

## WILDLIFE LANDS &amp; ENVIRONMENT

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Hi Sherry,

Once again for this hearing I will be presenting the technical portion (concerns with DAR and project details), and LKDFN members will be presenting the portion related to community concerns, traditional land use, etc. I am submitting the latter portion right now, as it is the only thing that seems to have worked today! As usual, we have no email access and both our printers and fax machine were screwing up all day...will get my speaking notes to you as soon as technologically possible! It is basically similar to the concerns I raised during the November hearings, so no big surprises for SDC.

I will be attending the hearing along with 2 other staff of the Lands & Environment Dept. (Shawn Catholique and Henry Catholique). There may also be 1 or 2 members of the Lands & Environment Committee present.

Also, the last fax we received today (31 pages); we only received the first 15 pages....maybe you could try sending the rest again tomorrow morning...

Thanks,

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# WOOL BAY & DRYBONES BAY

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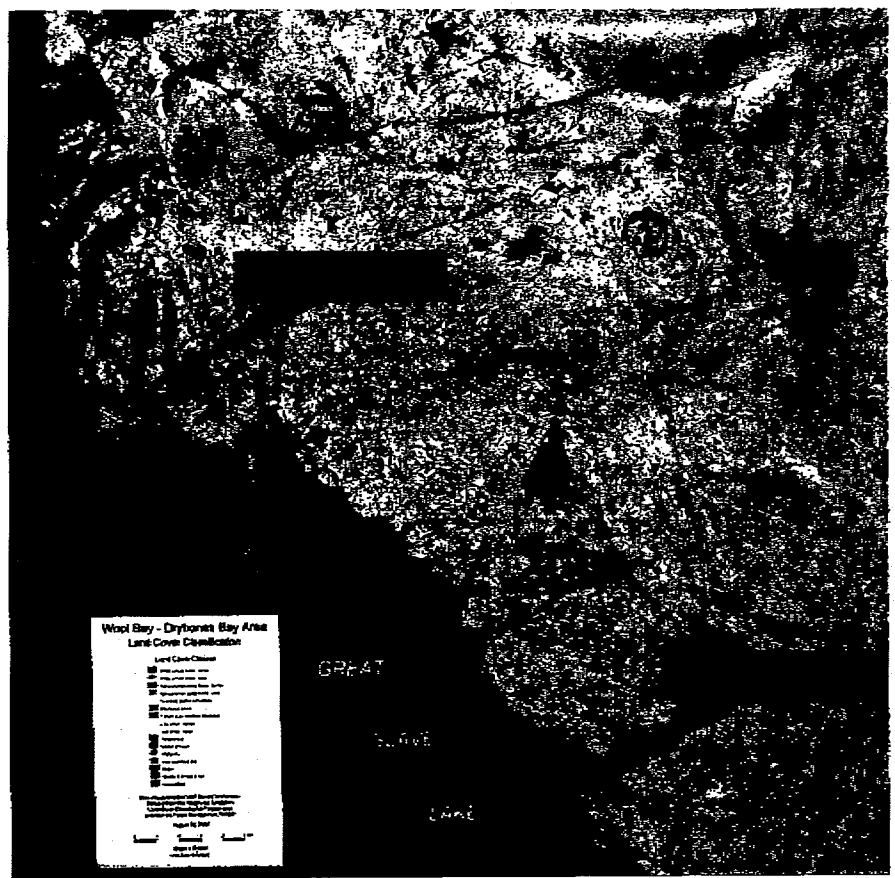


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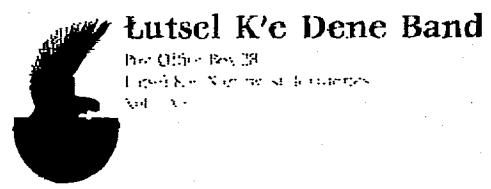


Wool Bay and Drybones Bay are two very important areas on Great Slave Lake. The dene people have used this area and will continue to rely on it for the future of our children and their children. Many users and visitors speak highly about Wool Bay and Drybones Bay because it provides land offerings. Water is one of many offerings the land provides us with. We travel on the water, we drink the water and we take food from it. Our ancestors pay their respects to the land that provides them with food, clothing and shelter. We are here today to ensure that traditions of our ancestors continue.



Wool Bay and Drybones Bay on Great Slave Lake

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Hunting is a way of life for the dene people. They use the offerings of the land for fish, ducks, moose, caribou, berries, medicine and more. The land provides everything the dene people depend on.



Everyone goes fishing on Great Slave Lake. Once the lake is contaminated with hazardous chemicals it effects everything in the lake including ourselves. The water is too important to us in many ways.

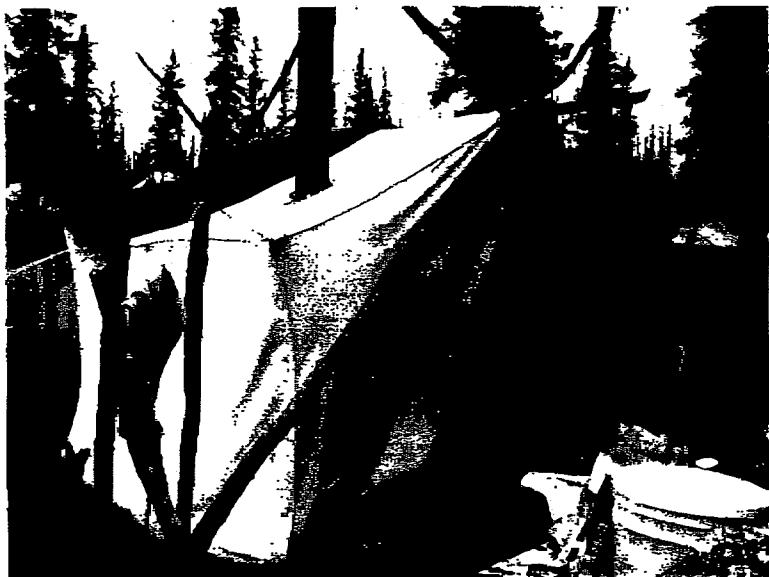


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Burial grounds are sacred to the dene because it is a sign of respect. It is also a sign of who was here a long time ago. They were buried there because they lived in that area and depended on the land and water.



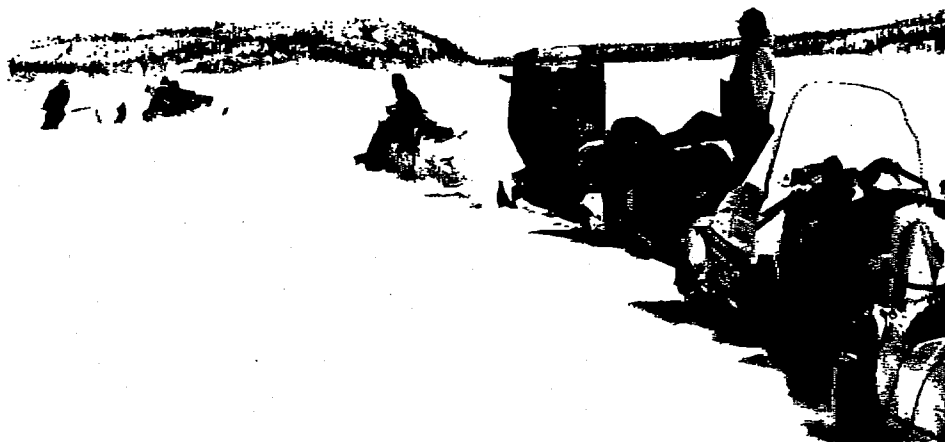
The dene people adapted a way of life on the land. Archeology proves this to be so (burial sites, old campsites). This tells us that if there is a negative change in the environment, there will be a huge change in the traditional lifestyle of the dene people and it will be a negative impact.



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The dene people travel everywhere on Great Slave Lake, including Wool Bay and Drybones Bay area. This area is heavily used by all peoples that travel between Yellowknife and the East Arm by boat, snowmobile and by dogteam, historically. It is a traditional practice to show respect to the water and land by making an offering.



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The map shows the main travel route to Yellowknife from Lutsel K'e. As you can see, it never misses Wool Bay and Drybones Bay. This is one of many reasons why the people of Lutsel K'e want to keep the area pristine and protected.



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