

Settlement & Reconciliation with the Cheslatta Carrier Nation

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Frequently Asked Questions:

1) *Have B.C. and Cheslatta already reached an agreement?*

The Settlement Agreement and the Interim Reconciliation Agreement are still under negotiation between B.C. and Cheslatta.

2) *Why is land part of the proposed settlement with Cheslatta?*

When the Nechako Reservoir was created, thousands of hectares of land traditionally used by the Cheslatta to practice their Aboriginal rights were flooded. Land transfers are part of the proposed settlement with Cheslatta for land flooded within their traditional territory and as a base for future community and economic development.

3) *Would land transferred to Cheslatta become part of a reserve?*

B.C. would transfer land in fee-simple, meaning Cheslatta would own the land the same as any private landowner and BC laws will continue to apply. Cheslatta has advised that, at this time, it has no plans to apply to Canada to add lands acquired under a Settlement Agreement to its reserves. The potential for future requests by Cheslatta to add lands to its reserves is still under active negotiation.

4) *What benefits has Cheslatta received to date?*

Using benefits provided under the *Framework for Negotiation of a Reconciliation and Settlement Agreement*, Cheslatta has created education and training opportunities for their members, and launched a Cheslatta-owned guide outfitter business and fish guiding operation within the territory. B.C. has contributed \$1.95 million to support these projects.

5) *Is Rio Tinto Alcan part of these negotiations?*

These negotiations do not involve Rio Tinto Alcan. Negotiations are between B.C. and Cheslatta.