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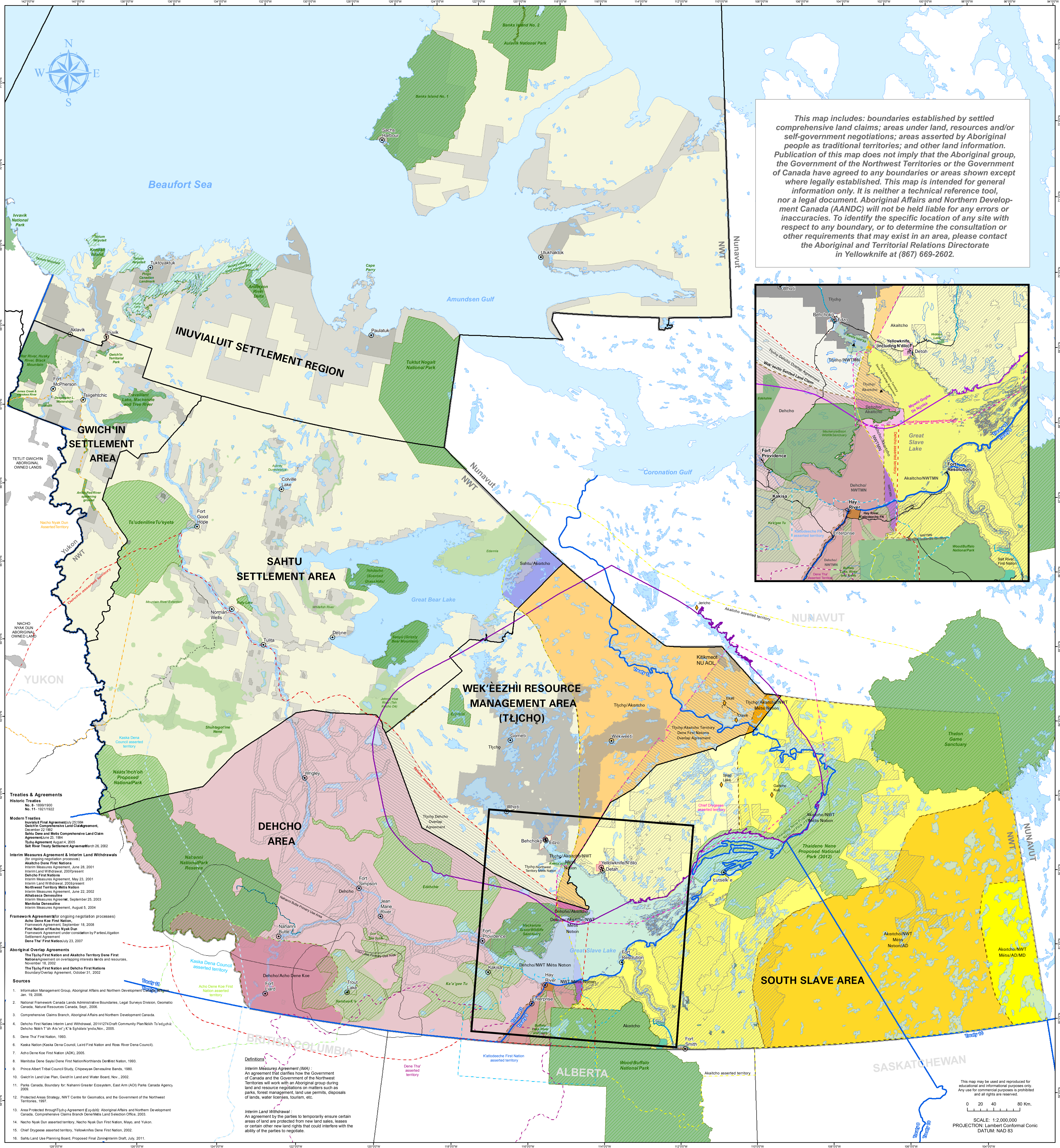

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Treaties & Agreements

Historic Treaties
- **No. 8** - 1899/1900
- **No. 11** - 1921/1922

Modern Treaties
- **Inuvialuit Final Agreement** July 25,1984
- **Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement**, December 22 1992
- **Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement** June 23, 1994
- **Tłįchǫ Agreement** August 4, 2005
- **Salt River Treaty Settlement Agreement** March 26, 2002

Interim Measures Agreement & Interim Land Withdrawals (for ongoing negotiation processes)
- **Akaitcho Dene First Nations** Interim Measures Agreement, June 28, 2001; Interim Land Withdrawal, 2007-present
- **Dehcho First Nations** Interim Measures Agreement, May 23, 2001; Interim Land Withdrawal, 2003-present
- **Northwest Territory Métis Nation** Interim Measures Agreement, June 22, 2002
- **Athabasca Denesuline** Interim Measures Agreement, September 25, 2003
- **Manitoba Denesuline** Interim Measures Agreement, August 5, 2004

Framework Agreements (for ongoing negotiation processes)
- **Acho Dene Koe First Nation**, Framework Agreement, September 18, 2008
- **First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun** Framework Agreement under consideration by Parties Litigation Settlement Agreement
- **Dene Tha' First Nation** July 23, 2007

Aboriginal Overlap Agreements
- **The Tłįchǫ First Nation and Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations** Agreement on overlapping interests in lands and resources, November 18, 2002
- **The Tłįchǫ First Nation and Dehcho First Nations** Boundary/Overlap Agreement, October 31, 2002

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Definitions

Interim Measures Agreement (IMA) :
An agreement that clarifies how the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories will work with an Aboriginal group during land and resource negotiations on matters such as parks, forest management, land use permits, disposals of lands, water licenses, tourism, etc.

Interim Land Withdrawal :
An agreement by the parties to temporarily ensure certain areas of land are protected from new land sales, leases or certain other new land rights that could interfere with the ability of the parties to negotiate.

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LEGEND

- Community
- Diamond Mine
- All-weather Road
- Winter Road
- Limited Use Road
- Canol Trail
- Primary Use area (3)
- Tłįchǫ/Akaitcho and Tłįchǫ/Dehcho Overlap Agreement areas
- Land withdrawals for negotiations (1)(3)(4)

treaty and land claim areas

- Historic Treaties 8 & 11
- land claim settlement areas for Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Sahtu Dene and Métis and Tłįchǫ* (2)
  *Wek'èezhìi Resource Management Area
- Mǫwhì Gogha Dè Nįįtłèè (3)
  (2003 Tłįchǫ Agreement, illustrative version)

Aboriginal title lands for settled land claims (1)(2)

- Surface rights only
- Surface and subsurface rights

asserted territories

- Acho Dene Koe First Nation asserted territory (7)
- Akaitcho Dene First Nations asserted territory (3)
- Dehcho First Nations asserted territory (3)
- Dene Tha' First Nation asserted territory (5)
- K'atlodeeche First Nation asserted territory (3)
- Kaska Dena Council asserted territory (6)
- Nacho Nyak Dun First Nation asserted territory (14)
- Chief Drygeese asserted territory (15)
  Yellowknives Dene First Nation

Note: The North Slave Métis Alliance asserts that it represents a separate Aboriginal group and asserts rights over most of the Northwest Territories. Canada is reviewing these assertions to determine the status of the organization.

areas of interim measures (overlaps colour coded)

- Dehcho First Nations [DFN] (3)
- DFN/Acho Dene Koe First Nation (7)
- DFN/Akaitcho Dene First Nations [ADFN]
- DFN/Northwest Territory Métis Nation [NWTMN]
- DFN/ADFN/NWTMN
- Sahtu settlement area/ADFN
- NWTMN (3)
  The Northwest Territory Métis Nation may also assert rights in areas adjacent to the IMA boundary.
- Tłįchǫ/ADFN
- Tłįchǫ/ADFN/NWTMN
- Tłįchǫ/NWTMN
- ADFN (3)
- ADFN/NWTMN
- ADFN/NWTMN/Athabasca Denesuline (9)
- ADFN/NWTMN/Athabasca Denesuline/Manitoba Denesuline (8)

parks and protected areas

- established areas (10)(11)(13)
- proposed national parks and park reserves (11)
  Protected Areas Strategy candidate areas (12)
  proposed conservation zones (4)(16)
- protected area land withdrawals (12)
- marine protected area

Reserve Lands (2)

- Salt River First Nation (Fort Smith area)
- K'atlodeeche First Nation (Hay River area)

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