Negotiation Team questionnaire on Fisheries

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights; Dehcho First Nation represent both Status and non-status Dene, would harvesting rights apply equally to both the status and non-status Dene, including Metis?

Dehcho Resource Management Authority; Under the final agreement there will be a Dehcho Resource Management Authority managing all the lands and resources in the Dehcho Settlement Area. The DCRMA would have representation by the Dehcho, territorial and federal governments. Would DFO support the DCRMA having the authority to manage and administer commercial fishing, including quotas and licenses?

Fisheries Strategy; DFO collect fishing data and inventory annually on fish caught using nets and rods, for both subsistence and commercial use. What are the trends in the fishing data and what is the health of the fish stock?

Over-riding interest; Should the fish stock on Great Slave Lake and the Mackenzie River decrease as a result of industrial development, who would have the overriding interest for fishing rights, commercial or subsistence fishing interests? First Nation or Industry interests?

Baseline Study; DFN have concerns regarding cross border pulp mills and the tar sands affecting the health of the fish stock. Would DFO undergo a baseline study on the health of the fish stock and the quality of the water in order that the health of the fish stocks and water can be monitored.

Tlicho Agreement; Under the Tlicho Agreement, Tlicho citizens have the right to trade but not barter in fish, why? DFN prefers to negotiate a chapter on First Nation Trade and Commerce including commercial fishing. Would DFO support DFN in the right to trade and barter fish?

Under the Tlicho Agreement, Tlicho Citizens have exclusive rights to harvest furbearers but not fish species, why? (fish and fish habitat in Great Slave Lake)

Feasibility Study; Would DFO support a feasibility study on commercial fishing potential in Mill Lake, Trout Lake, Black Water and other lakes that have the potential to support commercial fishing? Would DFO assist the Dehcho Government in improving the management of First Nations jurisdiction over fisheries?

Climate Change; We know from our experience, observation and traditional knowledge that climate change is impacting fish species on different waters in the Dehcho region, such that spawning areas are affected, migration route are changing and fish runs are dwindling and disappearing. What long tram strategy is DFO taking to minimize the impact of climate change on fish and fish habitat?

Conversation Zones; What kind of environmental conservation initiative is DFO taking to ensure that future generation have enough fish and clean water for their survival?

Commercial Guiding, Outfitting and Sport Fishing; Once a feasibility study is concluded on the economic potential in the Dehcho region, would DFO assist the Dehcho Government in developing a plan to manage and administer this economic potential?

Aging Fisherman population; Most of the Great Slave Lake Fisherman are aging and few are replacing them, therefore their occupation is not being passed on to the children. Also, few children are interested in pursuing this occupation. How is the department handling or addressing this issue?

Restriction by boundaries; Dehcho First Nations are signatories to two "Treaties", Treaty 8 and 11. Do the two treaties allow Dene members to exercise their Treaty rights in both areas?

Watershed Issues and Transboundary Initiative; Provincial and territorial governments have signed transboundary agreements in their respective jurisdictions without First Nations participation. Would the Dehcho Agreement supercede those agreements?

Heritage River Initiative; Would the Dehcho Government have authority to rename the Mackenzie River, and other lakes and rivers in the Dehcho region?

Fisheries and Ocean Programs; Do you have programs on Heritage Rivers, ecology and cultural, water protection and contaminates?