

### Options for Resource Assessments on Settled SMA's

This is the result of a discussion held on February 15 between Grant Abbott, Mike Draper, Rod Hill and Shirley Abercrombie.

The only established SMA's for which a resources assessment has not been done or for which none is scheduled are Kusawa, Coal River, and Chadburn Lake.

*not approved by cabinet.*

*Phase I  
Phase II  
Phase III*

Three options for assessment are possible for each, depending on available time and resources. These are: 1) a desktop assessment using available information; 2) minimal fieldwork involving examination of known mineral occurrences, follow-up of stream sediment anomalies, and cursory examination of known rock units followed by a short report: 3) complete mapping of the areas at 1:50 000 scale, followed by laboratory studies and a comprehensive report.

Option 1 can be completed by March 31; Option 2 can be completed by September 2002 and Option 3 might be possible by spring 2003 but more realistically by spring 2004.

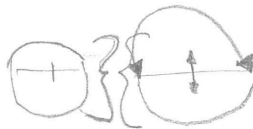
We recommend that the desktop assessment (Options 1) be undertaken and followed by limited fieldwork and a final report by September (Option 2). If the settlements stipulate that final designation be determined through a management plan, then Option 3 could be considered.

Adequate resources appear to be available within the YTG mineral assessment budget to undertake the assessments. At this point, it is unclear whether they will be done by staff or by a contractor.

The Option 1 desktop would be used for budgeting and planning for Options 2 and/or 3. Karen Pelletier will DIAND and Panya Lipovski with YTG can probably undertake the desktop assessments.

*Desktop*

*IF CAN'T*



*WORK PLAN -*

*GORD - DANIELLE*

- Marsh Marsh
  - SNAFU TAFU
  - CHADBURN LAKE
  - GOAL RIVER
  - Kusawa
  - Wellesley
  - Pickaxe
  - Scottie Creek
- GCHM.*  
*Geol Map. - Geol summary*  
*Minfile - occurrences*  
*Required Program*  
*FOR PROPER "scientific" assesment.*

