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- LKDFN's presentation will be broken into 2 sections:
- ① Technical aspects, concerns with DARS & CE study, etc.
 - presented by Monica Krieger
 - ② Community perspectives, traditional use & occupancy of area, values of the land, etc.
 - presented by Angie Lantz

I'm sending Angie's section - mine is forthcoming later today, I'm having some "technical difficulties". Basically my section will reiterate the concerns we expressed in our comments on the DARS & the CE Study.

Thanks,
 Monica

Also see attached list of elders attending...

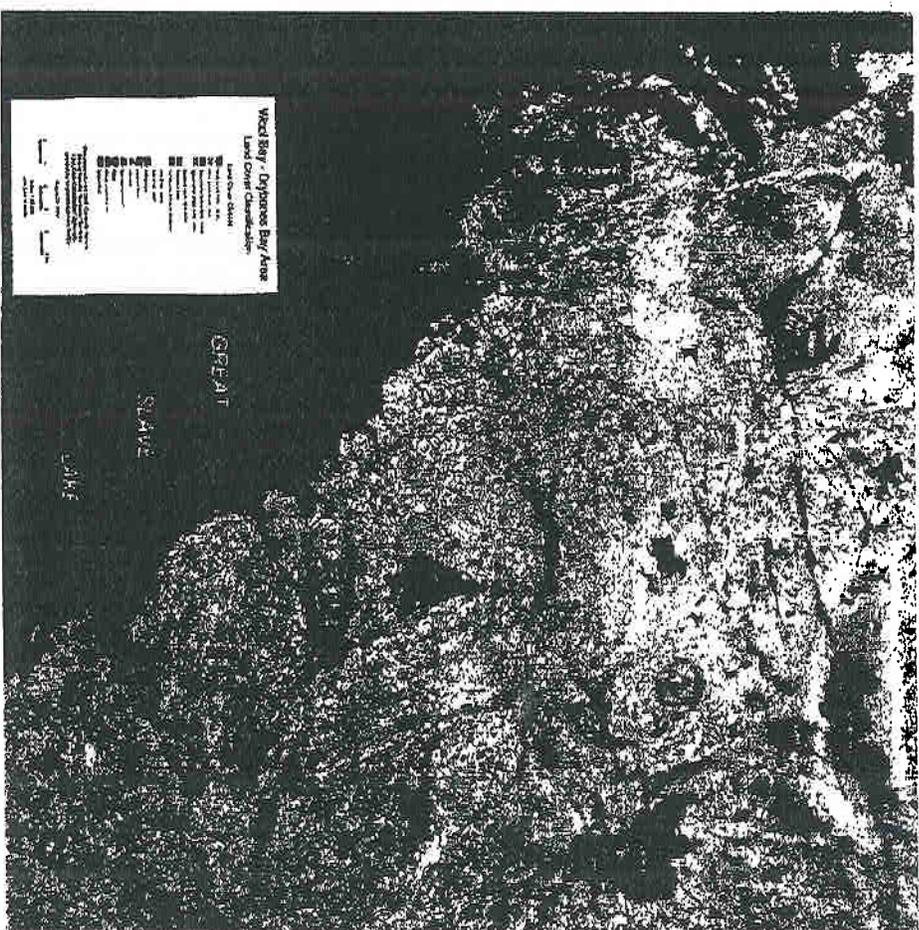
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- Monica Krieger - Manager - Wildlife, Lands & Environment Dept.
- Angie Lantz - SocioEconomic Researcher, WLED
- Wildlife, Lands & Environment Committee members:
 - Albert Boucher
 - JB Rabesca
 - Charlie Catholique (Chair)
- Elders (all of them will require time to speak on their knowledge of the area):
 - Maurice Lockhart
 - Joe Michel
 - Pierre Marlowe
 - Liza Enzoe

Wool Bay - Drybones Bay Area presentation

- Fishing
- Hunting
- Camping
- Trapping
- Transportation
- Place Names
- Burial Grounds
- Plants and Berries



Fishing

The Dene way of life depended on the fish for the following reasons.

Main food source

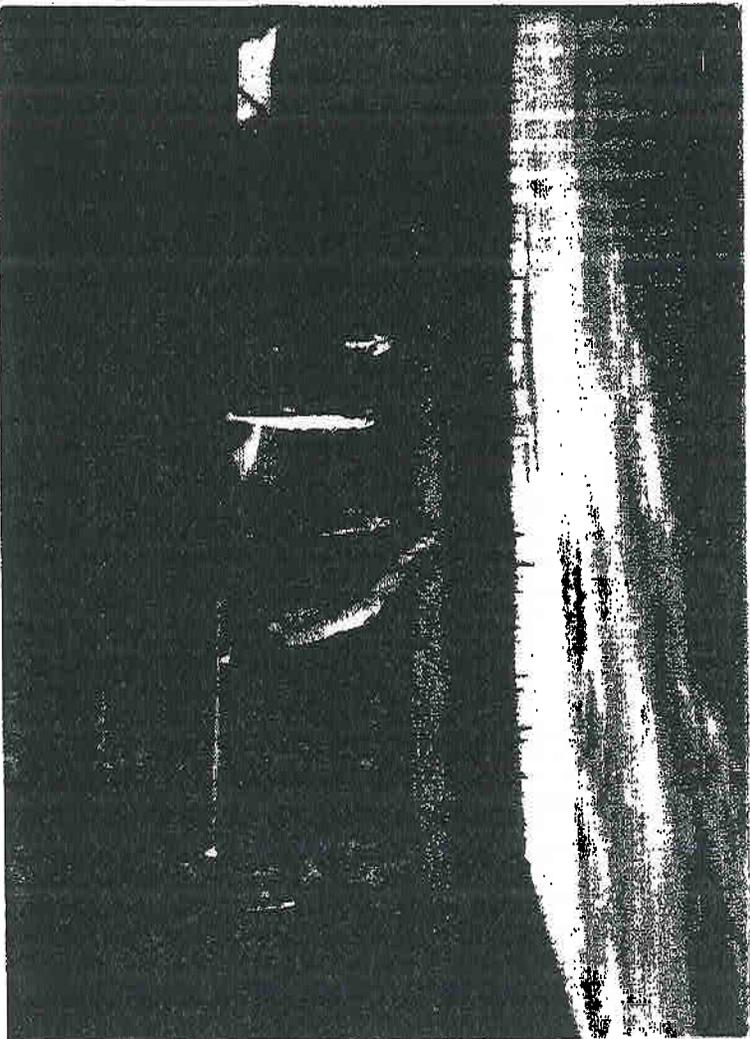
Non-commercial use

Trade and barter

Traditional Knowledge

Wage Economy

Scientific Studies



Elders Zepp and Liza Casaway.

Place Names

- Oral histories have verified that current relationship exists between the Dene of Yellowknife and Lutsel K'e on the traditional use of Wool Bay and Drybones Bay. (refer to introductory map) We know this because our elders have identified the traditional names of the exploration sites.

Hunting

Hunting, amongst the Dene is one of the key to survival.

They hunted for many reasons such as;

Food

Clothing

Tools

Shelter

Trade and barter

Traditional knowledge



Elder Noel Drybones skinning a caribou.

Camping

Oral history has strongly supported that the Lutsel Ke Dene use of the area such as;

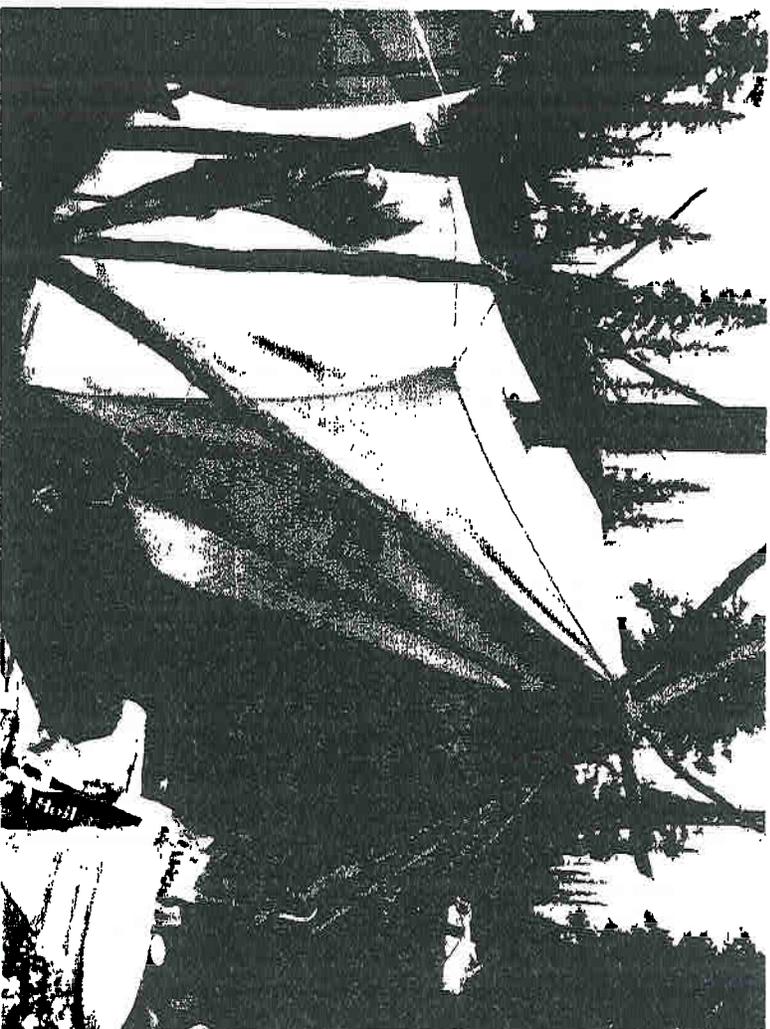
Stop over

Seasonal gathering places
(fishing, hunting etc)

Family history

Cabins and Tents

Presence of historical campsites



Late elder Annie Catholique camping.

Trapping

Trapping created the means
for:

Source of Income

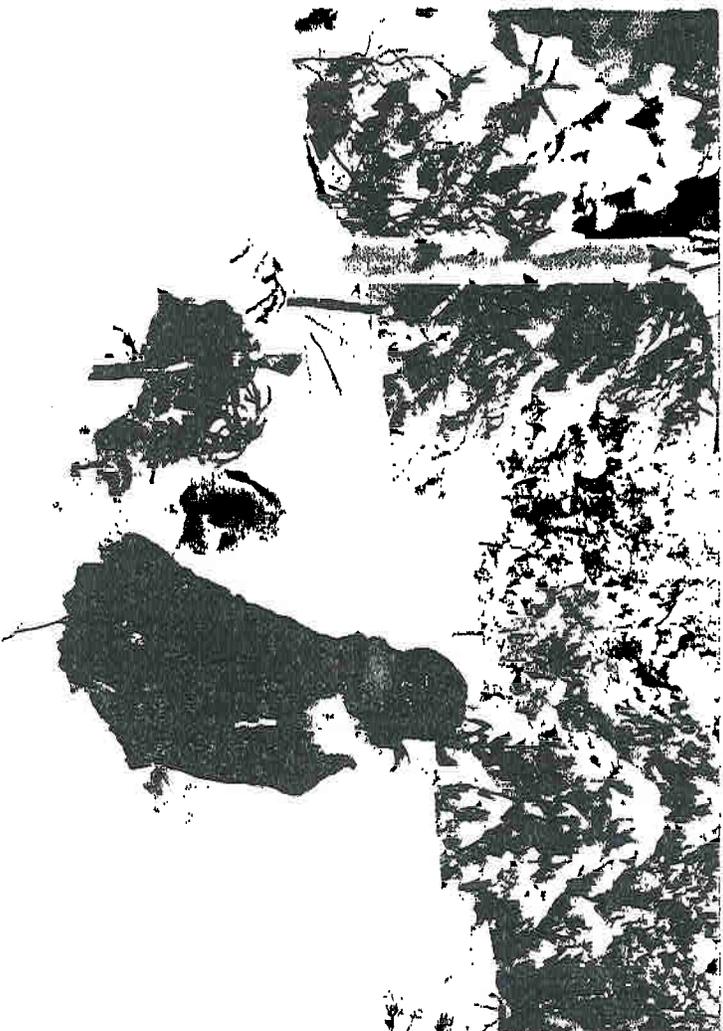
Clothing

A way of life

Social gathering

Trade and barter

Interaction between peoples
and Communities



Trapper Aileen Drybones

Transportation

There is a strong oral evidence that travel route is directly on or in close proximity of the exploration site. History has shown that Dene People traveled extensively and continue to this day. Travel means included:

Dog team

Snow Shoes/hiking

Canoe

Boats

Snowmobile

Plane

Henry Catholique and his dogteam

Plants and Berries

Uses of plants and berries are;

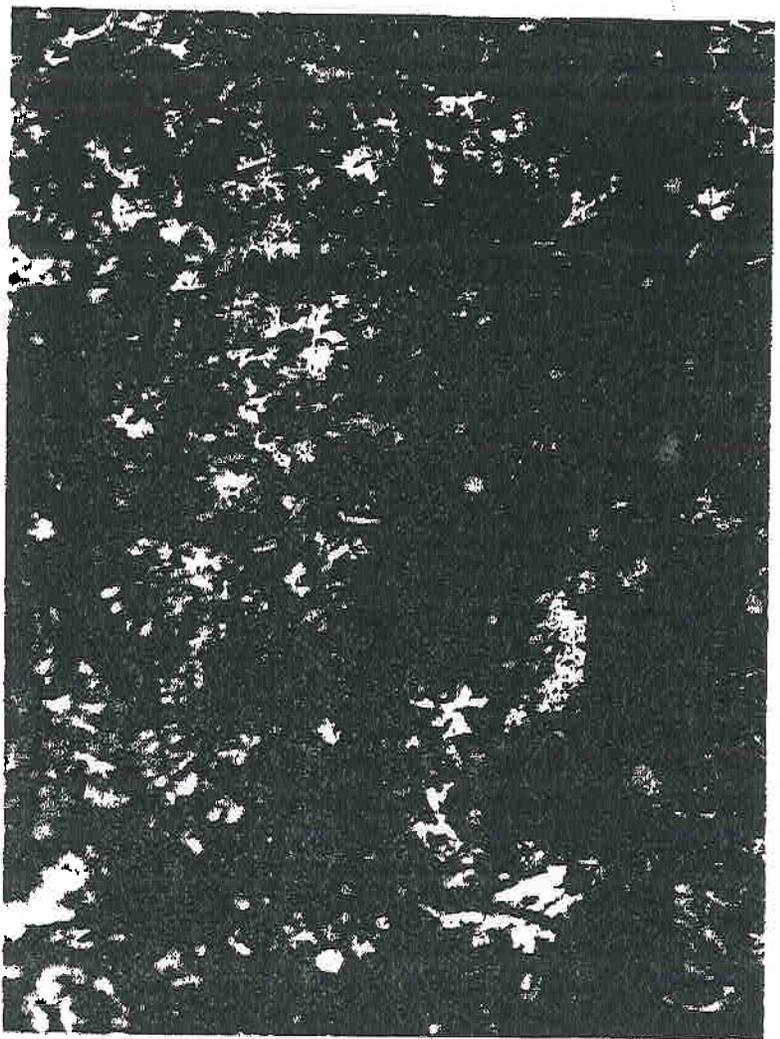
Medicine

Food and Drink

Sacred Ceremonies

Jewelry

Trade



Burial Grounds

Due to oral history of the elders that indicate traditional use of the area, many of our people have been buried along the shore of Great Slave, particularly at the area of concern or in close proximity. The burial sites are continuing to be recorded from the oral history of the elders. It is known that there are many unrecorded burial sites in the area.



An old graveyard site.

Concerns

- The people of Lutsel K'e, particularly the elders, support the concerns raised by the Yellowknife Dene. There is strong oral evidence that the exploration site has been used heavily for traditional activities and pursuits.
- Elders continue to speak about cabins, campsites, burial sites and the still current use of the transportation and travel route.
- To date Dene People continue to receive offerings from the land, in terms of waterfowl, big and small game, fish and water while enroute to and from Yellowknife.
- Place Names-knowledge of Dene place Names indicates natural use of the area by Dene People of LK.
- Traditional activity lead to trade and barter amongst the Aboriginal and non-aboriginal.
- Current concerns of fish from the YK Bay by Lutsel K'e people.

Concerns

- Disruption of water and land can create negative effects and impacts to water and fish and uses by various animals of the area. Possible migration route changes and reduction to fish habitat.
- There is a need for a consultation process with LK.
- More data is required for possible changes to socio-economics of current commercial users.
- Joint Business Ventures opportunities.
- Commercial fishing.
- Stories of restrictions of hunting, trapping and fishing surrounding any exploration and development sites is creating uneasiness amongst aboriginal traditional hunters.