



Northwest Territoriesmi

# Ihuriat Malirutaliatigun

MEETING EDE 29-20-24

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024**  
**EAGLE ROOM, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY / ZOOM**  
**10:30 AM**

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
5. Public Matters
  - a) Briefing with Thcho Government on Regulatory Framework
6. In Camera Matters
  - a) Debrief
  - b) Confidential Correspondence
    - i. 2024-09-16 Western Arctic Marine Training Centre
    - ii. 2024-09-25 Hon. Minister of Infrastructure
    - iii. 2024-10-02 Territorial Agrifood Association
    - iv. 2024-10-09 Hon. Minister of Environment and Climate Change
  - c) Workplan
7. New Business
  - a)
8. Date and Time of Next Meetings:
  - a) Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at Rise of Caucus
9. Adjournment

# Presentation to SCEDE

## Land and Water Permitting Under the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act

October 11, 2024  
Tłı̨chǫ Government

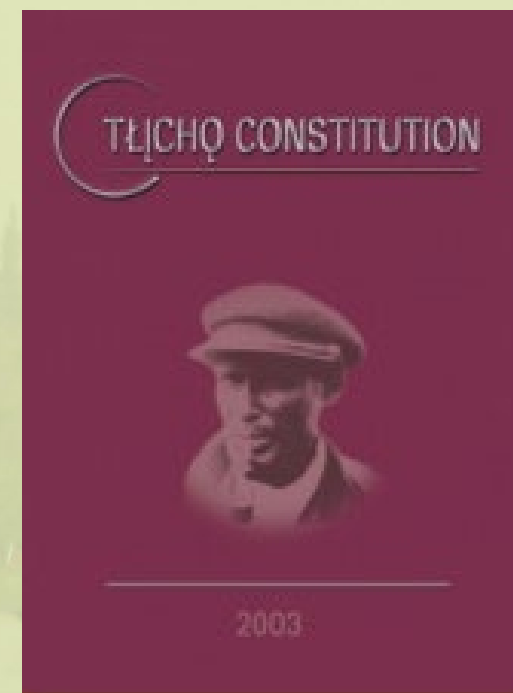
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Director Lands & Culture Protection

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Director Planning & Partnerships



# Who We Are

- Effective date on August 4, 2005 – A date of formal **recognition** of the Tłıchq as a Nation
- Three Party Agreement – Tłıchq, Canada and GNWT
- Agreement provides certainty in respect of rights of the Tłıchq relating to land, resources and governance
- The Agreement ensures that the Tłıchq language, culture and way of life is preserved, protected and promoted



# Who We Are

## Department of Culture and Lands Protection

- Protection of Tłıchq traditional territory – land, water, environment
- Participate in regulatory reviews in Mqwhì Gogha Dè Nııtlèè



# Who We Are

## Department of Planning and Partnerships

- Intergovernmental Relations
- Legislative Development
- Tracking Implementation of Tłıchǫ Agreement

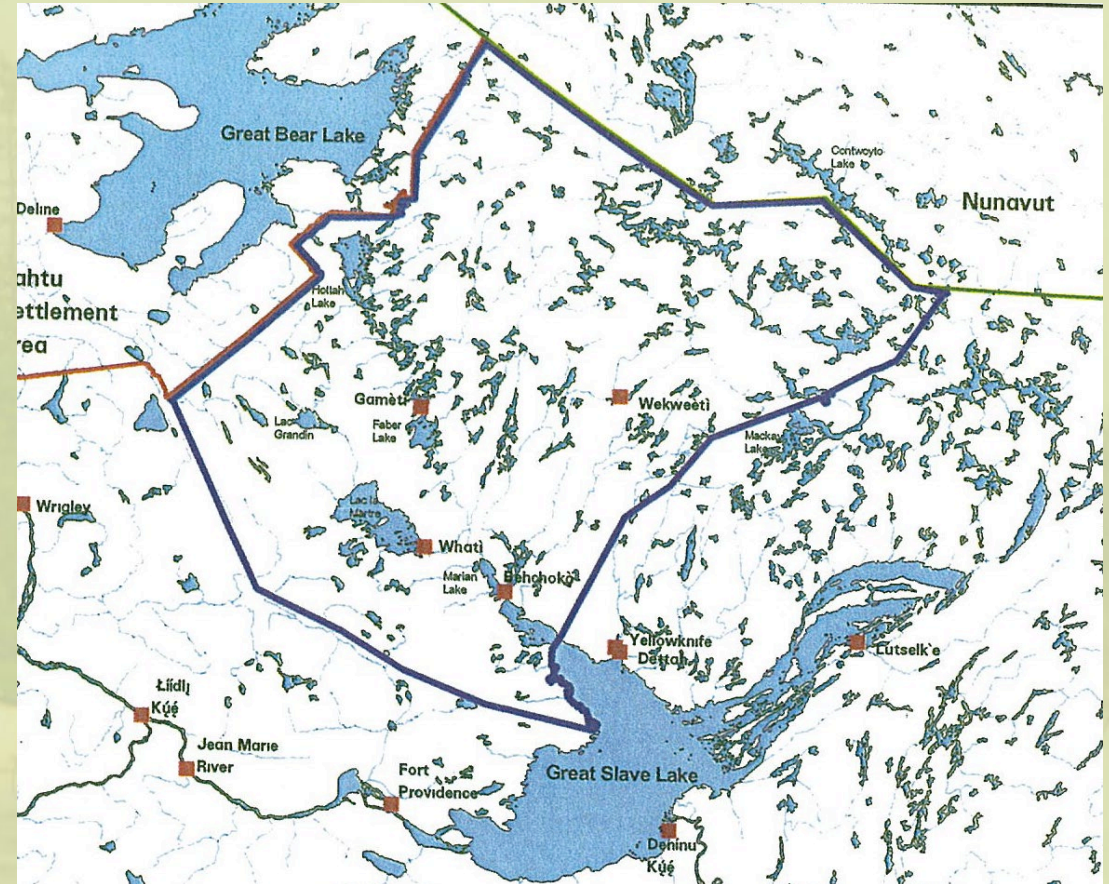


# Summary: Our Recommendations for Action

1. Our regulatory system is treaty-based and constitutionally-mandated
  - **We need to embrace it, and avoid adding confusion or duplication**
2. Core principles are fundamental and unwavering, but operation is flexible and open for continuous improvement
  - **Immediate opportunity: targeted updates to water regulations for clarity and consistency**

# Modern-Treaty-Based Resource Management

- Indigenous People & Northern Residents participate in decisions that affect us
- Avoid problems of the past
- Self-determination
- Fundamental principles to guide land and water regulation



# Core Principles



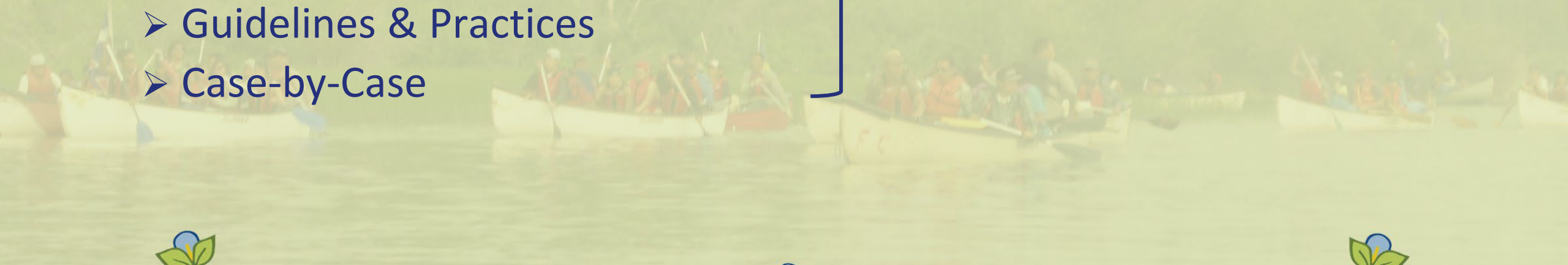
- Co-management
- Optimum benefit for residents
- Holistic scope
- Well-being and way of life of Indigenous People





# Implementation & Operations

- Principles are operationalized through Co-Management Boards and guided by:
  - Legislation (federal, territorial)
  - Regulations
  - Policies & Procedures
  - Guidelines & Practices
  - Case-by-Case



# Challenges to the Core Principles

- GNWT approaches to “administration and control” of our shared lands
- Political influences
- *Implications for:*
  - *Respecting our treaties*
  - *Maintaining a healthy environment*
  - *Economic opportunities and socioeconomic well-being*
  - *Regulatory duplication and confusion*



# Operational Challenges



- Outdated & Unclear Regulations
- Communication & Education
- *Implications for:*
  - *Regulatory burden*
  - *Lost time and resources*
  - *Missed opportunities*

# Opportunities – Continuing Collaboration



- Intergovernmental Council
- Legislative Development Protocol
- Legislative Assembly Process Convention

**Legislative Assembly, IGC, GNWT can all work together – Working together is always better than a unilateral approach**

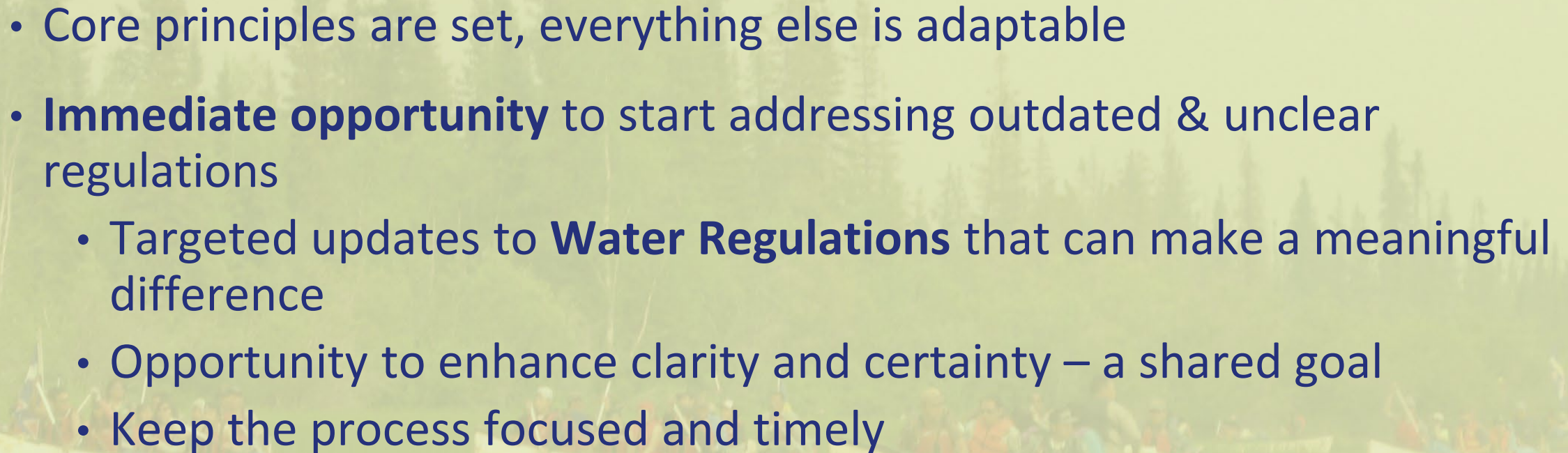
# Opportunities – Embrace **Our** System



- Support our co-management Boards as they work to achieve the objectives set in the treaties: optimum benefit of residents
- As Governments we have tools to direct how the regulators work
- But value decisions are up to the Board members



# Opportunities – Continuous Improvement

- Core principles are set, everything else is adaptable
  - **Immediate opportunity** to start addressing outdated & unclear regulations
    - Targeted updates to **Water Regulations** that can make a meaningful difference
    - Opportunity to enhance clarity and certainty – a shared goal
    - Keep the process focused and timely
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# Summary

- We have a world-class modern regulatory system
- Real challenges and opportunities
- Room for continuous improvement
- Unwavering principles, adaptable processes



# Recommendations for GNWT

- Strengthen Collaborative Approaches
- Embrace the treaty-based co-management system and avoid duplication
- Take advantage of immediate opportunities to update and clarify the waters regulations





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