

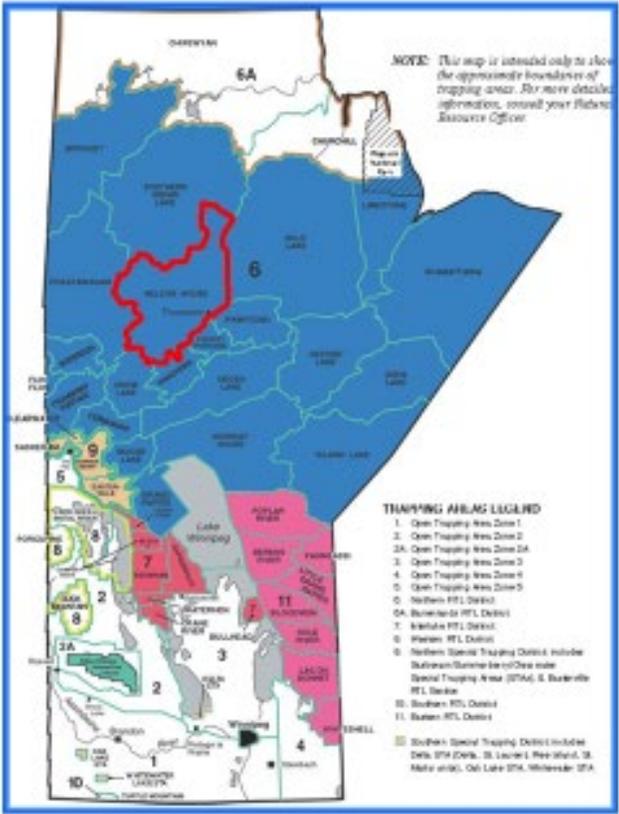


Nisichawayasihk Cree
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Food Security

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NCN Location Map



NCN Lands/Resources Based Programs

Existing Programs:

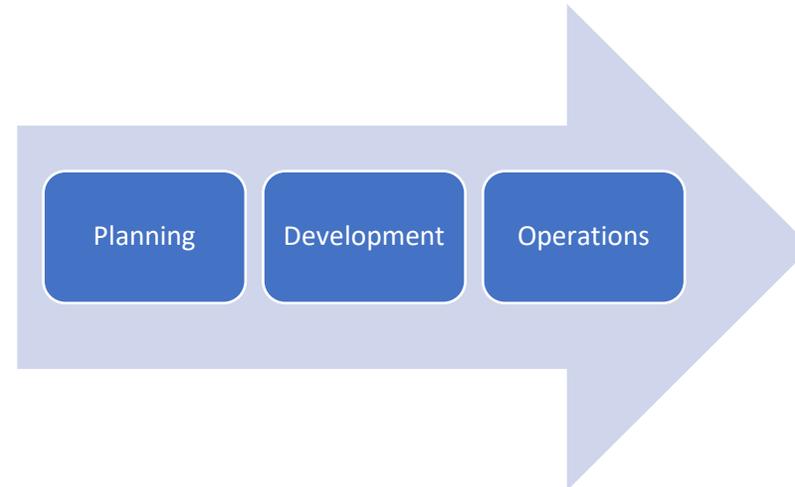
- Resource Management Board
- Land Governance
- Fisheries & Trapping Associations
- Land Guardians
- **Country Foods**
- Granny's Program (Land based education)
- Wellness Outdoor Program (social programs)
- AOL – Environmental Monitoring
- Other ...



NCN Lands & Resources - Milestones

Key Milestones/Guiding Document(s):

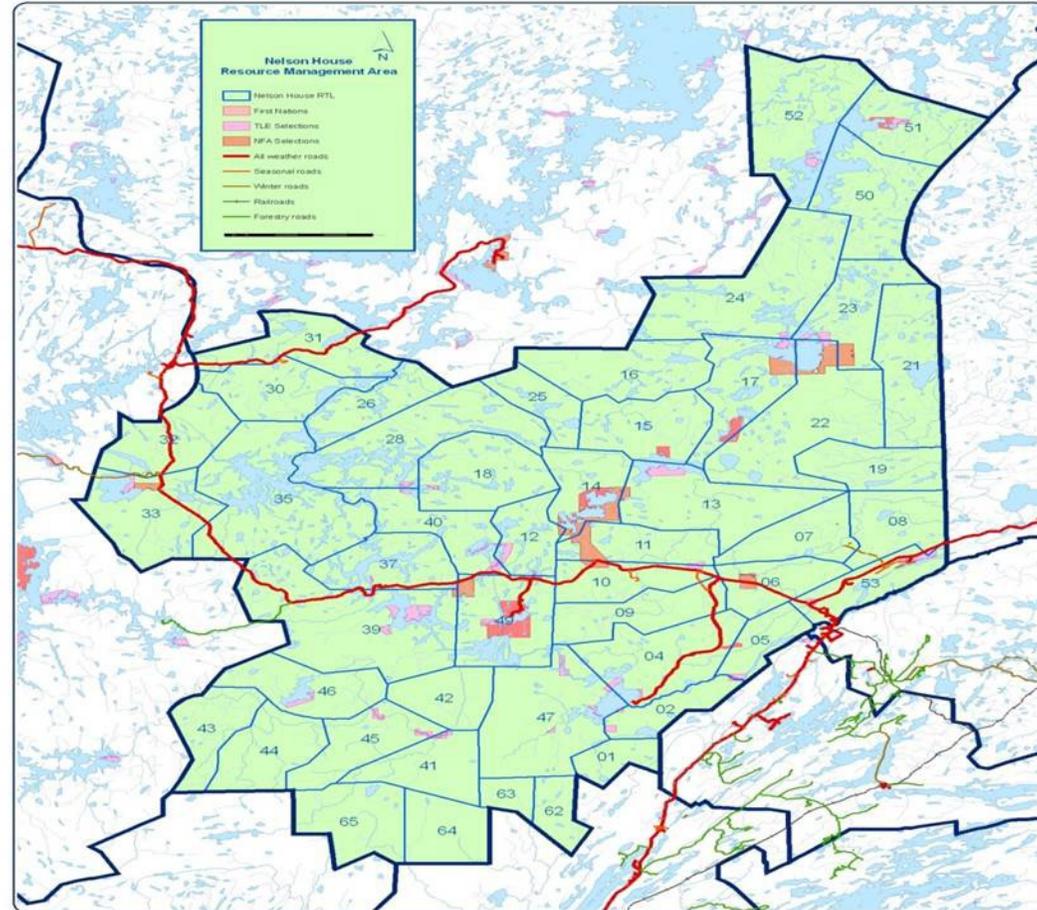
- ❖ Pre-Treaty – Peace , Harmony, Communal
- ❖ **Treaty 5 Adhesion – July 1908**
- ❖ **1930 NRTA**
- ❖ Indian Act/ Residential Schools/Sanitoriums
- ❖ INCO 1950's, Ruttan 1960's
- ❖ **NFA – 1970's, 80's, 90's**
- ❖ **March 1996 Flood Settlement Agreement**
 - ❖ Trust Office Admin
- ❖ **TLE Framework Agreement – July 1998**
- ❖ **Wuskwatim PDA - 2006**
- ❖ **Article 6 Planning – Land Use Plan 2014**
- ❖ Debris Management Program 2015
- ❖ Strategic Plan 2015
- ❖ **Land Code - August 2017**
- ❖ Constitution – November 2017
- ❖ LER Strategic Plan – 2018



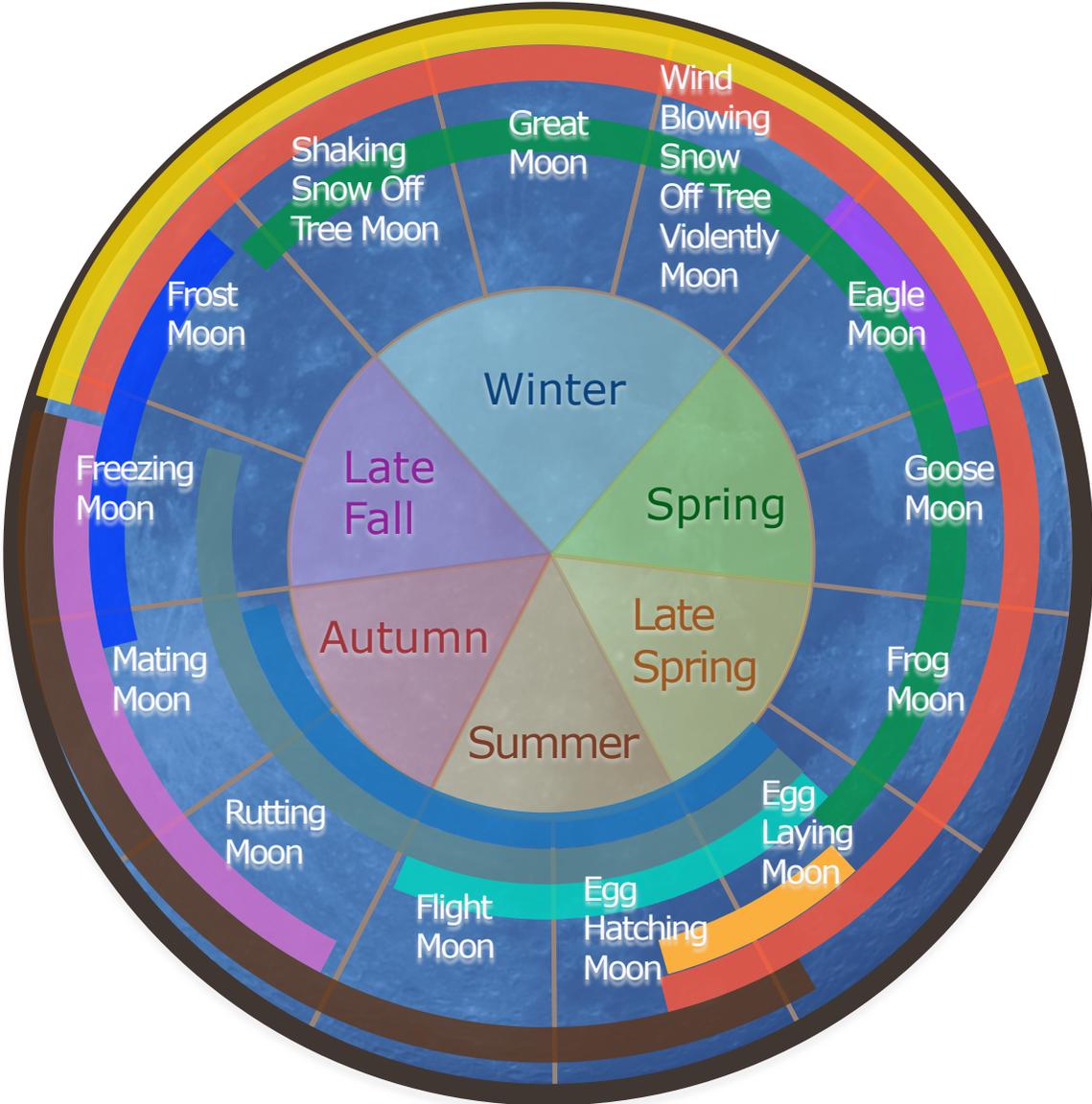
Resource Management Area – Registered Trap Lines (RTL's)

NCN RMA:

- 48 RTL's
- 5.6 Million Acres
- 22,000+ Sq km
- Traditionally Family Lands System
- RTL boundary defined from 1996 flood settlement agreement



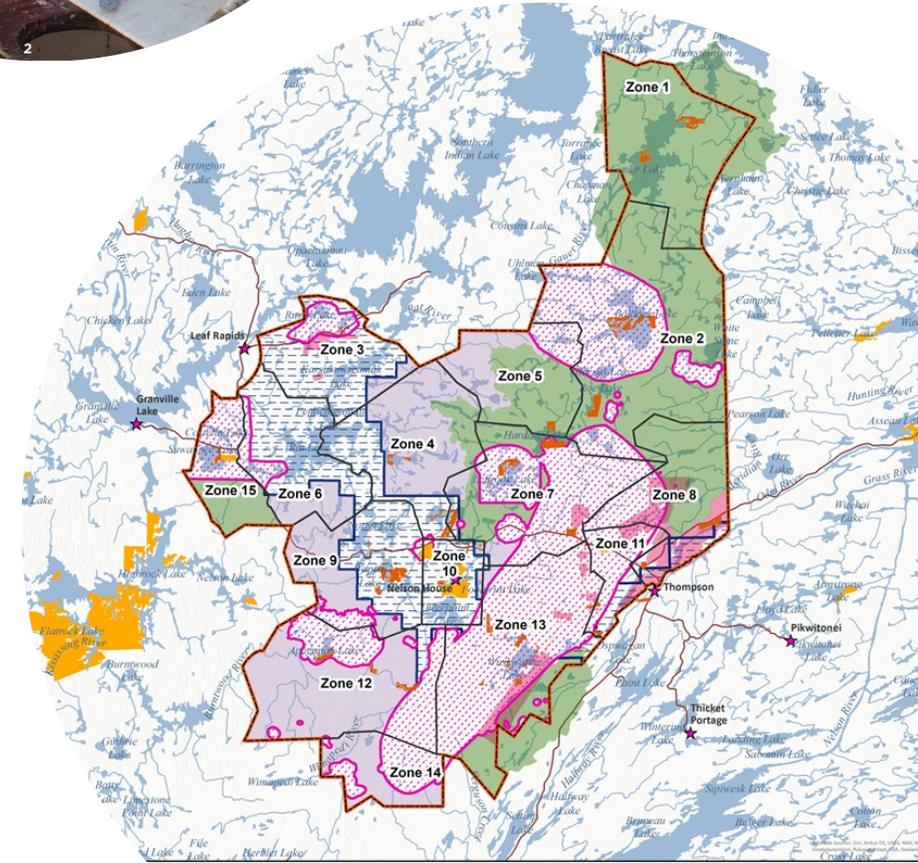
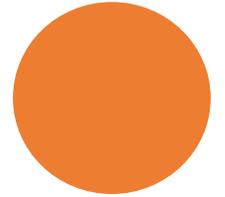
Seasonal Harvesting



- Mink/Fisher Trapping
- Beaver/Otter Trapping
- Lynx Snaring
- Egg Collecting
- Blueberry Gathering
- Medicine Gathering
- Under Ice Fishing
- Angling & Net Fishing
- Duck/Goose Hunting
- Duck, Goose, Moose Hunting
- Timber Harvesting

Country Foods Program

- **General Cultural/Community Policy:**
 - Take only what you need
 - Respect
 - Moose scarcity – No shooting Cows
 - Endangered species – Woodland Caribou
 - Let fish spawn
- **Measures for Conservation:**
 - RMB – LUP & Resource Management Plans
 - Land Based Education
 - Documenting traditional knowledge, cultural resources, collecting ongoing Data
 - Land Guardians (monitoring framework - early stages)



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COUNTRY FOODS PROGRAM



Country Foods Program staff: Al Murdo Linklater, Malcolm Hunter, James Bonner

The Country Foods Program is a community resource that operates year-round to harvest, process, and distribute country foods to Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation citizens and organizations.

Program Operations



Preparing for waterfowl harvesting



Wild mint drying

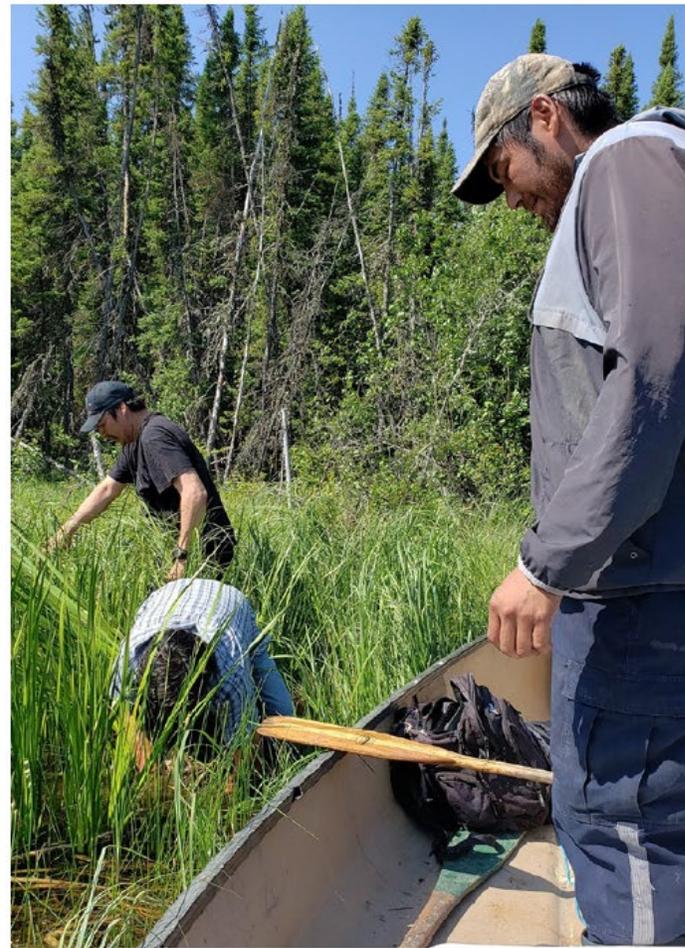


Processing wild game

Community Partnerships



Traditional Harvester tilling a garden for an Elder



Learning how to harvest traditional medicines from an Elder

Spring & Summer Harvest



During the spring season, there are various activities in harvesting wild foods such as waterfowl. The gathering of waterfowl is plentiful where individuals and groups are out harvesting for themselves as well as providing for the program. The program provides in-kind support through equipment, supplies, and expenses for these individuals and groups. In April, we help NCN citizens with preparing their gardens.

The summer months are very idle in gathering wild foods, with the exception of wild berries and gardening. Berries are cleaned by the individuals when brought to the Distribution Centre. The cost of berry picking is determined by the total weight of the product and are then stored, ready for distribution. Fish is harvested all year with minimal harvest in the summer months.



7 TOP: Preparing for medicine harvest BOTTOM: A successful goose harvest



Traditional Harvesters with NCN citizens at Leftrook Lake

Moose hunting is done in the fall. If NCN citizens wish to go on a moose hunt, they are provided equipment, supplies, and transportation. With a successful harvest, the hunters provide the program with a portion of their harvest. Ideally, it is half of the harvest. The Distribution Centre is equipped with a meat cutter and refrigeration units.

During the winter season, the Country Foods Program staff, along with guides, go on caribou hunting trips north of the community. These are usually extremely successful in providing wild meats for the program. When processing animals such as moose, the Traditional Harvesters will skin and freeze them. Once frozen, a hand saw is



Traditional Knowledge - *Ethinisewin*

