

**CHAPTER 9
DEHCHO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

Definitions

Dehcho Region -

Renewable Resources –

Agreement – Dehcho Process Agreement

government – Government of Canada, Government of the Northwest Territories, Dehcho Government or their successors.

General

1. The Agreement will provide for the establishment and structure of a Dehcho Resource Management Authority composed of nominations by Dehcho Government, Government of the Northwest Territories and Canada.
2. The Agreement will set out the accountability of the Dehcho Resource Management Authority to Dehcho Government, Government of the Northwest Territories and Canada, including requirements for annual reports and plans.
3. The Agreement will set out financial accountability requirements of the Dehcho Resource Management Authority to Government of the Northwest Territories and Canada, including requirements for preparation and approval of annual budgets.
4. The Agreement will set out the authority and responsibility of the Dehcho Resource Management Authority relative to Dehcho Government, Government of the Northwest Territories and Canada.
5. Additional provisions regarding the establishment, accountability and authority of the Dehcho Resource Management Authority may be provided for in federal legislation.

Dehcho Resource Management Authority Functions

6. Under the Agreement, the Dehcho Resource Management Authority will be responsible for the following:
 - (a) land use planning, as provided for under the land use planning provisions of this chapter and chapter 8;
 - (b) advice on land and water regulation to the Dehcho Land and Water Board as provided for under the Land and Water Regulation chapter;

- (c) renewable resource management in respect of forests, wildlife, migratory birds, and fisheries where the authority to do so is delegated by the government having authority, as provided for under the renewable resource provisions of this chapter;
- (d) Heritage Resource management, where the authority to do so is delegated by the government having authority over the Heritage Resource as provided for in the Culture and Heritage Resources chapter of this Agreement; and
- (e) Any other land or resource related management functions delegated to it by one of the parties, subject to written agreement by the parties.

Land Use Planning Functions

7. Under the Agreement, the Dehcho Resource Management Authority will:
- (a) carry out a comprehensive review of the Land Use Plan not later than five years after the plan takes effect and thereafter every five years or at any other intervals agreed to by the federal Minister, the territorial Minister and the Dehcho First Nations; and
 - (b) carry out implementation responsibilities as set out in the Land Use Plan.

Land and Water Advisory Functions

8. Under the Agreement, the Dehcho Resource Management Authority may provide advice to the Dehcho Land and Water Board in respect of:
- (a) regulation of the use of land and water, including deposits of waste, in the Dehcho Region; and
 - (b) harmonization of land and water management in the Dehcho Region with Canada's management of Protected Areas and the Nahanni National Park Reserve or any future national park in the Dehcho Region.
9. Any advice that the Dehcho Resource Management Authority provides to the Dehcho Land and Water Board is not binding upon the Board.

Environmental Functions

10. The Dehcho Government may delegate the following environmental assessment functions within the Dehcho Region to the Dehcho Resource Management Authority:
- (a) authority to conduct preliminary screenings, as required under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*;

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- (b) provide non-binding advice to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board in response to a proposed development wholly or partly on Dehcho Lands;
- (c) provide advice to the Dehcho Land and Water Board as to which activities in the Dehcho Region should be referred to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board; and
- (d) participate in a Part 6 environmental audit and monitoring as set out in the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and be consulted to fix the Terms of Reference for the environmental audit.

Renewable Resource Functions

- 11. Under the Agreement, the Dehcho Resource Management Authority shall exercise its authorities as provided for in Chapter 10 in relation to Forestry, Wildlife, and Migratory Birds.
- 12. Any advice that the Dehcho Resource Management Authority provides to the Dehcho Renewable Resources Board is not binding upon the Board.