# TŁĮCHQ LANDS PROTECTION LAW

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Table of Legislative Changes

Name of Law	Date Enacted	Section(s) Amended
Thcho Lands Protection Amendment Law 2013	April 25, 2013	S.2 amended by repealing "applicant" and "director"
		S.4 repealed
		S.5 repealed
		S.6(1) repealed
		s.6(2) repealed and replaced and renumbered as s.5
		S.7 repealed

	Subsection 8(1) amended by renumbering as s. 6; amended line 1 and line 4.
	Subsection 9(1) amended by renumbering as s.7; amended line 1 and line 2.
	S. 10 amended by renumbering as section 8; subsection 10(1) amended line 1.
	S. 11 amended by renumbering as section 9.
	S. 12 repealed and replaced; amended by renumbering as s.10.
	S.13 amended by renumbering as s.11.

#### **Title**

1. This law shall be cited as the *Thicho Lands Protection Law* 

#### **Definitions**

- 2. In this law,
  - "Assembly" has the same meaning as in the Tłycho Constitution.
  - "Chiefs Executive Council" has the same meaning as in in the Thcho Constitution.
  - "disposition" means a disposing of an interest in the Tłıcho land.
  - "Theho" has the same meaning as in the Theho Agreement.
  - "Thcho Government" means the Thcho Government and its institutions as defined in the Thcho Constitution.
  - "Tłıcho Lands" has the same meaning as in the Tłıcho Agreement and is shown for illustrative purposes in schedule A.

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#### **Chiefs Executive Council**

3. The Chiefs Executive Council is responsible for management and protection of all Tłıcho Lands and the interest of the Tłıcho throughout Mowhi Gogha Dè Nııtlèè.

# **Department of Lands Protection**

4. Repealed: Theho Lands Protection Amendment Law 2013

# **Disposition**

**5.** No disposition of an interest in Tłącho Lands made before May 31, 2013 is binding unless it was executed by the Chiefs Executive Council.

Amended: Theho Lands Protection Amendment Law 2013

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## **Application**

Repealed: Thcho Lands Protection Amendment Law 2013

## Non-compliance

**6.** (1) If a person who holds a disposition under this law that was issued before May 31, 2013 fails or neglects to comply with a term, covenant or stipulation set out in the instrument of disposition or imposed by the Chiefs Executive Council pursuant to the disposition, the Tłįchǫ Government may send a notice by registered mail, addressed to the person at their last known address, requiring the person to comply with the term, covenant or stipulation within 60 days after the date the notice is mailed.

Amended: Tłycho Lands Protection Amendment Law 2013

- (2) If the failure or neglect referred to in subsection (1) continues after the 60 day period, the Chiefs Executive Council, may, by order, cancel the disposition.
- (3) If the Chiefs Executive Council cancels a disposition under this section
  - (a) the disposition holder's interest in the land and the interest of all persons claiming through that holder are terminated;
  - (b) all improvements to the land become property of the Tłįcho Government; and
  - (c) any money paid for or under the terms of the disposition is forfeited to the Tłącho Government.

#### Abandonment or termination

7. (1) A person holding a disposition under this law that was issued before May 31, 2013 may abandon and terminate the disposition by giving written notice to the Thcho Government.

Amended: Theho Lands Protection Amendment Law 2013

- (2) On abandonment and termination of a disposition under subsection (1)
  - (a) all improvements to the land become property of the Tłįcho Government; and

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- (b) all money paid for or under the terms of the disposition is forfeited to the Thcho Government.
- (3) Unless the Chiefs Executive Council otherwise directs, the holder of a disposition that is cancelled or abandoned and terminated must pay all money remaining due under the disposition and observe or perform all terms, covenants and stipulations of the disposition.

#### Trespass on Thcho Lands

- **8.** (1) If person commits a trespass on Tłįcho Lands, the Tłįcho Government may, on written notice to that person, do one or more of the following
  - (a) require the person to cease the unauthorized trespass and restore the land to a condition satisfactory to the Theho Government;
  - (b) require the person to pay to the Tłįcho Government a sum of money, considered by the Chiefs Executive Council reasonable for the unauthorized occupation, possession or use for the restoration of the land;
  - (c) seize, on behalf of the Tłįcho Government, any goods, chattels or other materials on Tłįcho Lands; or
  - (d) require the person to remove any improvements made by or on behalf of the person on Tłącho Lands and, if the person fails to comply within the required time, instruct the director to remove the improvements at the person's cost.

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#### **Offences**

- **9.** (1) A person, commits an offence who without the lawful authority
  - (a) occupies or possesses Tłıcho Lands;
  - (b) damages Tłıcho Lands or improvements to Tłıcho Lands;
  - (c) harvests or damages forest resources, mineral resources, fish or wildlife on Thcho Lands;
  - (d) construct a building, structure, enclosure or other works on Tłıcho lands;
  - (e) excavates Thcho Lands;
  - (f) thaws, deposits, dumps or in any way causes to be placed on Thicho Lands any glass, metal, garbage, soil or other material;
  - (g) abandons on Tłıcho Lands any vehicle or vessel; or

(h) interferes with or removes a sign erected by, on behalf of or with the authority of the Tłįcho Government on Tłįcho Lands.

Amended: Tlįcho Lands Protection Amendment Law 2013

# **Right of Entry**

10. Subject to the terms of a disposition or other instrument relating to the dealing with an interest, license or access to Tłącho Lands, the Chiefs Executive Council or its duly authorized officer or agent may, at any reasonable time, enter any Tłącho Lands and premises to discharge any duty under the Tłącho law, regulation, directive, policy or guidelines.

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# Regulations

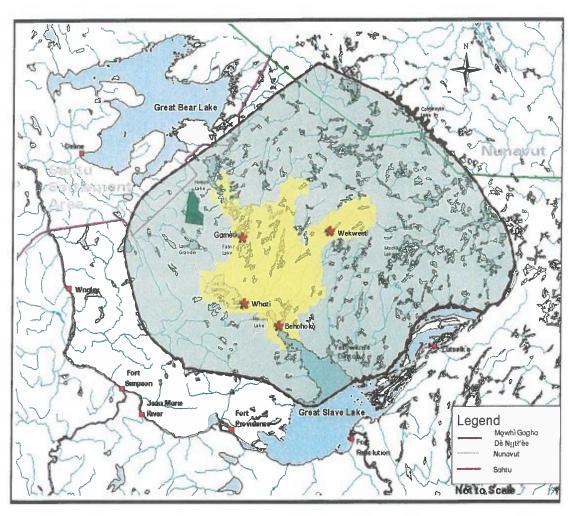
11. The Assembly may enact regulations for the carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Law.

Amended: Theho Lands Protection Amendment Law 2013

## **Coming into Force**

Consistent with the *Thcho Procedures Law*, this law came into force when Grand Chief signed it on August 4, 2005.

# SCHEDULE A MAP



Tłįcho Lands