Upper Frog Pond:

Kill sites for trout

First Bear Lake:

Kill sites for trout

· Second Bear Lake:

Kill sites for trout, bear

East Branch Tusket:

Kill sites for trout

Campsites to South Wallace Lake

Travel way

· Nepsedek Lake:

Mawiomi area (Mi'kmaq gathering)

Basket making Hunting area Campsites

• Thompsons Bluff:

Kill sites for bear

• Roseway River Area:

Kill sites for trout, eel

Campsites Travel way

From the information collected above, the following Mi'kmaq use would have taken place within the proposed lease/mining area:

- Kill sites for bear, rabbit, trout (Upper Frog Pond)
- Camp sites
- Burial site

The exact location of the burial site is unknown. What is known is that a renowned Mi'kmaq hunter and trapper known only as "Buck" had trap lines in the area. He died while trapping and it is assumed that he was buried in the area.

#### A Mi'kmaq Significant Species Survey (MSS)

he purpose of the MSS was to preserve and protect species of significance to Mi'kmaq. Specifically, the survey was conducted to predict the effects of the project on Mi'kmaq culture, learning or practice.

In July, 2001, field surveys were conducted to develop an observed species list to familiarize field personnel with topographic features. The data gathered was analyzed and reconciled with known species of significance to Mi'kmaq. For the purposes of this report, the study area was generally the claim block area with emphasis placed on drainage areas but all habitat types were thoroughly considered.

From the field surveys, 85 plant species where identified as being significant to Mi'kmaq. In order to protect the confidentiality assured to Mi'kmaq sources of information, the following headings were used to categorize the species:

- I) Medicinal Use;
- II) Food;
- III) Beverage;
- IV) Tool or Implement;
- V) Craft, art or finishing; and
- VI) Social or ceremonial.

42	Medicinal use
23	Food use
8	Beverage
12	Tools or Implements
5	Crafts
8	Social or Ceremonial
7	of the 85 species identified, some are multi purpose.

To determine the significance of the project on species of significance to Mi'kmaq, the species information was tested against four different criteria:

- 1. *Distribution* consideration of the occurrence of the plants in the proposed lease/mining area, the occurrence of the plant species in the subject county and within the Province of Nova Scotia;
- 2. *Frequency* the abundance of the plants of Mi'kmaq significance in existence outside the proposed lease/mining area;
- 3. *Importance* included a subjective consideration of the use of the plants and the significance to Mi'kmaq; and
- 4. Reconciliation and Cross-Check- the list of plants if Mi'kmaq significance was generated from multiple sources and was reconciled with information gathered from interviews in the use study. Priority was assigned to each species based on all findings in the Mi'kmaq Knowledge Study.

#### The MSS is based on the following assumptions:

- ▲ The survey for Mi'kmaq significant species was complete. In the circumstance that a species of significance was not recorded, it would be prudent to make other species surveys conducted available;
- ▲ The knowledge of Mi'kmaq significant species is complete. If additional information regarding Mi'kmaq significant species is forthcoming, future amendments may be required;
- A That consideration of national and regional lists of vulnerable, threatened and endangered species have been made by other parties involved in collection and analysis of environmental baseline conditions.

#### Conclusion

he following conclusions are based on interpretation of the data collected during the Mi'kmaq Knowledge Study:

- 1. Historical Review- No Mi'kmaq use was identified within the proposed leasing/mining area but was identified in surrounding areas (specifically Rocky Lake);
- 2. Mi'kmaq Use Study- Mi'kmaq use was identified within the proposed lease/mining area which included kill sites for bear, rabbit and trout (Upper Frog Pond), camp sites and possibly a burial site;
- 3. Mi'kmaq Significant Species Survey- Species of significance identified within the study area do not demonstrate a negative impact on Mi'kmaq learning or culture as tested against the four significance criteria utilized.

#### Recommendations

#### CMM recommends the following:

- 1. Due to the fact that Mi'kmaq Use and Occupation has been established with the study area, any clearing and/or grubbing as a result of mine operations should be aware of possible Mi'kmaq artifacts, burial sites or hearth sites which could be encountered. It is felt that mine operations be aware of this potential and precautions taken to protect artifact resources, if encountered. Upon the discovery of any of these sites, Mi'kmaq should be contacted immediately.
- 2. Mi'kmaq feel that the taking of any resources which are significant to Mi'kmaq should be compensated by the protection of habitats within the surrounding area. Moreover, the discovery of Rocky Lake having a potential Mi'kmaq settlement in the area should also be considered in any protection/land use plan for the surrounding area.

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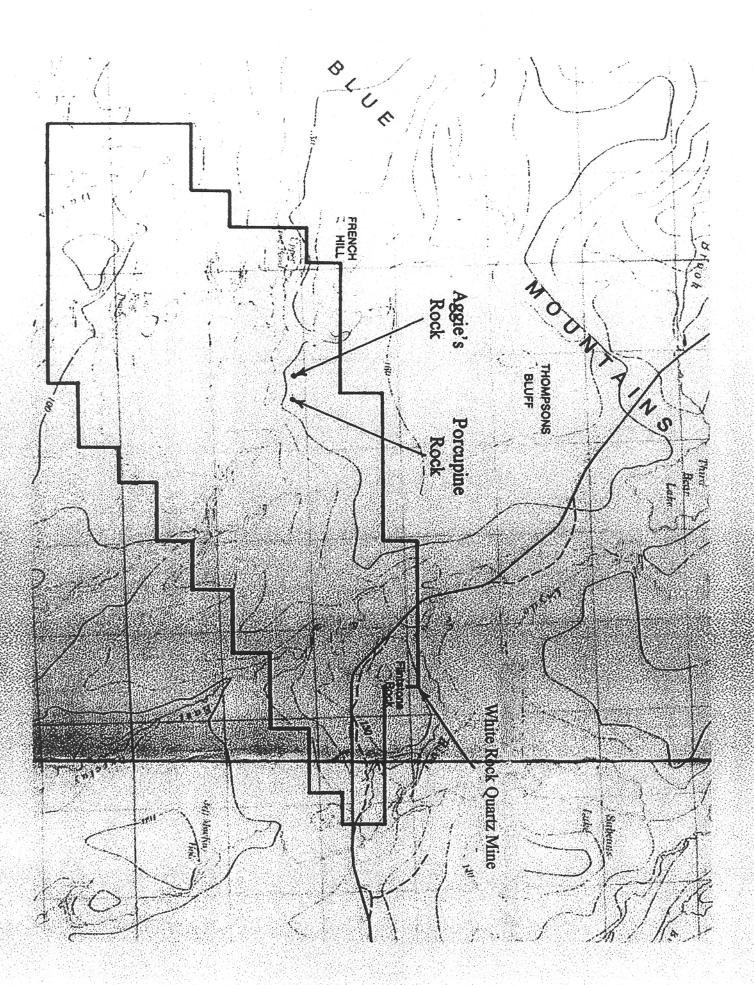
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# Appendix I

Map of Claim Block

White Rock Quartz Mine



# Appendix II

# The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq Annual Report



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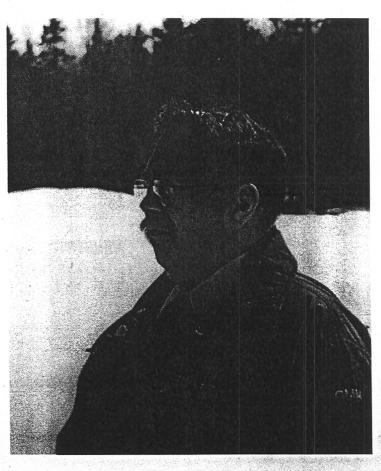
The first year of the new millennium has been a busy one.

NS Mi'kmaq have held the attention of the entire country as we work to realize the benefits and implications of the Donald Marshall decision to uphold our Treaty Right to the commercial fishery.

A disappointing, although not unexpected, decision in provincial court denied NS Mi'kmaq the right to log on Crown land. As in the past, our strong convictions lead us to challenge the decision to a higher court.

Restructuring of the Tripartite Forum is anticipated which, once ratified, will provide the venue for Aboriginal Title and Treaty discussions.

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All First Nations are watching as NS takes the lead in these sometimes controversial developments. Guided by the spirit and intent of our ancestors, directed by our strong leadership, and supported by a committed and professional staff, we can be confident of a strong and prosperous Mi'kmaq Nation for generations to come.

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Donald M. Julien Executive Director



## NTRODUCTION

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) is a Tribal Council incorporated in 1986 under the Societies Act of the Province of Nova Scotia. The objectives of the Society are recorded in the Memorandum of Association as follows:

- To promote justice and equality for all:
- → to promote the socio-economic development of Member Bands and their membership;
- to promote the rights and freedoms of the Member Bands in their pursuit of self-determination;
- → to promote the recognition of the Aboriginal Rights of the Bands;
- to promote cultural awareness of the Bands and their membership;
- → to identify and promote programs that can be beneficial to the socioeconomic development of the Member Bands:
- To establish and maintain harmonious relationships with governmental and private interests for the promotion of the interests of the Member Bands;
- → to work for and promote diligently on behalf of the Member Bands and their membership, a final and favorable settlement of all outstanding specific claims and disputes, notably the Treaty of 1752;

- → to administer and operate programs on behalf of a Member Band or Member Bands when specifically requested to do so (in written form) by the Band or Bands;
- → to promote and perform other such duties and functions as may be required by the Member Bands when specifically requested to do so (in written form) by the Band or Bands.

To ensure our commitment to these objectives, CMM has adopted the following Mission Statement:

"To proactively promote and assist
Mi'kmaw
Communities' initiatives toward selfdetermination and
enhancement of
community."

CMM continues to work toward these goals. The following operational report represents CMM's accomplishments during the 2000/2001 fiscal year.