, winter gear, and camping equipment. Contact the Manager of the Inuvik Research Centre for a complete list of available items and a current fee schedule. The research centre can also provide research and monitoring services on a contractual basis or facilitate the hiring of local research assistants. The manager can also be contacted for information on regional field stations.

For more information contact:

Manager, Western Arctic Research Centre  
P.O. Box 1450  
191 Mackenzie Road  
Inuvik, NT CANADA  
X0E 0T0  
Phone: (867) 777-3298  
Email: [inuvik@nwtresearch.com](mailto:inuvik@nwtresearch.com)  
URL: [nwtresearch.com](http://nwtresearch.com)

## **South Slave Research Centre**

The South Slave Research Centre is located in Fort Smith, on the Thebacha Campus of Aurora College. Fort Smith lies on the west bank of the Slave River at the Alberta/NWT border, and is the home of Wood Buffalo National Park headquarters. This community of 2,031 (2016 Census) residents is accessible both by road and air.

The facility can provide office space, shared laboratory space, access to the Thebacha Campus Library, and internet access. Please contact the Manager of the South Slave Research Centre for a current fee schedule. The Facility conducts research as required by the community, and can act as a liaison, carry out contractual research, and assist in the hiring of local research assistants.

For more information contact:

Manager, South Slave Research Centre  
P.O. Box 45  
Fort Smith, NT  
X0E 0P0  
Phone: (867) 872-4909  
E-mail: [fortsmith@nwtresearch.com](mailto:fortsmith@nwtresearch.com)  
URL: [nwtresearch.com](http://nwtresearch.com)

## **North Slave Research Centre**

The North Slave Research Centre's office is located in Yellowknife, on the North Slave Campus of Aurora College, and provides support to researchers in this region. The North Slave Research Centre has limited accommodation available for researchers.

For more information contact:

Manager, North Slave Research Centre  
5004-54th Street  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 2R3  
Phone: (867) 920-3062  
Fax: (867) 873-0358  
E-mail: [yellowknife@nwtresearch.com](mailto:yellowknife@nwtresearch.com)  
URL: [nwtresearch.com](http://nwtresearch.com)

## ***B. Northern Colleges outside the NWT***

Similar to ARI of Aurora College in the Northwest Territories, the colleges in Nunavut and the Yukon provide support to northern research in their respective territories:

### **Nunavut Arctic College**

The Nunavut Research Institute, part of the Nunavut Arctic College, operates the Iqaluit Research Centre.

Services offered by the Iqaluit Research Centre include: research and data collection; research licensing; provision of some logistical support for Nunavut-based and visiting researchers;

community liaison; identification, promotion, testing and development of technology; information on northern science and technology training opportunities; and promoting awareness of science, research, technology and traditional knowledge in Nunavut.

Nunavut Research Institute  
Box 1720  
Iqaluit, NU  
XOA OHO  
Phone: (867) 979-7280  
URL: [nri.nu.ca](http://nri.nu.ca)

## **Yukon College**

The Northern Research Institute, a division of Yukon College, provides research services and support to the College and other organizations.

Northern Research Institute  
500 College Drive, PO Box 2799  
Whitehorse, YT  
Y1A 5K4  
Phone: (867) 668-8772  
URL: [yukoncollege.yk.ca](http://yukoncollege.yk.ca)

## ***C. Other Support***

In addition to ARI, a number of organizations offer support for research projects in the NWT:

### **Arctic Institute of North America (AINA)**

AINA is a non-profit organization and multi-disciplinary research institute based out of the University of Calgary.

Arctic Institute of North America (AINA)  
University of Calgary  
2500 University Dr. N.W.  
Calgary, AB  
T2N 1N4  
Phone: (403) 220-7515  
Email: [arctic@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arctic@ucalgary.ca)  
URL: [arctic.ucalgary.ca](http://arctic.ucalgary.ca)

## ArcticNet

ArcticNet is a large research network funded by the Government of Canada through the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program.

ArcticNet Inc.  
Pavillon Alexandre-Vachon, Room 4081  
1045, avenue de la Médecine,  
Laval University  
Québec City QC  
G1V 0A6  
Phone: (418) 656-5830  
E-mail: [arcticnet@arcticnet.ulaval.ca](mailto:arcticnet@arcticnet.ulaval.ca)  
URL: [arcticnet.ulaval.ca](http://arcticnet.ulaval.ca)

## Polar Knowledge Canada

Polar Knowledge Canada is a new federal organization which combines the resources and knowledge of the former Canadian Polar Commission and the former Science and Technology program, Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP), at Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development Canada (INAC) into one organization.

The aim of NSTP is to promote interest in northern studies and provide opportunities for advanced and graduate students to obtain experience and professional training in the North. NSTP is a supplementary granting program to offset the additional costs of northern research.

Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP)  
Polar Knowledge Canada  
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)  
170 Laurier Ave. West, Suite 200  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5V5  
Phone: (613) 222-7421  
E-mail: [nstp-pfsn@polar.gc.ca](mailto:nstp-pfsn@polar.gc.ca)

Polar Knowledge Canada  
Canadian High Arctic Research Station Campus  
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)  
1 Uvajuq Road  
P.O. Box 2150  
Cambridge Bay, NU  
X0B 0C0 Phone: (613) 943-8605  
E-mail: [info@polar.gc.ca](mailto:info@polar.gc.ca)  
URL: [canada.ca/en/polar-knowledge.html](http://canada.ca/en/polar-knowledge.html)

## **Northern Contaminants Program (NCP)**

The NCP allocates funds for contaminants research in the North and related activities in four main areas: human health research, environmental monitoring and research, education and communications, and national/regional coordination and Aboriginal partnerships.

Northern Science and Contaminants Research Directorate  
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)  
10 Wellington Street  
Hull, QC  
K1A 0H4  
Email: [aadnc.PLCN-NCP.aandc@canada.ca](mailto:aadnc.PLCN-NCP.aandc@canada.ca)  
URL: [science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h\\_7A463DBA.html](http://science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_7A463DBA.html)

## **Polar Continental Shelf Project (PCSP)**

PCSP provides logistical assistance in the form of air support, radio schedules and equipment. Its base at Resolute Bay on Cornwallis Island in the eastern Arctic serves as a staging area for research conducted in many locations in the Arctic. For more information contact:

Polar Continental Shelf Program  
Natural Resources Canada  
2464 Sheffield Road  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0G1  
Tel.: 613-998-8145  
E-mail: [NRCan.PCSP-PPCP.RNCan@Canada.ca](mailto:NRCan.PCSP-PPCP.RNCan@Canada.ca)  
URL: [nrcan.gc.ca/the-north/polar-continental-shelf-program](http://nrcan.gc.ca/the-north/polar-continental-shelf-program)

## 5. APPENDICES

### ***Appendix A. Scientists Act***

CONSOLIDATION OF SCIENTISTS ACT R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c.S-4

AS AMENDED BY:

This consolidation is not an official statement of the law. It is an office consolidation prepared by Legislation Division, Department of Justice, for convenience only. The authoritative text of statutes can be ascertained from the Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988 and the Annual Volumes of the Statutes of the Northwest Territories. Copies of this consolidation and other Government of the Northwest Territories publications can be obtained at the following address:

Canarctic Graphics  
 5102-50th Street  
 P.O. Box 2758  
 Yellowknife NT X1A 2R1  
 Telephone: (867) 873-5924

Application of Act to wildlife	1. This Act does not apply to scientific research on wildlife or the collection of specimens of wildlife as defined in the Wildlife Act.
Authority to carry on scientific research	2. No person shall carry on scientific research in or based on the Territories, or collect specimens in the Territories for use in scientific research, unless (a) he or she is the holder of a licence issued under this Act; or (b) the research consists solely of archaeological work for which a permit has been issued under the Northwest Territories Archaeological Sites Regulations made under the Northwest Territories Act (Canada).
Issue of licence	3. (1) The Commissioner may issue licences, subject to the conditions that the Commissioner may determine, that authorize the holders of the licences to carry out scientific research in or based on the Territories.
Time for issuing licences	(2) The Commissioner shall issue a licence within one year after the receipt of the application for a licence unless, in the opinion of the Commissioner, to be stated in writing with the reasons for the opinion, the research proposed to be carried out might be injurious to or unduly interfere with the natural and social environment of

	the Territories or any part of that environment.
Powers respecting licences	(3) The Commissioner may at any time, for any cause that to the Commissioner seems sufficient, extend, renew, alter or revoke a licence issued under this section.
Statement of information	4. (1) Every applicant for a licence shall provide an accurate statement giving the information on the proposed scientific research that the Commissioner may require.
Change in information	(2) Where any material change takes place after the provision of the information referred to in subsection (1), the applicant shall without delay provide corrected information to the Commissioner or a person designated by the Commissioner.
Reports and other information	5. (1) Every person to whom a licence is issued under this Act shall, within six months after the date on which the licence expires, furnish in duplicate to the Commissioner or a person designated by the Commissioner, (a) a report setting out the scientific work done and the information obtained; and (b) such other information as the Commissioner may determine.
Extension of time	(2) The Commissioner may, as the Commissioner sees fit, extend the time for submission of the report and other information required under subsection (1).
Specimens	6. Where a person to whom a licence is issued under this Act collects any specimens, the Commissioner may require that person to submit to the Commissioner or a person designated by the Commissioner any or all of the specimens collected, and the specimens may be disposed of in the manner that the Commissioner considers proper.
Offence and punishment	7. Every person who contravenes this Act or the regulations or a condition of a licence issued under this Act is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.
Regulations	8. The Commissioner, on the

	recommendation of the Minister, may make such regulations as the Commissioner considers necessary for carrying out the purposes and provisions of this Act.
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CODIFICATION ADMINISTRATIVE DE LA LOI SUR LES SCIENTIFIQUES L.R.T.N.-O. 1988, ch. S-4

MODIFIÉE PAR:

La présente codification administrative ne constitue pas le texte officiel de la loi; elle n'est établie qu'à titre documentaire par les Affaires législatives du ministère de la Justice. Seules les lois contenues dans les Lois révisées des Territoires du Nord-Ouest (1988) et dans les volumes annuels des Lois des Territoires du Nord-Ouest ont force de loi. On peut également obtenir des copies de la présente codification et d'autres publications du gouvernement des Territoires du Nord-Ouest en communiquant avec:

Canarctic Graphics  
 5102, 50e Rue  
 C.P. 2758  
 Yellowknife NT X1A 2R1  
 Téléphone: (867) 873-5924

Application à la faune	1. La présente loi ne s'applique ni à la recherche scientifique sur la faune ni au prélèvement de spécimens de la faune au sens de la Loi sur la faune.
Pouvoir de faire de la recherche scientifique	2. Il est interdit de faire de la recherche scientifique dans les territoires ou concernant les territoires, ou de prélever des spécimens dans les territoires pour les utiliser en recherche scientifique, à moins : a) soit d'être titulaire d'un permis délivré en conformité avec la présente loi; b) soit de limiter la recherche à des travaux archéologiques pour lesquels un permis a été délivré en conformité avec le Règlement sur les lieux archéologiques des Territoires du Nord-Ouest pris en application de la Loi sur les Territoires du Nord-Ouest (Canada).
Délivrance	3. (1) Le commissaire peut délivrer des permis, assortis des conditions qu'il peut imposer, autorisant les titulaires à faire de la recherche scientifique dans les territoires ou concernant les territoires.
Délai de délivrance	(2) Le commissaire délivre un permis dans l'année qui suit la réception de la demande de permis à moins que, selon son avis écrit et motivé, le projet de recherche risque de nuire ou de porter indûment atteinte à tout ou partie de l'environnement naturel et social des territoires.
Pouvoirs du commissaire	(3) Le commissaire peut, à tout moment et pour toute raison qu'il estime suffisante, proroger, renouveler, modifier ou révoquer

	le permis délivré en conformité avec le présent article.
Renseignements joints à la demande	4. (1) L'auteur d'une demande de permis fournit une déclaration exacte comprenant les renseignements que le commissaire peut exiger sur le projet de recherche scientifique.
Corrections à apporter	(2) Si un changement important survient après que les renseignements visés au paragraphe (1) aient été donnés, l'auteur de la demande de permis fournit sans tarder au commissaire ou à la personne que celui-ci désigne les corrections nécessaires.
Rapports et autres renseignements	5. (1) Au cours des six mois qui suivent la date à laquelle le permis expire, le titulaire d'un permis délivré en conformité avec la présente loi fournit, en double exemplaire, au commissaire ou à la personne que celui-ci désigne : a) un rapport sur les travaux scientifiques effectués et les renseignements obtenus; b) les autres renseignements que le commissaire peut exiger.
Prorogation du délai	(2) Le commissaire peut, s'il le juge indiqué, proroger le délai de présentation du rapport et des renseignements exigés aux termes du paragraphe (1).
Spécimens	6. Lorsque le titulaire d'un permis délivré en conformité avec la présente loi prélève des spécimens, le commissaire peut exiger qu'il lui donne ou qu'il donne à la personne qu'il désigne tout ou partie des spécimens prélevés. Le commissaire peut prendre les mesures qu'il juge appropriées à l'égard de ces spécimens.
Infraction et peine	7. Quiconque contrevient à la présente loi, aux règlements ou à une condition d'un permis délivré en conformité avec la présente loi commet une infraction et encourt, sur déclaration de culpabilité par procédure sommaire, une amende maximale de 1 000 \$, un emprisonnement maximal de six mois, ou les deux peines.
Règlements	8. Sur recommandation du ministre, le commissaire peut prendre les règlements qu'il estime nécessaires à l'application de la présente loi.

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## **Appendix B. Other Licences and Permits**

In addition to a Scientific Research Licence from ARI, you may require other licences or permits in order to conduct your research. Contact the appropriate agency for more information.

**Customs:** International researchers may require a work visa to conduct research in Canada. Also, equipment and samples for research purposes may have to be imported to Canada, or exported back to their country of origin. For more information, visit Citizenship and Immigration Canada at [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca), and the Canada Border Services Agency at [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca).

**Export Permits:** It is an offence to remove any wildlife or wildlife parts, other than a manufactured product, from the NWT unless you have a Wildlife Export Permit. Permits are available from regional Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) offices. A Marine Mammal Export Permit is required to transport marine mammals, or parts of marine mammals, out of the NWT. This permit is issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

In addition, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES) was established to control the import and export of species that are considered to be rare or endangered. You will need a CITES permit to import or export specimens of species listed by CITES to/from Canada. For more information visit [www.ec.gc.ca/cites/](http://www.ec.gc.ca/cites/)

**Field Work on Territorial Lands - Land Use Permit:** Those conducting field work on Territorial land require a Land Use Permit if their research activities are likely to have significant impacts on the environment.

For activities taking place in the Mackenzie Valley, apply to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board for a land use permit, except for those regions with a settled claim such as the Gwich'in, Sahtu and Tłı̄chǫ regions. Each of these has their own respective boards who review permit applications for both Territorial and private lands. In the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, land use permits for the use of Territorial Lands are obtained from GNWT, Department of Lands, and for the use of Inuvialuit Lands, from the Inuvialuit Land Administration office.

For information about conducting field work on Private Lands, go to prior sections of this guide – under each region's *Crown and Private Lands* item under [3. Land Claim Regions and Community Contacts](#).

For information about conducting field work on Commissioner's Lands, go to this guide's item [Research in Commissioner's Lands](#), under sub-section 2.C. *Additional Research Licences and Permits*.

**Canadian Firearms Program:** You are required to have a licence to possess and register a firearm, and to obtain ammunition, in Canada. Your licence must be kept valid for as long as you possess firearms. A Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) is required for Canadian residents 18 and older who wish to possess or acquire any firearm (including for use as safety equipment in the field). For more information, visit [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf).

**Radio Licence:** You are required to have a licence if you wish to operate a radio transmitter. Parties who are issued field radios by the Polar Continental Shelf Project or ARI are already covered by their respective permits and do not require a separate permit. For more information, visit <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/home>, or contact:

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Industry Canada  
Government of Canada  
Northwest Territories and Nunavut District  
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Email: [ic.spectrumsaskatoon-saskatoonspectre.ic@canada.ca](mailto:ic.spectrumsaskatoon-saskatoonspectre.ic@canada.ca)

**Research using Radioisotopes:** Projects using radioisotopes in laboratory research require a permit from the researcher's home institution, approving the use of radioisotopes at another institution. The home institution must be licensed by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. Researchers should contact the Radiation Safety Officer at their home institution, as well as the appropriate person at their field location, to ensure that all permits are in place before beginning work involving radioisotopes.



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