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Re: Akimiski Island

As per your March 13, 2006 request, I am contacting you regarding the Attawapiskat Cree's traditional lands that overlap the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The Attawapiskat First Nation people have always hunted, fished and trapped on Akamiski Island since time immemorial. Our First Nation was never consulted when the Government transferred all the islands on Hudson and James Bay to become part of Nunavut Territory. It is for this reason that we refuse to recognize your authority to regulate Akamiski Island.

I was advised by my elders to contact the Nunavut Government to see if we can revisit ownership of these islands especially Akamiski Island. Attawapiskat First Nation would like to see Akamiski Island restored to the Attawapiskat First Nation. Perhaps, you can direct me to the proper authority to that can help us deal with this issue. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,


Chief Mike Carpenter