

Frequently Asked Questions

WHY DOES THE B.C. GOVERNMENT ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON FIRST NATIONS AGREEMENTS?

- The B.C. government wants to build agreements with First Nations that are understood and supported by communities, local governments, industry and other Indigenous communities.
- This helps to ensure the agreements and partnerships we build with First Nations are enduring, understood, and informed by stakeholder interests.
- Agreements come to life on the ground and benefits are felt directly in individual communities. Local governments and regional stakeholders must be informed and involved for the successful negotiation and implementation of agreements.

WILL THE ACCORD AFFECT PRIVATE PROPERTY?

- Private property rights are not being negotiated. The only lands up for negotiation are Crown lands that belong to the provincial government.

HOW DOES THE ACCORD IMPACT INDUSTRY, SUCH AS MINING AND FORESTRY?

- The Accord is a framework for future negotiations and has no direct impact on industry.
- Both the B.C. government and the Tsilhqot'in are interested in economic development opportunities that improve the local economy and create jobs, while minimizing environmental impacts.
- The B.C. government and the Tsilhqot'in are working together to improve collaboration on future development within the Tsilhqot'in territory and to identify land for economic development opportunities, such as forestry, alternative energy, responsible mining development, ranching, agriculture and other initiatives.

CAN I STILL ENTER THE TITLE AREA TO HUNT, FISH, OR CAMP?

- The public roads may still be used for transportation purposes. Similar to private land, however, the Tsilhqot'in do have the authority to decide how their title lands are used. If you do not have a valid authorization for an activity on the title lands you are advised to contact the Tsilhqot'in directly by phone at 250 392-3918 to request permission before setting out.

WHERE CAN I ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCORD?

- We encourage you to visit the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation website www.gov.bc.ca/nenqaydeni to find out more. You can also contact the Tsilhqot'in National Government by going to www.tsilhqotin.ca

HOW CAN I ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROCESS?

- For more information, email government staff at caribooengage@gov.bc.ca

NEXT STEPS

- The B.C. government and the Tsilhqot'in will use the second year of the Accord to start identifying opportunities to make progress on the eight key areas laid out in the framework agreement.