

North Slave Métis Alliance

North Slave Métis community views
regarding the proposed
De Beers Gahcho Kué Project

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INTRODUCTION

∞ **The NSMA presentation will discuss:**

- 1. Consultation**
- 2. Traditional harvesting impacts**
- 3. Lessons learned from Snap Lake**
- 4. North Slave Métis recommendations**

CONSULTATION

- ∞ **The NSMA members are satisfied with the consultation De Beers has provided**

“Yes, indeed, De Beers has been fairly good at keeping us informed. They went out of their way to bring us on a helicopter and boat tour. The site visit was good for building context”

(NSMA member, 2012)

“Yes, De Beers did an excellent job of informing us over the past two years with the two site visits. They have facilitated us in making informed decisions. Overall, they have set a good standard for the other mining companies to follow”

(NSMA member, 2012)

TRADITIONAL HARVESTING



- ∞ **North Slave Métis worry about the strain on traditional harvesting due to in-migration**
 - ∞ Increased fishing, hunting, and harvesting along the Ingraham Trail



LESSONS LEARNED FROM SNAP LAKE

- ∞ The North Slave Métis want a water treatment plant at the Gahcho Kué mine site
- ∞ The water treatment plant at Snap Lake has proven to be necessary
- ∞ There is a need for setting up an organization to monitor the mine





NSMA RECOMMENDATIONS

The North Slave Métis supports the Gahcho Kué Project, however, the member's need assurance that De Beers will:

1. Implement a fish habitat compensation plan that removes the fish in a proper manner
2. Work with the NSMA to verify which of its members are working at Gahcho Kué
3. Have a water treatment plant constructed in order to cleanse the water if necessary