



WHAPMAGOOSTUI

DESCRIPTION

The Whapmagoostui territory includes:

- a category 1A land, i.e. block 7 of the Great Whale river basin, which covers an area of 204.65 square kilometres;
- category 1B lands, i.e. blocks 5, 8 and 9 of the same basin, which covers an area of 114.6 square kilometres;
- Category II lands were also granted to the Whapmagoostui territory.

NOTE - Only Category 1A lands fall under federal jurisdiction.

LOCATION

The Whapmagoostui territory is located at the mouth of the Great Whale river, on the east coast of Hudson Bay.

LAND TITLE HISTORY

December 31, 1941

Québec proclaims the *Lands and Forests Act*, which provides for the reservation of lands not exceeding 133 550 hectares (330 000 acres) for the benefit of the Indians by the transfer of usufruct. This legislation has been amended a number of times since. See sections 51 and 52 of the *Act respecting the lands in the domain of the State*, R.S.Q., chapter T-8.1.

November 11, 1975

Signing of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement - Crees-Inuit-Naskapis* by the Governments of Québec and Canada.

October 31, 1977

- The Government of Québec implements the *Act approving the Agreement concerning James Bay and Northern Québec*.
- The Government of Canada implements the *James Bay and Northern Québec Native Claims Settlement Act*.

June 1, 1979

The Government of Québec proclaims the *Act Respecting the Land Regime in the James Bay & New Québec Territory*.

June 27, 1979 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 65618

Provincial Order 1851-79 - The Government of Québec transfers, as a provisional measure pending final transfer, the administration, management, and control of 3 299 square kilometres of category 1A lands (Cree), and of 41.93 square kilometres of category 1A-N lands (Naskapi), for the exclusive benefit of local governments, i.e. of the Cree bands or the Naskapi band, as applicable. Québec retains bare ownership of these lands. The order became effective on June 1, 1979. Pursuant to that order, the land set aside for the Whapmagoostui Indians under the terms of the *Lands and Forests Acts* is no longer constituted reserves as defined in the *Indian Act*.

August 16, 1979 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 65619

Government of Canada Order in Council 1979-2178 accepting the transfer of category 1A lands according to the preliminary territorial descriptions, as stated in Québec Order in Council 1851-79 of June 27, 1979.

June 23, 1981

Government of Québec Order 1763-81 transferring by provisional deed to the *Great Whale Landholding Corporation* lots 5, 8 and 9 of the Great Whale river basin (category 1B lands). The area indicated is 113.7 square kilometres.

June 14, 1984

The House of Commons of Canada proclaims the *Cree-Naskapi (of Québec) Act* relating principally to Cree and Naskapi local government and to the land regime governing category IA and category IA-N lands.

September 28, 1988

Order 1352-88 of government of Québec authorizing the final transfer of lands of the category 1B to the *Great Whale Landholding Corporation*. Area indicated: 114.6 square kilometres.

May 16, 1989

Government of Québec Letters Patent 34 683 authorizing the final transfer of category 1B lands to the *Great Whale Landholding Corporation*. The area indicated is 114.6 square kilometres.

February 1, 1995

Government of Québec Order 145-95 authorizing the final transfer of category 1A lands to the Whapmagoostui First Nation. The area mentioned is 202.5 square kilometres.

October 22, 1997

Government of Québec Order in Council 1390-97 transferring by final deed to the Government of Canada the administration, management and control category 1A lands the Whapmagoostui First Nation. This order modified Order in Council 145-95 dated February 1, 1995.

May 5, 1999 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 273763

The Government of Canada accepts the final transfer of the administration, management and control of category 1A lands of Whapmagoostui.

CHRONOLOGY OF BOUNDARY SURVEYS

- 1) **1979**: survey of category 1 lands by Georges-Henri Huard;
- 2) **1986**: exchange of a 1A land parcel for a 1 land parcel (Inuit) in the village of Whapmagoostui.