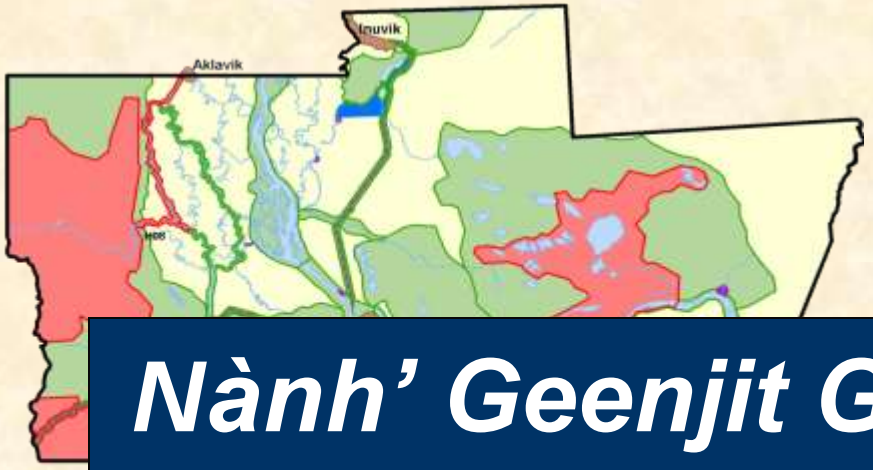


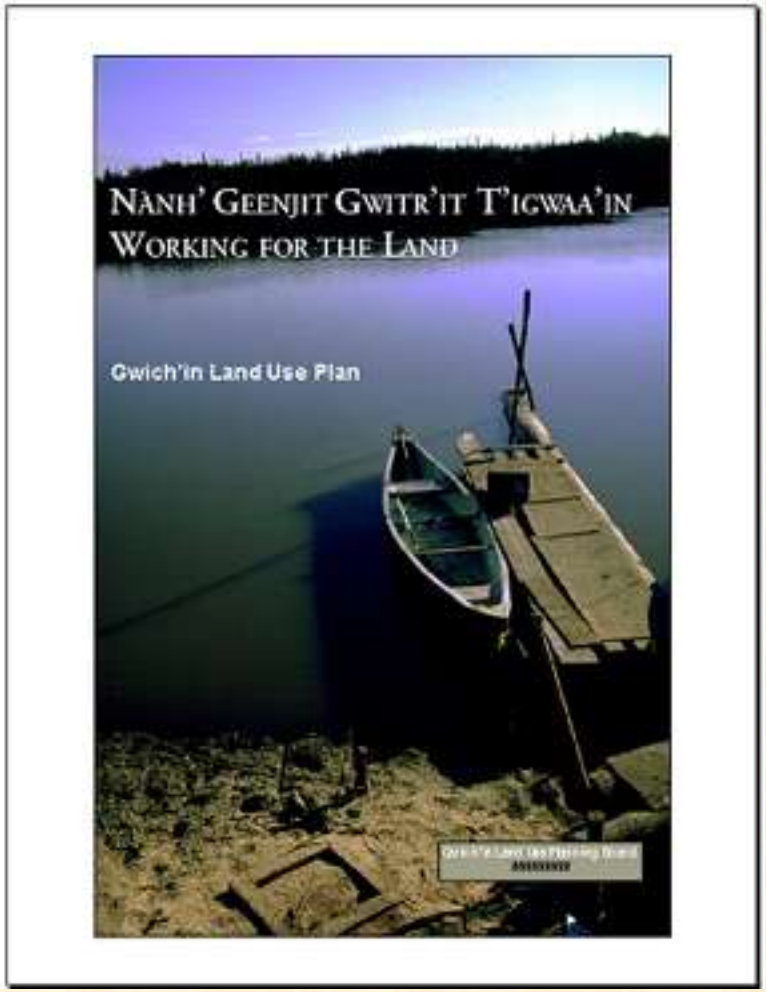
Nành' Geenjit Gwitr'it T'igwaa'in - Working for the Land

The Gwich'in Land Use Plan as Part of the Regulatory Process

Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board
February 27th, 2014

Exploring How the Gwich'in Land Use Plan Works…

- What the Gwich'in Land Use Plan looks like
- How it fits in the regulatory system
- Adaptability - responding to circumstance and keeping it effective over time



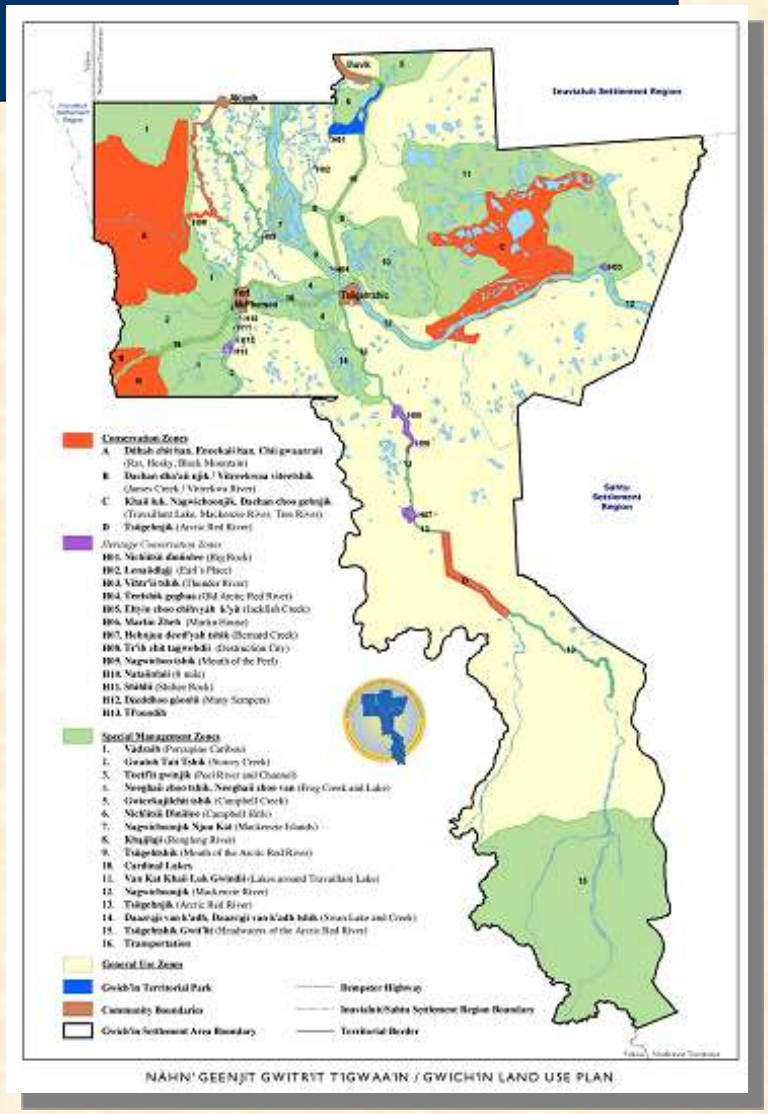
What Went Into the Plan?

- The best available information was gathered in each of the categories to the right.
- Communities mapped out areas of significant value and/or use.
- The Board ranked natural and cultural values of the areas with the potential for development.
- Areas that were given protection share the highest cultural and natural values

- **Forestry/Plants**
- **Water**
- **Fish/Wildlife**
- **Heritage/Culture**
- **Tourism**
- **Sand and Gravel**
- **Oil and Gas**
- **Minerals**
- **Transportation**
- **Communication and Utilities**
- **Waste Management**
- **Military Activities**

The Plan Basics

- Integrated land use plan
- Three-tiered Zoning:
  - **General Use Zones**
    (57% of GSA)
  - **Special Management Zones**
    (33% of GSA)
  - **Conservation and Heritage Conservation Zones**
    (10% GSA)
- Settlement Area is approx. 57,000 km^2



Responsibility to Implement

- 46. (1) The Gwich'in and Sahtu First Nations, departments and agencies of the federal and territorial governments, and every body having authority under any federal or territorial law to issue licences, permits or other authorizations relating to the use of land or waters or the deposit of waste, shall carry out their powers in accordance with the land use plan applicable in a settlement area.

Further clarity on responsibilities

Section 24.2.10 GCLCA

Upon approval of a land use plan, those authorities with jurisdiction to grant licences, permits, leases or interests relating to the use of land and water in the settlement area shall conduct their activities and operations in accordance with the plan.

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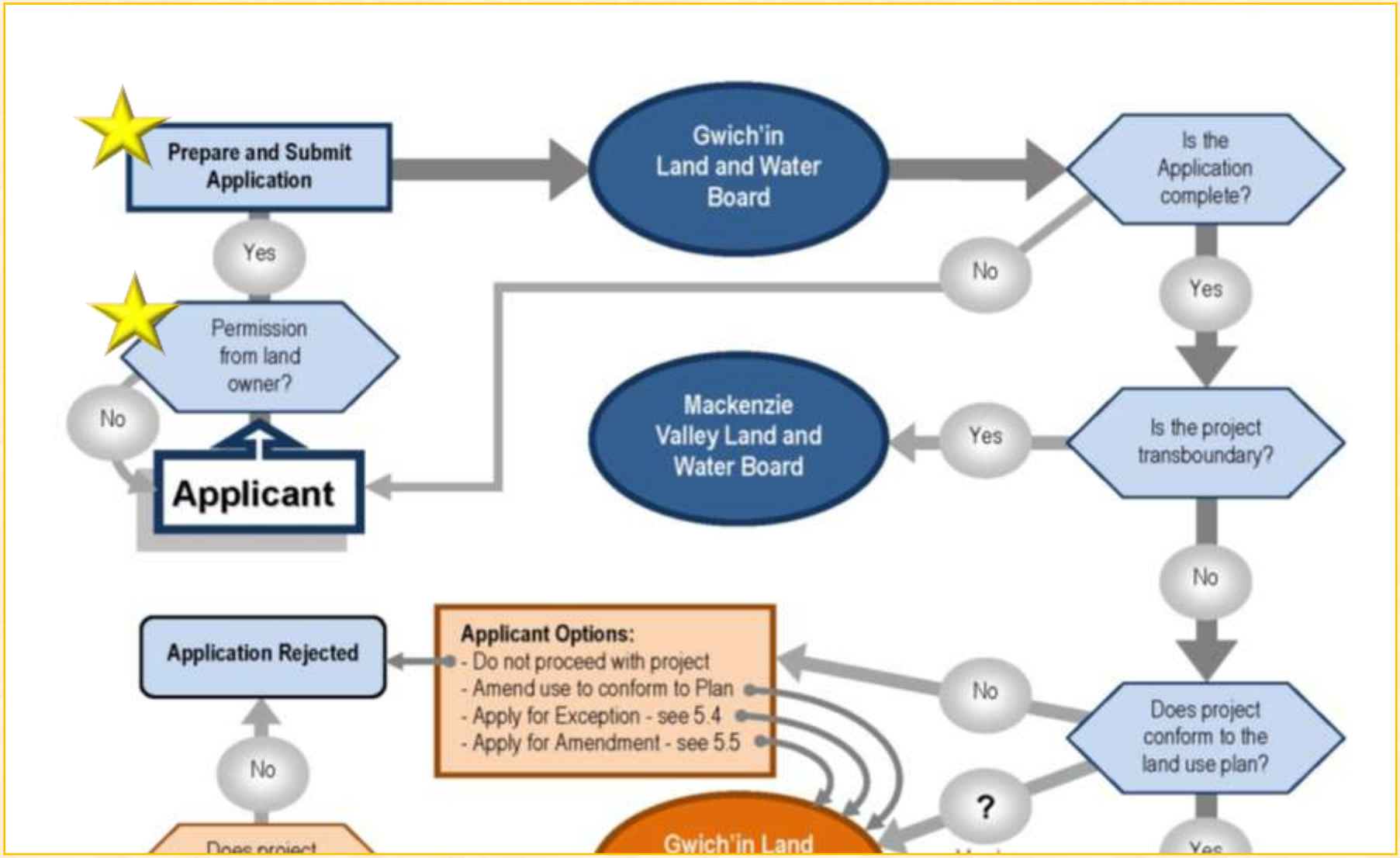

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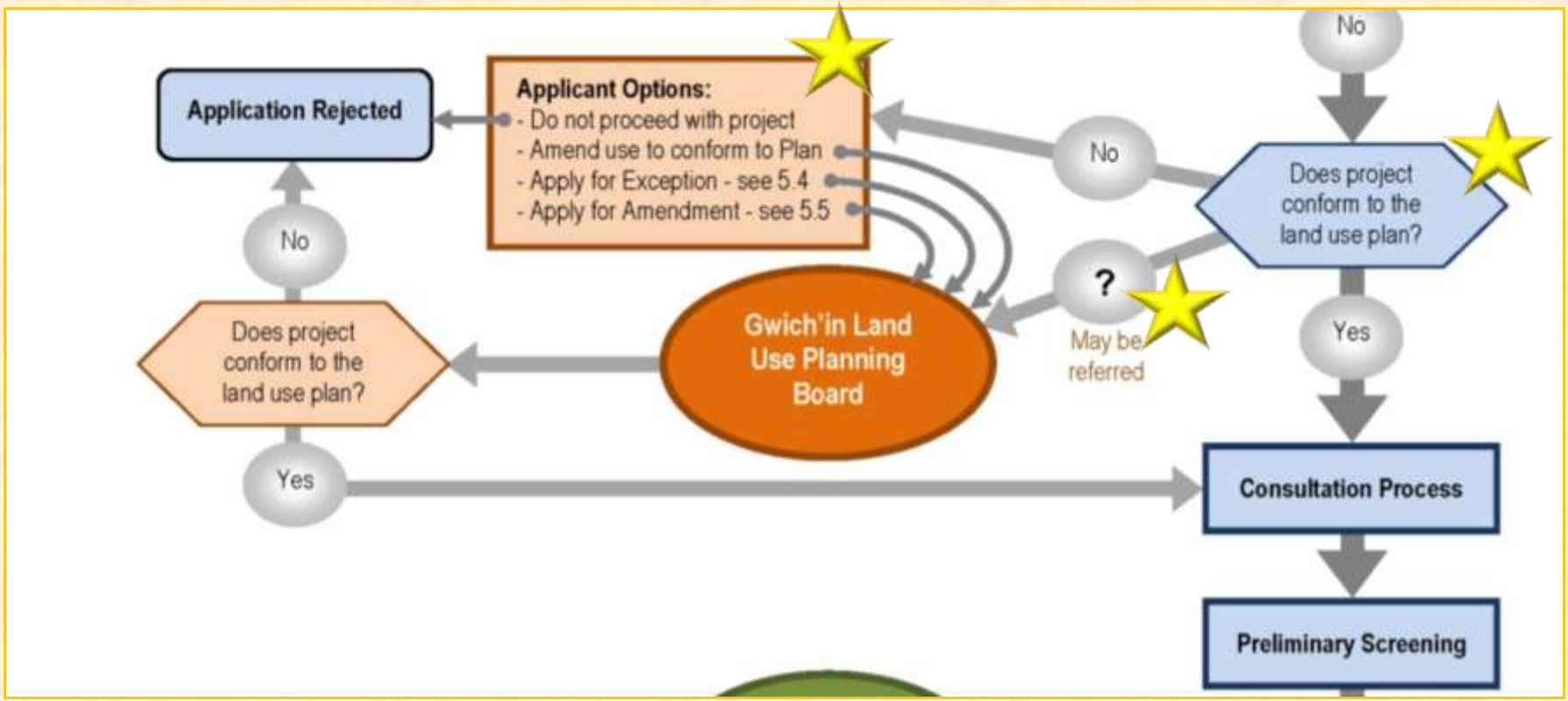

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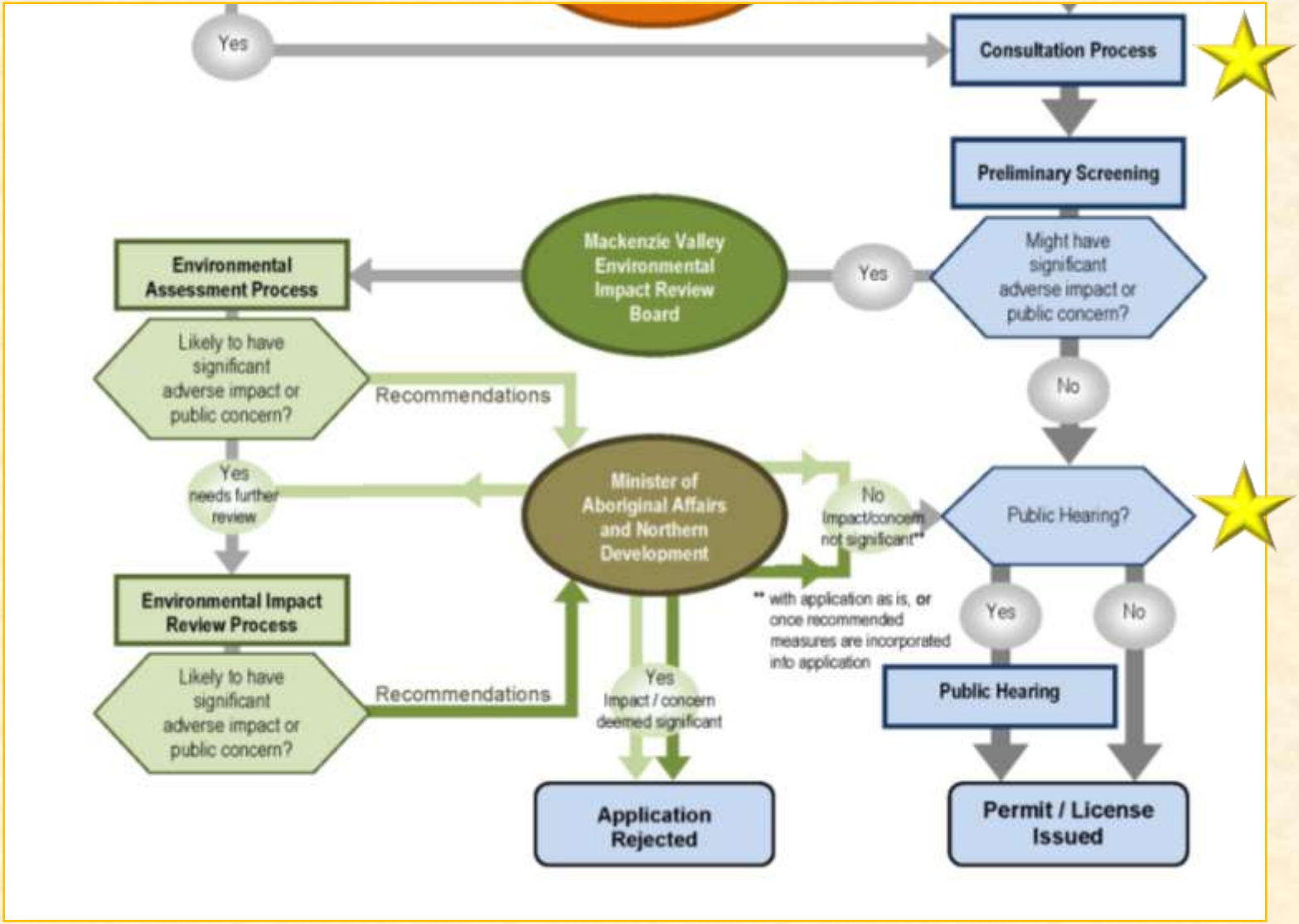

Long Term Adaptability of the Plan

Comprehensive Review

- Once every 5 years
- Begins by gathering updated regional information
- Involves intensive consultation
- Ensures the Plan is relevant and effective over time.
- Any proposed changes receive approval through the amendment process

Wrapping things up…

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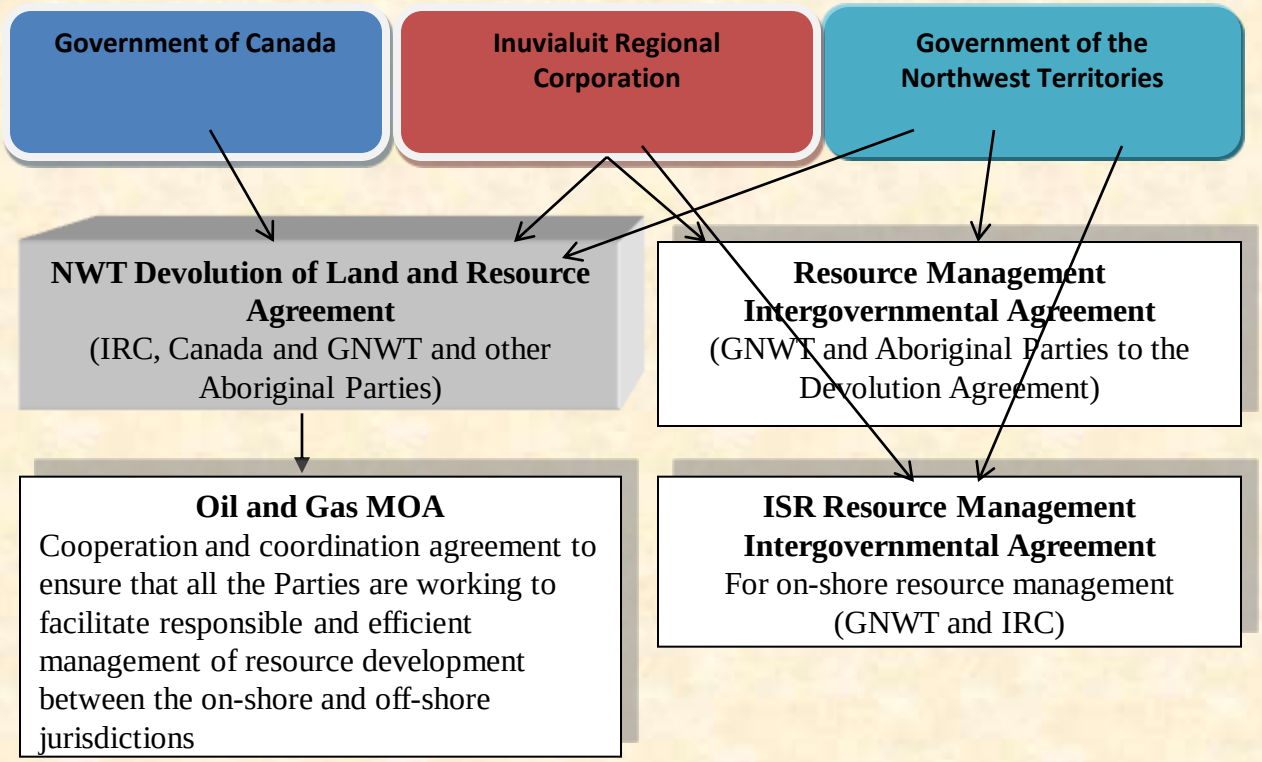
(Thank you)

Post Devolution IRC, Inuvialuit Game Council and co-management bodies will continue to be active participants in the management of resource development activities. This is also reflected in IRC's participation as a Party with Canada and GNWT in off-shore resource management and revenue sharing negotiations and agreement.



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