

Statement of Intent

Champagne and Aishihik

1. **What is the First Nation Called?**

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

2. **How is the First Nation established?**

Other

Please Describe:

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations are recognized and established under the traditional law of the Southern Tutchone. In addition, the Champagne and Aishihik Indian Bands are recognized as Bands under the Indian Act of Canada. The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations signed a Self-Government Agreement dated May 29, 1993 with the Governments of Canada and Yukon and this Agreement will recognize the inherent rights of Champagne and Aishihik to be self governing First Nations.

Copies of the Champagne and Aishihik Final Land Claim Agreement and the Champagne and Aishihik Self-Government Agreement are available.

Is there an attachment?

No

3. **Who are the aboriginal people represented by the First Nation?**

The aboriginal people represented by the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations are aboriginal people of Southern Tutchone and Tlingit descent who have traditionally used and occupied the lands in southwest Yukon and in northwest British Columbia.

4. **How many aboriginal people are represented by the First Nation?**

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations represent approximately 1100 people.

Is there any other First Nation that claims to represent the aboriginal people described in questions 3 and 4? If so, please list.

5. **Please list any First Nations with whom the First Nation may have overlapping or shared territory.**

No

6. **What is the First Nation's traditional territory in BC?**

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' traditional territory in northern British Columbia entirely encompasses the Tatshenshini and Alsek drainage as well as areas east of the Haines Road to the Takhini River Drainage. Attach a map or other document, if available or describe.

Map Available?

Yes

7. **Is the First Nation mandated by its constituents to submit a Statement of Intent to negotiate a treaty with Canada and British Columbia under the treaty process?**

Yes

How did you receive your Mandate? (Please provide documentation)
Champagne and Aishihik through its constitution have a general assembly which develops the policy for the Council of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. As part of this policy, the general assembly has instructed the Council to negotiate a modern treaty with the Governments of Canada, Yukon and British Columbia. Band Council Resolution attached.

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