



NORTHWEST TERRITORY MÉTIS NATION

PRESS RELEASE:

NWTMN highlights their Wood Buffalo National Park grievances on the international stage

NWTMN representatives, with the support of the Gordon Foundation, attended the 41st Session of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee in Krakow, Poland, where they addressed the Session on the issue of WBNP including the historic mistreatment of the Metis.

The NWTMN highlighted that the World Heritage Committee calls upon Canada (the "State Party") to, amongst other important actions, ensure that there is process that enables "fair, transparent and meaningful involvement" of the Métis in Canada's "Action Plan" with respect to WBNP.

The World Heritage Committee's Decision also calls upon Canada to assess cumulative impacts of all industrial developments on the Park; potential impacts of Site C project; and complete other significant environmental studies for any other hydropower projects and oil sands developments (including the Teck's proposed Frontier Project) and tailings ponds, which may impact upon the Park. Canada must report back to the Committee by February 1, 2018 on their progress on all these actions.

The NWTMN's statement to the Session is attached.