



Inuvialuit Final Agreement

What's it all about?

In June 1984, the Inuvialuit Final Agreement was signed by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the NWT Government Leader, the Yukon Government Leader, and representatives of the Inuvialuit.

What does it mean?

The following are highlights of elements negotiated under the Agreement, for the Inuvialuit people:

Inuvialuit-owned land

The Inuvialuit own 91,000 square kilometres of land in the Northwest Territories. This includes subsurface (mineral) rights to 13,000 square kilometres of land.

Economic benefits

The Inuvialuit received a tax-free payment of \$152 million (1984 dollars) paid over a period of 13 years, a one time payment of \$10 million to an economic enhancement fund, and \$7.5 million to a social development fund.

Land and environmental management

The Inuvialuit have a say in wildlife and environmental management through participation on boards and councils such as the Wildlife Management Advisory Council, the Fisheries Joint Management Committee, and the Research Advisory Council.

Hunting and fishing

The Inuvialuit maintain exclusive rights to conduct commercial wildlife activities on certain lands within the settlement area and preferential rights in the whole settlement area.

What's in it for other northerners?

The Agreement clarifies who owns and has rights to the land and resources in the Inuvialuit settlement area. This certainty will encourage economic development in the area. The Inuvialuit will be able to use their resources, including money, to stimulate regional economic growth.

More background

Web pages:

Comprehensive Claims in Canada: www.inac.gc.ca/pubs/information/treaty.html

Comprehensive Claims Policy & Status of Claims: www.inac.gc.ca/subject/claims/comp/briem.html

Fact sheets:

Advantages of Land and Self-government Negotiations
Beaufort Delta/Inuvialuit & Gwich'in Self-government Negotiations
Comprehensive Land Claims in the NWT
The Negotiation Process
Status of Land and Self-government Negotiations

Fact sheets are available by contacting

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