

Protect the Land and Traditional Way of Life

This common goal explains why teams on both sides of the table quickly came to an Agreement on:

- Provisions related to joint Cree-Innu strategy for an adapted forestry regime;
- Provisions related to cooperation between the Cree-Innu for the protection and conservation of wildlife in the overlap area;
- Provisions related to economic development
- The promotion of cultural programs and exchanges between the two groups outside the overlap area;



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Section 2 Purpose of the Agreement

- Establishing a Nation to Nation relationship
- Managing wildlife and development in the overlap area with Aboriginal Rights.
- Assisting the Innu in the discussions with Canada and Quebec
- Open the door to inviting each other to hunt
- Promote economic development



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Section 3 Mutual Nation to Nation Recognition

- The Cree Nation formally recognizes the sovereignty and title of the Innu over Nitassinan.
- The Innu formally recognize the sovereignty of the Cree Nation over Eeyou Istchee and specifically recognize Cree Aboriginal Rights in the Overlap Area.



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Section 4 Cree-Innu Maamuu Wiicheutuwin Standing Liaison Committee

- 3 Innu and 3 Cree (Mistissini, OJ and the Cree Nation Government)
- Mandate:
 - Implementation of the Agreement and manage disputes
 - Permanent forum of exchange
 - Address questions from leadership



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Section 5 Cree Ilnu Forestry Committee

- 3 Ilnu and 3 Cree (Mistissini, OJ and the Cree Nation Government)
- Mandate:
 - Manage the forestry regime in the area
 - Cree and Ilnu Committee members are responsible for consulting their respective members
- An Agreement has already been signed on how Cree Ilnu representatives will work together through the Joint Forestry Working Groups to control forestry together.



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Section 6 Wildlife and Traditional Activities

- Cree-Ilnu Management Committee on Wildlife and Traditional Activities is composed of 3 Ilnu and 3 Cree (Mistissini, OJ and the Cree Nation Government) and shall respect the following principles in the carrying out of its mandate:
 - Respect for land and game;
 - Respect for Cree and Ilnu traditions;
 - Safety, mutual assistance and sharing between the two Nations and their members;
 - The respect and priority of Cree and Ilnu land users occupying the AREA;
 - Wildlife management in view of perpetuating present and future generations' traditional harvesting activities;
 - Consideration of other stakeholders in the AREA.



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Section 6 Wildlife and Traditional Activities

- Cree-Innu Management Committee on Wildlife and Traditional Activities mandate:
 - Wildlife Management
 - Develop common rules on harvesting
 - Develop recommendations for minimizing the impact of development on wildlife and harvesting activities
 - Share information on wildlife
- The Parties will have to address the enforcement of common rules and will recognize the role of the Innu agents in the area to protect Cree harvesting rights which have been the target of Quebec wildlife protection officers.



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Section 7 Economic Development

- Within the overlap area there shall be equal access to economic development opportunities, including training, employment, contracting, subject to the priority of Cree and Innu families of the area.
- Outside the overlap area the we shall prioritize one another after community members.
- The Economic Development Committee is composed of 3 Innu and 3 Cree (Mistissini, OJ and the Cree Nation Government) and will:
 - Act as a forum of exchange on economic development
 - Address development in the area
 - Promote partnerships and the sharing of business opportunities



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Section 8 Dispute Resolution

- The Cree and the Innu will seek negotiated solutions to problems.



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Section 9 Representations to Third Parties

- Any discussions with Government on the Agreement will be done together.



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Section 10 Review

- The Agreement will be reviewed in five (5) years of its signing.



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Section 11 Final Provisions

- The Agreement does not affect any rights under the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement.
- Government or Third Party obligations are not affected by the Agreement.
- The Agreement does not affect the Rights of any other First Nation.



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