

STATEMENT OF INTENT FROM THE INUIT OF NUNAVUT AND DENE FROM TUTSELKE REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE THELON GAME SANCTUARY DURING THE HISTORIC MEETING BETWEEN THE ELDERS OF BAKER LAKE AND THE DENE OF TUTSELK'E ON AUGUST 8, 9 & 10, 1995

FROM THE DISCUSSIONS, EVIDENCE AROSE OF STRONG LAND USE AND OCCUPANCY WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE THELON GAME SANCTUARY. THE INUIT OF NUNAVUT AND DENE OF TUTSELK'E USED THESE LANDS FOR SURVIVAL BY HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING IN THE PRESENT BOUNDARY OF THE THELON GAME SANCTUARY. FURTHERMORE, THE INUIT AND DENE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE STRONG CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL TIES WHICH INCLUDE BURIAL SITES AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES WITHIN THE THELON GAME SANCTUARY.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE INUIT AND DENE WISH TO USE THIS MEETING TO FIND WAYS TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER IN DEVELOPING A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND USE OF THE THELON GAME SANCTUARY. THE MANAGEMENT PLAN WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED HAS TO BE SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS AND WISHES OF BOTH THE INUIT AND DENE. THE MANAGEMENT DOES NOT INFRINGE ON ANY RIGHT OF BOTH PEOPLE.

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