



Blachford Lake Lodge & Wilderness Resort:

Effects of the Nechalacho Project

History

- Tourism License, lease with one cabin purchased in 1980
 - Yearly building/expansion
 - Northern family operated since 1980
- Environmentally friendly operations/ protection of the land and waters







History

- Commitment to employment/participation in Akaitcho Dene
- Proudly offering First Nations programming





What is Blachford Lake Lodge and Wilderness Resort?

- Multi-seasonal fly in only wilderness resort
 - Invested over \$4,000,000 over 33 years
- Now an Internationally recognized aurora viewing centre
- Visit our website: www.blachfordlakelodge.com



What is Blachford Lake Lodge and Wilderness Resort?

- Licensed for 35 guests in lodge and five cabins
 - Cater to International and local markets
- #1 market in winter and fall is aurora viewing
- Most guests high end Internationals from key markets of China, UK, Australia, Japan, USA, France





What is Blachford Lake Lodge and Wilderness Resort?

- Received a number of prestigious travel awards (National Geographic Travel Magazine, Canadian Tourism Commission, NWT Tourism)
- Honoured to host, with the Dechinta Bush University Program, the Royals Will and Kate in 2011.
- Recently selected by NHK TV (Japan's National TV broadcaster) as the focus of a prime time TV show on Aurora



What is Blachford Lake Lodge and Wilderness Resort?

- Recognized as a leading wilderness lodge in the Canadian North.
- The Nechalacho project threatens that status
- Over \$60,000 invested in additional marketing in the past six months to combat growing market realization that aurora viewing could be negatively affected by the Nechalacho project

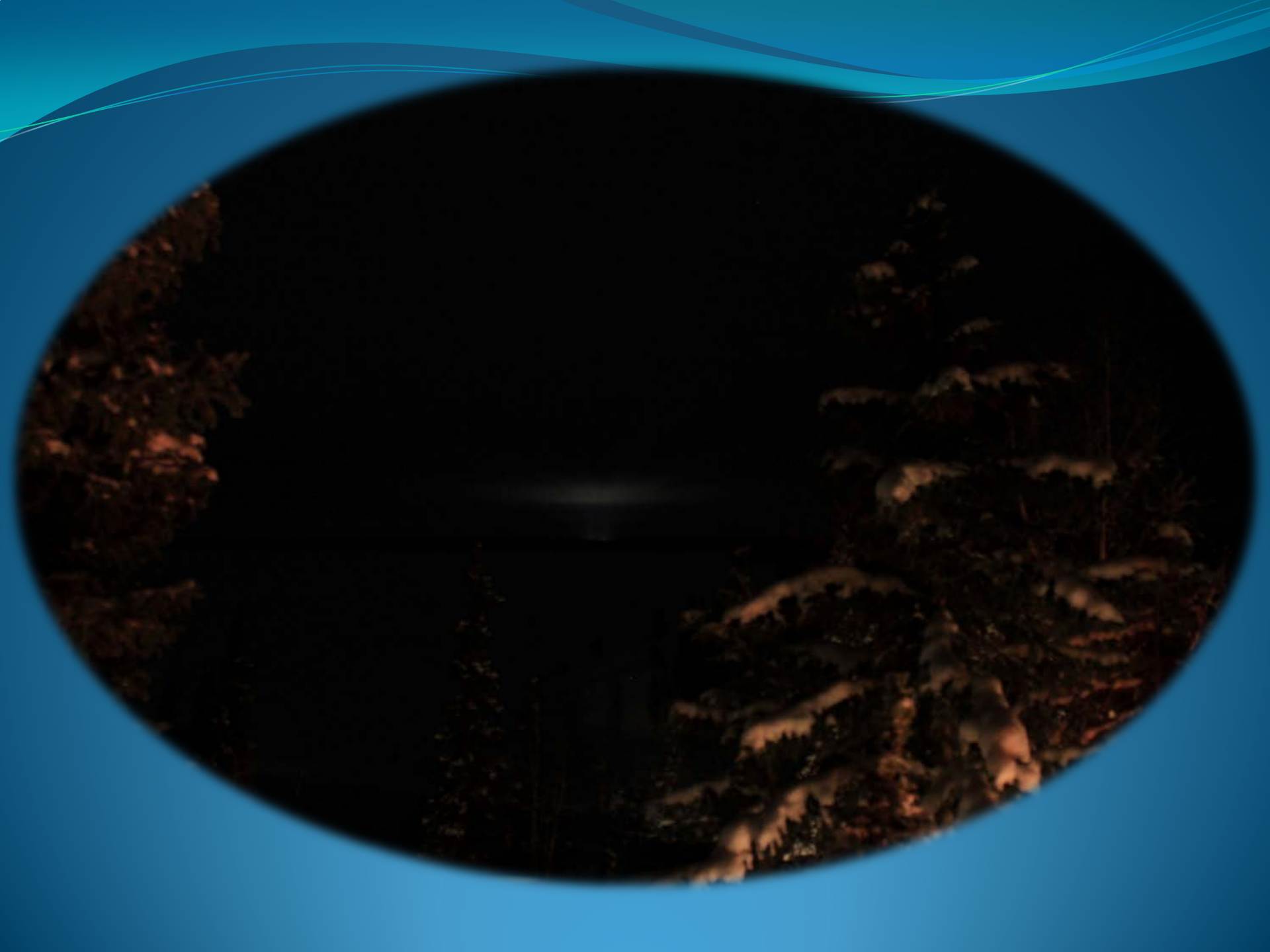


Effects of the Nechalacho Development Project on Blachford Lake Lodge

- BLL is Avalons closest neighbor – 7 km air distance
- A wilderness resort is not compatible with a mining development
- Concerns fully documented to Avalon and the MVRB a number of years ago

Effects of the Nechalacho Development Project on Blachford Lake Lodge

- Key issues/concerns of noise and light pollution , water and air quality, from ongoing exploration program, construction and operation of the proposed Nechalacho project





Effects of the Nechalacho Development Project on Blachford Lake Lodge

- Key issues of economic benefit from the proximity of the site
 - None of our key issues has been mitigated to our satisfaction
 - Ongoing meetings/consultation continue between Avalon and BLL
- BLL in Conjunction with a First Nation joint venture partner (s) will be making a services proposal to Avalon



Future of Blachford Lake Lodge?

- Future of Blachford Lake Lodge as a wilderness lodge in jeopardy with the emerging Avalon project
- To continue as a wilderness resort as we have for 33 years on this path is not feasible!
- Can BLL offer enough services to Avalon to prove economical?
- Options of a mix of tourism and provision of services or full provision of services?
 - If the latter, it's a brand new business model



We Request

- MVRB visit Blachford Lake Lodge to acknowledge first hand our issues/concerns
- Avalon to address in detail:
How they will mitigate noise, light concerns

We Request

- How will BLL benefit economically from a positive relationship with Avalon
- If our concerns cannot be mitigated, and if a services contract (s) cannot be agreed to, we need Avalon to compensate us fully for current and future business losses

