

## LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENTS COALITION: MEMBER PROFILE

Government / Organization Name	Council of Yukon First Nations
Head of Government / Organization	Ruth Massie, Grand Chief
Description	<p>The Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) was formed under the Societies Act of the Yukon and operates under a constitution which has been adopted by its member First Nations at a General Assembly. At present, the CYFN is made up of 9 Yukon First Nations: the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, the Teslin Tlingit Council, the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, the Selkirk First Nation, the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation, the Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation, the Ta'an Kwach'an Council, the Kluane First Nation, the White River First Nation and the Carcross/Tagish First Nation. Four other First Nations in the Yukon Territory, Liard First Nation, Kwanlin Dun First Nation, Vuntut Gwichin First Nation and Ross River Dena Council have chosen to work independently of CYFN at the present time.</p> <p>At the Annual General Assembly in 2004, CYFN welcomed four Gwich'in First Nations from the Mackenzie River Delta region into the organization: the Tetlit Gwich'in Council, the Nihtat Gwich'in Council, the Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council and the Gwichya Gwich'in Council.</p>
Land Claim Agreements	<p>First Nation Final Agreements have been reached with 11 of the Yukon First Nations to date. These are: The First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun in Mayo, the Champagne-Aishihik First Nations in Haines Junction, the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation in Old Crow, the Teslin Tlingit Council in Teslin, the Little Salmon-Carmacks First Nation in Carmacks, the Selkirk First Nation in Pelly Crossing, the Kluane First Nation in Burwash Landing, The Ta'an Kwach'an Council in Whitehorse, The Tr'ondek Hw'echin First Nation in Dawson City, The Carcross Tagish First Nation in Carcross and Kwanlin Dun First Nation <a href="#">in Whitehorse</a>. Several of the remaining Yukon First Nations are at or near completion of their negotiations and are pending on resolution of some final issues.</p>
Signatories to the Agreement	Federal Government, Government of the Yukon, and the individual First Nations (see above)
Key Dates	<p>Yukon First Nations Final Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Champagne and Aishihik First Nations – May 1993 (Signed); Feb. 14, 1995 (Effective Date)</li> <li>- First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun – May 1993</li> </ul>

	<p>(Signed); February 14, 1995 (Effective Date)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teslin Tlingit Council – May 1993 (Signed); February 14, 1995 (Effective Date)</li> <li>- Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation – May 1993 (Signed); February 14, 1995 (Effective Date)</li> <li>- Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation – July 1997 (Signed); October 1, 1997 (Effective Date)</li> <li>- Selkirk First Nation – July 1997 (Signed) October 1, 1997 (Effective Date)</li> <li>- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation – July 1998 (Signed); October 1, 1998 (Effective Date)</li> <li>- Ta'an Kwäch'an Council – January 2002 (Signed); April 1, 2003 (Effective Date);</li> <li>- Kluane First Nation – October 2003 (Signed); February 2, 2004 (Effective Date)</li> <li>- Kwanlin Dün First Nation – February 2005 (Signed); April 1, 2005 (Effective Date)</li> <li>- Carcross/Tagish First Nation – October 2005 (Signed); January 9, 2006 (Effective Date)</li> </ul>
Brief description of the region covered by claim	First Nations areas in the Yukon Territory, and four Gwich'in First Nations along the Mackenzie River Valley
Total Land Area	16,000 square miles (41,439.81 square kilometers) which includes the land allocated to the three unsettled First Nations.
First Nations within the Land Claims Areas	Carcross/Tagish First Nation; Champagne and Aishihik First Nations; First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun; Teslin Tlingit Council; Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation; Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation; Selkirk First Nation; Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation; Ta'an Kwach'an Council; Kluane First Nation and Kwanlin Dun First Nation. There are three unsettled First Nations: White River First Nation, Liard First Nation and Ross River Dena Council.
Aboriginal Languages Spoken	Gwich'in, Tr'ondek Hwech'in, Upper Tanana, Northern Tutchone, Southern Tutchone, Tagish, Inland Tlingit, Kaska Click <a href="#">here</a> for a map of language areas. ( <a href="http://www.cyfn.ca/dyncat.cfm?catid=115">link to http://www.cyfn.ca/dyncat.cfm?catid=115</a> )
Links to text of claim	Copies of the Agreements are available <a href="http://www.cyfn.ca/dyncat.cfm?catid=78">here</a> ( <a href="http://www.cyfn.ca/dyncat.cfm?catid=78">link to http://www.cyfn.ca/dyncat.cfm?catid=78</a> )
Links to evaluations of claim implementation	Not available at this time
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