

**REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE SPECIAL PROCESS TO FACILITATE INITIAL
RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TENURES UNDER SECTION 3.2 OF THE
LABRADOR INUIT LANDS ACT**

The President in Council acting with the advice of the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources is pleased to enact the following regulations:

Short title and purpose

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- (1) These regulations may be cited as the *Regulations to Facilitate the Initial Recognition of Traditional Tenures*.
- (2) The purpose of these Regulations is to secure transparent, fair, speedy and economic determination of every application for the issuance of a certificate or permit under section 3.2 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, IL 2005-14.

Authority

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These regulations are made under section 3.3 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, IL 2005-14, and apply to the issuance of certificates and permits under section 3.2 of the Act.

Interpretation

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- (1) Unless the context otherwise requires, terms used in these regulations have the same meaning as in the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, IL 2005-14.

- (2) In these regulations

“Act” means the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*, IL 2005-14;

“application” means an application for a Special Certificate of Title made to the Minister in accordance with these regulations and includes any supporting documents attached to and forming part of the application;

“applicant” means an Inuk who makes an application;

“Department” means the Department of Lands and Natural Resources;

“Minister” means the member of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council charged with responsibility for the administration of the Act;

“Official” means the official appointed by the Minister under subsection 3.2(2) of the Act to inquire into and advise the Minister as to the Inuit who may be eligible to receive Special Certificates of Title;

“prescribed form” means the form attached as Schedule A which is a part of these regulations; and

“Special Certificate of Title” refers to Inuit Freehold under section 3.2(1)(a) of the Act, Aullâsimavet Freehold under section 3.2(1)(b) of the Act, or a Registered Trap Line Permit under section 3.2(1)(c) of the Act.

Inuit must apply to the Minister for Special Certificates of Title

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- (1) An Inuk who wishes to obtain a Special Certificate of Title must make an application to the Minister by completing and submitting the prescribed form in accordance with these regulations.
- (2) An Inuk who wishes to obtain a Special Certificate of Title for a Registered Trap Line Permit under section 3.2(1)(c) of the Act must submit the solemn declaration referred to in subsection 6(3) of these regulations when he or she submits the prescribed form under subsection (1).
- (3) The solemn declaration referred to in subsection (2) must be in the form attached as Schedule B which is a part of these regulations.

Filing of applications and documents

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- (1) An application must be completed and submitted to the Department prior to January 1, 2009.
- (2) An application and any other document may be submitted by fax, prepaid mail or in person to a community Liaison Officer or Conservation Officer at the following offices of the Nunatsiavut Government:

Head Office

12 Sandbanks Road
P.O. Box 70
Nain, NL, Canada A0P 1L0

Fax: (709) 922-2931

Hopedale Office

General Delivery
Hopedale, NL, Canada A0P 1G0

Fax: (709) 933-3746

Happy Valley-Goose Bay Office

Nunatsiavut Government
1 A Hillcrest Road
P.O. Box 909, Station B
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL, Canada A0P 1E0

Fax: (709) 896 2610

Postville Office

Nunatsiavut Government
General Delivery
Postville, NL, Canada A0P 1N0

Fax: (709) 479-9891

Rigolet Office

Nunatsiavut Government
General Delivery
Rigolet, NL, Canada A0P 1P0

Fax: (709) 947-3371

Makkovik Office

Nunatsiavut Government
General Delivery
Makkovik, NL, Canada A0P 1J0

Fax: (709) 923-2366

- (3) An application that is mailed must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2008.
- (4) An application that is submitted in accordance with subsections (2) and (3) shall be deemed to have been submitted to the Department.
- (5) Applications and all other documents filed shall be date stamped by the person who receives the application or document and any document, other than an application submitted after 4:00 p.m. or on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday shall be considered to have been filed on the next working day.

Applicant must prove entitlement to a Special Certificate of Title

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- (1) The onus for establishing that an applicant may be eligible to receive a Special Certificate of Title rests with the applicant.
- (2) For purposes of section 3.2 (a) and (b) of the Act, an applicant must prove to the satisfaction of the Minister that the applicant had exclusive possession or use of the cabin site, fishing station, sealing station, or aulâvik in Labrador Inuit Land for a period of at least 10 continuous years immediately prior to December 1, 2005 and that the possession or use has not been terminated or abandoned.

- (3) For purposes of Section 3.2 (c) of the Act, an applicant must prove to the satisfaction of the Minister that the applicant had the exclusive use or possession of a trap line pursuant to local Inuit customs and traditions and the application must be supported by the solemn declaration of at least three people from the Inuit Community nearest to the trap line who are of the full age of 55 years and who are familiar with the customs and traditions of the Inuit of their Community.


Official to inquire into, and advise the Minister on, applications

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- (1) The Official shall conduct an inquiry into each application in accordance with these regulations and shall advise the Minister as to the Inuit who may be eligible to receive a Special Certificate of Title.
- (2) In conducting an inquiry the Official must
 - (a) investigate each application in accordance with these regulations;
 - (b) ensure that the views of the Inuit public with respect to applications, if any, are recorded and that all interests in the land for which the application is made are taken into account prior to a final decision by the Minister; and
 - (c) hold hearings to gather the views of the Inuit public in accordance with these regulations.

General powers of the Official for purposes of inquiries

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- (1) Where procedures are not provided for in these regulations, the Official may do whatever is necessary and permitted by law to enable him to fairly, effectively and completely inquire into an application and provide advice to the Minister with respect to it.
 - (2) The Official may dispense with, amend, vary or supplement, with or without a hearing, all or part of regulations 11, 12, 13, 15 and 18 at any time by making a procedural order if the Official is satisfied that the special circumstances of the application so require or that it will serve the purpose of these regulations to do so.
 - (3) The Official may make directions on procedure and procedural orders which shall govern the conduct of the inquiry into a specific application.
 - (4) Unless otherwise specified, the Official may extend or abridge the time fixed by these regulations or otherwise fixed by the Official, and may do so of his own initiative or in response to a request by an applicant or an interested Inuk whether or not the request to extend or abridge the time is made after the time has expired.
 - (5) Unless otherwise specified, where these regulations or an order of the Official make reference to the number of days between two events, not expressed to be clear days, the
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number of days shall be calculated by excluding the day on which the first event happens and including the day on which the second event happens.

- (6) If the last day for doing something under these regulations or an order made by the Official falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the time shall automatically be extended to the next business day.
- (7) No application before the Official shall be defeated or affected by any technical objection or by any objection based upon defects in form or procedure.
- (8) The Official has no power under subsection (4) to abridge a time limit that is stated in these regulations to be a minimum and, for greater certainty, the power of the Official to extend or abridge a time limit under subsection (4) does not extend to the limits established in section 5 of these regulations.

Power of Official to direct inquiries and investigations

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- (1) The Official may direct the Department to make inquiries into and investigate an application and obtain information with respect to it.
- (2) If the Official intends to rely on or refer to information obtained under subsection (1) in providing advice to the Minister with respect to an application, the Official must make the information available to the applicant a minimum of 14 days before the public hearing at which the Official will inquire into the application, and must also make the information available to those Inuit who attend the hearing.

Hearing places

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- (1) The Official shall convene a public hearing in each place set out in column 1 of the following table for the purpose of inquiring into applications described in column two of the table:

Place	Purpose of Hearing
Happy Valley-Goose Bay	To inquire into applications with respect to Labrador Inuit Lands within the Rigolet and Lake Melville Inuit land use Region
Rigolet	To inquire into applications with respect to Labrador Inuit Lands within the Rigolet and Lake Melville Inuit land use Region
Makkovik	To inquire into applications with respect to Labrador Inuit Lands within the Makkovik and Postville Inuit land use Region
Postville	To inquire into applications with respect to Labrador Inuit Lands within the Makkovik and Postville Inuit Land Use Region
Hopedale	To inquire into applications with respect to Labrador Inuit Lands within the Hopedale Inuit Land Use Region
Nain	To inquire into applications with respect to Labrador Inuit Lands within the Nain and north of Nain Inuit Land Use Region

- (2) The Minister may, by written order, direct the Official to convene additional public hearings in places that the Minister considers necessary for purposes of inquiring into applications in a transparent, fair, speedy and economic manner.

Hearing dates and Notice

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- (1) The Official, in consultation with the Nunatsiavut Government Community Liaison Officers and the applicants in the relevant community, shall attempt to set a convenient date for the hearing of the applications to be heard in the community.
- (2) Where the Official, the Nunatsiavut Government Community Liaison Officers and the applicants cannot reach agreement as to a date, the Official shall set a date for the hearing.
- (3) The Official shall give a minimum of 14 days notice of the date of each hearing.
- (4) The Official may issue a hearing order setting the date for the hearing and giving directions on the way or ways in which the Department is to advertise the hearing under subsection (6) and the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
- (5) The Official must send notice of the hearing, a copy of any hearing order, and the information described in subsection 9(2) to each applicant a minimum of 14 days prior to the hearing at which the application will be considered by the Official.
- (6) The Department must, a minimum of 14 days before the date of each hearing, advertise
 - (a) the date, time and place of the hearing;
 - (b) the terms of the hearing order, if any;
 - (c) each application for a Special Certificate of Title that will be considered at the hearing;
 - (d) that Inuit shall be given an opportunity at the hearing to raise objections to an application or the granting of a private interest in the land under application;
 - (e) that Inuit who intend to raise objections to an application or the granting of a private interest in the land under application should give advance notice to the Department; and
 - (f) the places where the advance notice referred to in clause (6)(e) may be given.
- (7) Where the Department receives advance notice of an objection to an application or the granting of a private interest it must give the information to the Official and the applicant at the earliest opportunity.


Hearings

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- (1) Hearings will be conducted in an informal manner and need not follow the strict rules of practice and procedure required in a judicial or public inquiry or in a court of law.
- (2) The Official may, at his discretion, conduct a preliminary hearing on any matter in relation to an application or the hearing in person, at the hearing, in writing or by teleconference, video conference or by any other electronic means and may make any order he considers necessary on the matter.
- (3) At the hearing of an application, the applicant shall first be given an opportunity to present any evidence or additional evidence in support of the application and to respond to any information described in subsection 9(2).
- (4) After the Official has first heard from the applicant he shall give an opportunity to be heard to each person who has given advance notice that he or she has an objection to an application or the granting of a private interest, and then shall give an opportunity to any other Inuk in attendance at the hearing to be heard either in favour of the application or in objection to it.
- (5) After the evidence of all other persons has been given, the applicant shall have the right to reply.
- (6) An applicant and a person who has given advance notice of an objection to an application or the granting of a private interest may call and examine witnesses, cross-examine opposing witnesses and present arguments and submissions.
- (7) An applicant and a person who has given advance notice of an objection to an application or the granting of a private interest may be represented at a hearing by counsel or an agent.
- (8) A hearing may be adjourned from time to time by the Official on reasonable grounds on his own motion or at the request of any participant.
- (9) The Official, if he deems it desirable, may permit briefs to be filed by participants within such time as the Official may prescribe.

Documents, Evidence and Disclosure of evidence


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- (1) An applicant who intends to present documentary evidence in addition to the application at a hearing, shall provide a copy of such evidence to the Official in advance of the hearing and as may be directed by the hearing order referred to in subsection 11(4).
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- (2) Any other Inuk who intends to present documentary evidence at a hearing shall provide 2 copies of such evidence to the Official in advance of the hearing and as may be directed by the hearing order referred to in subsection 11(4).
- (3) The Official shall immediately forward a copy of evidence received under subsection (2) to the applicant unless the hearing order referred to in subsection 11(4) has directed that it must be given directly to the applicant.
- (4) Evidence disclosed under subsections (1) and (2) will be considered to be evidence before the Official unless a participant objects.
- (5) A document received by the Official, including an application, may be amended with leave of the Official at any time before the end of the hearing of the application to which the document relates.
- (6) The Official may receive in evidence any statement, document, information or matter that, in the opinion of the Official, may assist the Minister to deal with an application, whether or not the statement, document, information or matter is given or produced under oath or would be admissible as evidence in a court of law.
- (7) In all cases where documentary evidence is offered in connection with an application, the Official, in lieu of requiring the originals to be filed, may accept true copies of the documents.
- (8) All documents filed in respect of an application shall be placed on the public record of the hearing.
- (9) The Official may require such additional evidence in respect of an Application as he may deem necessary.

Safekeeping and destruction of exhibits

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- (1) The Official shall keep all exhibits safe until disposed of in accordance with this section.
 - (2) A person who has submitted exhibits to the Official may request that the Official return the exhibits.
 - (3) After the Minister has decided all applications the Official shall return exhibits referred to in subsection (2) and, subject to a written directive of the Minister under subsection (4), may destroy any remaining exhibits.
 - (4) The Minister may direct the Official to lodge the exhibits that are not subject to a request under subsection (2), or any of them, for safekeeping as official documents of the Nunatsiavut Government.
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Preliminary hearings

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- (1) In any application the Official may, on his own initiative or at the request of the applicant or another participant, hold a preliminary hearing to deal with any matter that may aid in the transparent, fair and speedy hearing of an application, including to
 - (a) consider any fundamental preliminary issue such as a question as to the location of the land applied for or whether an application was filed too late;
 - (b) determine any question as to the admissibility of any evidence;
 - (c) clarify or simplify the issues;
 - (d) consider the necessity or desirability of an amendment to the application or any other document;
 - (e) consider the rules and procedures for participation by interested Inuit;
 - (f) consider a request for access to information in the custody or control of any person;
 - (g) consider the possibility of obtaining agreements to facts and to documents; and
 - (h) establish procedural steps to be completed before or during a hearing.
- (2) Unless otherwise ordered by the Official, it shall not be necessary to give public notice of a preliminary hearing.
- (3) Following the preliminary hearing, the Official may make an order giving such directions as the Official deems advisable.

Record of hearings, and audio and video recording of hearings

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- (1) The Official shall make, or cause to be made, a written record of all hearings. The record may be in the form of notes or a summary that the Official in his sole discretion considers adequate for use by him in providing advice to the Minister.
- (2) Subject to subsection (4), audio and video recording of a hearing may be permitted on conditions the Official considers appropriate.
- (3) The Official may refuse to permit the recording of all or any part of a hearing if, in the opinion of the Official, the coverage would inhibit specific witnesses or disrupt the proceeding in any way.
- (4) If the Official refuses to permit the recording of all or any part of a hearing, the Official shall, in writing, state the reasons for the refusal.

- (a) only equipment which does not produce distracting sound or light shall be used;
- (b) where possible, existing audio systems present in the hearing room shall be used;
- (c) media personnel shall not move about while the hearing is in progress; and
- (d) equipment shall be positioned unobtrusively before the hearing begins and shall not be relocated while the hearing is in progress.

Translation

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The Department shall ensure the supply of any Inuktitut translation and interpretation services and equipment that may be required for purposes of an investigation of an application by the Official or for purposes of a proceeding under these regulations.

Disputes

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- (1) When more than one application is made with respect to the same land the Minister shall reject all the applications.
- (2) Any dispute or objection that arises in relation to an application for a Special Certificate of Title that has not been resolved by means of an informal settlement conference under section 19 will be resolved by decision of the Minister in accordance with these regulations following the receipt of advice from the Official.
- (3) Despite anything to the contrary in subsection (2), the Minister has the discretion to hear from the parties to a dispute.

Informal settlement conference

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- (1) The Official may, on his own motion or at the request of a participant, hold an informal settlement conference in relation to any objection or dispute with respect to an application.
- (2) An informal settlement conference will be presided over by the Official and shall be subject to the following rules:
 - (a) all necessary participants must agree to participate
 - (b) participation is voluntary; and

- (c) the necessary participants may attend the informal settlement conference with, or without, legal counsel.
- (3) In the course of the informal settlement conference, the Official may offer opinions to the participants about the likely advice to be given to the Minister and alternative procedures which may be available to the participants.
- (4) The informal settlement conference will be confidential. Any information or documents provided or exchanged during the conference, and any suggestion for resolution of the issues, or any offer to settle, made during the conference, shall remain confidential, and not be disclosed in evidence in the present or any subsequent proceeding, nor be placed in the records of the Nunatsiavut Government or of the Official, unless the participants in the informal settlement conference consent to the disclosure and to the manner of disclosure.
- (5) Any notes made by the Official during the informal settlement conference will remain confidential, and will not be released to any person or admitted into evidence in any proceeding.
- (6) A settlement agreement may, depending upon the circumstances, include
 - (a) withdrawal of an application;
 - (b) withdrawal of opposition to an application;
 - (c) agreement as to certain facts;
 - (d) agreement that certain issues are to be included, or excluded, from consideration of an application on the merits; or
 - (e) such other agreement among the participants as the Official finds acceptable.
- (7) If, as a result of the informal settlement conference, an agreement is reached between the participants with respect to all or any of the issues with respect to an application, whether procedural or substantive, the Official shall take the agreement into consideration in all proceedings in relation to the application and in providing his advice to the Minister.

Costs

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All participants shall pay their own costs in relation to applications and all objections, disputes and proceedings in relation to applications.

Minister's decision


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- (1) If following the receipt of the advice of the Official the Minister is satisfied that an applicant
 - (a) has established exclusive possession or use of a cabin site, fishing station or sealing station in Labrador Inuit Lands in accordance with the Act and these regulations, the Minister shall issue a certificate of freehold title, without charge, to the applicant.
 - (b) has established the exclusive possession or use of an aulâvik in accordance with the Act and these regulations, the Minister shall issue a certificate of aulâsimavet freehold title, without charge, to the applicant.
 - (c) has established exclusive use or possession of a trap line pursuant to local Inuit customs and traditions in accordance with the Act and these regulations, the Minister shall issue a registered trap line permit, without charge, to the Applicant..
- (2) The Minister's decision is final and binding on all persons and is not subject to appeal or review.
- (3) A decision of the Minister to reject or refuse an application is not a final determination as to the validity or existence of a traditional tenure in respect of the land applied for and shall have no weight as a precedent nor be used in evidence in any other proceeding to determine the validity or existence of a traditional tenure.
- (4) In approving an application the Minister
 - (a) shall require that the land under title must be defined in a manner suitable to be registered by the Registrar of Land Titles.
 - (b) reserves the right at any time to order the land under title to be surveyed by a certified land surveyor if a dispute arises over the exact location of the land to which a Special Certificate of Title pertains.
- (5) The cost of a survey ordered under clause (4)(b) shall be borne entirely by the titleholder.

Form of Title

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An applicant whose application has been approved by the Minister shall be granted

- (a) a certificate of Inuit Freehold in respect of a cabin, fishing station or sealing station subject to the Act and subsection 21(4) and section 23 of these regulations
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- (b) a certificate of Aulâvik Freehold in respect of an aulâvik subject to the Act and subsection 21(4) and section 23 of these regulations, and
- (c) a Trap Line Permit in respect of a Registered Trap Line subject to the Act and subsection 20(4) and section 22 of these regulations.

Limitations on grants of Special Certificates of Title

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In accordance with the Act

- (a) no application shall be considered or approved with respect to any land that is not Labrador Inuit Lands;
- (b) no application shall be considered or approved with respect to Labrador Inuit Land within the boundaries of an Inuit Community or a Water Lot; and
- (c) a Special Certificate of Title shall not include rights to any minerals, carving stone or specified materials that may be found within the land under title.

Schedule A



Special Process under
Section 3.2 of the
Labrador Inuit Lands Act

Government of Nunatsiavut
Department of Lands and Resources

**APPLICATION FOR TITLE
UNDER SECTION 3.2 OF THE LABRADOR INUIT LANDS ACT**

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY	
APPLICATION NO. _____	RECEIPT NO. _____
FILE NO. _____	DATE RECEIVED _____
DATE REGISTERED _____	INDICATED ON PLAN NO. _____

APPLICANTS INFORMATION

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	MIDDLE NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
MAILING ADDRESS			BENEFICIARY #
TOWN	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	
BUSINESS TELEPHONE		HOME TELEPHONE	
FAX		EMAIL ADDRESS	

LAND LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

MAP OR SKETCH OF THE LAND MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.					
APPROXIMATE CENTER OF SITE (ENTER EITHER A LAT/LON OR A UTM COORDINATE)					
LATITUDE DEGREES	MINUTES	SECONDS	LONGITUDE DEGREES	MINUTES	SECONDS
		W			N
UTM EASTING		UTM NORTHING		ZONE	
ME		MN		<input type="checkbox"/> 19 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 21	
APPROXIMATE LAND DIMENSIONS (METRES)			DISTANCE TO THE NEAREST WATERBODY (METRES)		
FRONTAGE: _____ DEPTH: _____			DISTANCE: _____ WATERBODY NAME: _____		
ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY PRESENT OR PREVIOUS LAND USE SUCH AS: TENT RINGS, SOD HOUSES, BUILDINGS, CLEARING, USE UNDER INUIT CUSTOM OR TRADITION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					

IF YES, STATE YEAR LAND USE COMMENCED, AREA OCCUPIED AND PERSON WHO MAY HAVE OCCUPIED THE LAND.

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I, _____ of
(Community) _____ do hereby make oath and declare as follows:

1. The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. I have acquired an interest in the whole of the land described above based upon my use and occupation of the land in conformity with Inuit custom and tradition for at least 10 years prior to the 1st day of December, 2005.
3. I am not aware of any claim to or in respect of the land by any other person either pursuant to Inuit custom and tradition or through occupation, improvements or possession that is adverse to or inconsistent with my application. Identify if any person occupying this land with you:

Name _____ Address _____ Phone # _____

4. If this application is approved, I will provide to the satisfaction of the Minister of Lands & Resources a survey of the land, if required, and an indemnity to the Minister against claims by any other person in respect of the land as conditions precedent to the issue of any title in respect of the land.
5. This affidavit has been read to me and I fully understand the consequences of falsifying information.

Sworn before me at:

PLACE

on _____

DATE

OFFICIAL ADMINISTERING OATH
 (COMMISSIONER OF OATHS, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
 NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC.)

Applicant

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF THERE SITE WAS PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED.

NAMES OF PERSONS* FORMERLY AND/OR CURRENTLY OCCUPYING LAND (including applicant)	LIST IMPROVEMENTS AND YEAR THEY WERE MADE		DESCRIBE HOW LAND WAS ACQUIRED, e.g. DEEDS, WILLS, ETC. **
	eg. FENCES, BUILDINGS, DESCRIPTION OF HOW LAND IS USED eg. Cabin, fishing, sealing station, etc.		
1.			
YEAR OCCUPIED ____ TO ____ YEAR YEAR			
2.			
YEAR OCCUPIED ____ TO ____ YEAR YEAR			
3.			
YEAR OCCUPIED ____ TO ____ YEAR YEAR			

* IF EXTRA SPACE IS NEEDED PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS & RESOURCES
 ** COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS (WILLS, DEEDS, ETC.) NOTED ABOVE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

REPORT OF CONSERVATION OFFICER

Date

Name of Conservation Officer

RECOMMENDATION OF MINISTER'S OFFICIAL:

Results of Public Consultation: _____

Comments: (Indicate what type of title) _____

Sent to Minister of Lands & Resources on _____
Date

_____	_____
Date	Minister's Official

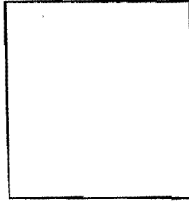
DECISION OF MINISTER OF LANDS & RESOURCES

Approved Refused

Special Instructions, if any: _____

_____	_____
Date	Minister of Lands & Resources Nunatsiavut Government

Schedule B



Special Process under
Section 3.2 of the
Labrador Inuit Lands Act

Government of Nunatsiavut
Department of Lands and Resources

**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION
FOR A REGISTERED TRAPLINE UNDER SUBSECTION 3.2(c) OF THE *LABRADOR INUIT
LANDS ACT***

DECLARATION

I, _____ of (Community) _____
and I _____ of (Community) _____
and I _____ of (Community) _____

do hereby solemnly declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of the Inuit Community of _____ and I am of the full age of 55 years.
2. I am familiar with the customs and traditions of the Inuit of the Inuit Community of _____
3. I know _____, the applicant in the attached application, and I am familiar with the applicant's trap line as identified in the attached application.
4. I believe that in accordance with the customs and traditions of the Inuit of the Inuit Community of _____ the applicant has the exclusive use or possession of the trap line identified in the attached application.
5. I am not aware of any claim to or in respect of the trap line pursuant to Inuit custom and tradition by any person other than the applicant.
6. This solemn declaration has been read to me and I understand the consequences of falsifying information.

Sworn before me at:

PLACE)

on _____)
DATE)

OFFICIAL ADMINISTERING OATH
OF OATHS JUSTICE)

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Signature of first Declarant)

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Signature of second Declarant)

(COMMISSIONER

OF THE PEACE, NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC.))

Signature of third Declarant

