

Traditional Territory Boundary Commission Act

Summary:

This Act establishes the TFN Traditional Territory Boundary Commission. The Commission will be made up of the Chief and two other individuals, at least one of whom must be knowledgeable about managing and harvesting of natural resource.

The commission will be responsible for overlap and related issues arising from boundaries set out in the TFN Treaty. It will provide a forum for TFN and neighbouring First Nations to address natural resource harvesting issues and to find a consensus-based solution to issues of mutual concern.

The members of the Commission are required to respect and honour the traditions and practices of neighbouring First Nations, and to do their utmost to develop and maintain relationships based on the rights and traditions of each.

The Commission has the authority to negotiate agreements on shared harvesting rights with other First Nations within areas of TFN's exclusive right to harvest, and on issues related to TFN's traditional territory boundaries, in order to achieve reconciliation on matters relating to natural resource harvesting. It can also enter into mediation if required.