



The Decision Makers in the Process

In 1998, the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* established a number of independent boards that were designed to run the various stages in the environmental impact assessment and regulatory processes.

Although the federal government enacted this piece of legislation, it resulted from land claim negotiations. This legislation gives Aboriginal people of the Mackenzie Valley, Northwest Territories, a greater say in resource development and management. These independent boards are co-management, which means Aboriginal land claim organizations nominate half of the board members, and the federal and territorial governments nominate the other half of the board members.

The Mackenzie Valley boards and organizations involved in the environmental impact assessment and regulatory process are as follows:

Preliminary screening & the regulation of land and water

Gwich'in Land and Water Board
Sahtu Land and Water Board
Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
Government of the Northwest Territories

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Environment Canada
National Energy Board
Parks Canada

Environmental assessment

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Environmental impact review

Independent panels established by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Wildlife management

Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board
Sahtu Renewable Resource Board
Wek'èezhii Renewable Resource Board

Land use planning

Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board
Sahtu Land Use Planning Board



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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board is responsible for conducting environmental assessments on proposed developments and for striking panels to conduct environmental impact reviews on them if necessary, throughout the Mackenzie Valley.

Based on the findings of its assessment, this co-management board makes recommendations to the federal and responsible ministers on whether a proposed development can proceed for regulatory approval or not, and if so under what conditions. This co-management board was established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

(867) 766-7050 | 1-866-912-3472

www.reviewboard.ca

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board is responsible for conducting preliminary screenings and for regulating the use of land and water in the Dehcho and South Slave regions (unsettled claims areas), as well as development that may have impacts on more than one settlement region. The authority of this co-management board extends to all Crown and private lands and water in the Mackenzie Valley.

In the Sahtu, Gwich'in and Wek'èezhìi (settled claim areas), regional land and water boards have been established. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board monitors and ensures consistent application of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* between all regional land and water boards in the Mackenzie Valley.

(867) 669-0506 | www.mvlwb.com





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Gwich'in Land and Water Board

The Gwich'in Land and Water Board is responsible for conducting preliminary screenings and for regulating land and water and deposits of waste throughout the Gwich'in Settlement Area.

This regional co-management board was established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act* and originated out of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

(867) 777-7960 | www.glwb.com

Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board

The Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board is responsible for preparing and implementing comprehensive land and water use plans for the Gwich'in Settlement Area. These plans provide direction for use, development and conservation with respect to all land, water and other resources in the area.

This regional co-management board was established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and through the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

(867) 777-7936

www.gwichinplanning.nt.ca

Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

The Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board is responsible for wildlife, fish and forest management in the Gwich'in Settlement Area. This regional co-management board was established by the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

(867) 777-6600 | www.grrb.nt.ca





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Sahtu Land and Water Board

The Sahtu Land and Water Board is responsible for conducting preliminary screenings and for regulating land, water and deposits of waste throughout the Sahtu Settlement Area.

This regional co-management board was established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and through the Sahtu Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

(867) 598-2413 | www.slwb.com

Sahtu Renewable Resources Board

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board is responsible for protecting, conserving, and managing all renewable resources in the Sahtu.

This regional co-management board was established by the Sahtu Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

(867) 588-4040 | www.srrb.nt.ca

Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board is responsible for preparing and implementing comprehensive land and water use plans for the Sahtu Settlement Area. These plans provide direction for the use, development, and conservation with respect to all land, water and other resources in the area.

This regional co-management board was established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and through the Sahtu Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

(867) 598-2055 |
www.sahtulanduseplan.org





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Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board is responsible for conducting preliminary screenings and for regulating land and water and deposits of waste throughout the Wek'èezhìi Management Area.

This regional co-management board was established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and through the Tlicho Agreement.

(867) 713-2500 | www.wlwb.ca

Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board

The Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board is responsible for managing wildlife and wildlife habitat in Wek'èezhìi area.

This co-management board is a wildlife co-management authority established by the Tlicho Agreement.

(867) 873.5740 | www.wrrb.ca

