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Government of Yukon files Statement of Defence for the Peel Watershed Land Use Plan

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has filed its Statement of Defence in the lawsuit commenced on January 27 by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, the Yukon Conservation Society and the Yukon Chapter of Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society regarding the Peel Watershed Land Use Plan.


The Yukon government is in the process of retaining John J. L. Hunter, Q.C., of Hunter Litigation Chambers based in Vancouver, British Columbia to represent the government in this matter.

Hunter has appeared as counsel in various cases such as:

- *Ahousaht Indian Band v. Canada* (British Columbia Supreme Court, 2009; Court of Appeal 2011);
- *Musqueam Indian Band v. City of Richmond et al* (British Columbia Supreme Court, 2005); and
- *Haida Nation v. British Columbia and Weyerhaeuser* (Supreme Court of Canada, 2004).

Hunter will be assisted by Government of Yukon Department of Justice lawyers.

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Download the Statement of Defence [ 593 KB]

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