

Parks Canada's Responses to Questions raised by Senators at the ENEV meeting on November 9, 2023, regarding Bill S-14

Questions

1. Senator McCallum requested a list of Indigenous governments and organizations that were consulted on Bill S-14
2. Senator McCallum requested information on the status of land claims for protected areas in Bill S-14
3. The Chair, Senator Galvez, requested reports that provide information about the state of the ecosystem health of national parks
4. Senator Miville-Dechéne requested information on climate change and protecting biodiversity in the Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve
5. Senator Gignac requested the resulting budgetary impact and the financial implications in terms of the elements of the Bill S-14

1. Senator McCallum requested a list of Indigenous governments and organizations and traditional user organizations that were consulted on Bill S-14

Grasslands National Park

- Treaty 4 First Nations
- Treaty 6 First Nations
- Métis Nation-Saskatchewan

Riding Mountain National Park

- The Coalition of First Nations, representing the Anishinabe communities in the region.
- The Riding Mountain Advisory Board, a group representing Indigenous and stakeholder groups.

Thousand Islands National Park

- Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Point Pelee National Park

- Caldwell First Nation
- Walpole Island First Nation
- First Nation Advisory Circle

Prince Edward Island National Park

- Lennox Island First Nation
- Abegweit First Nation

Tuktut Nogait National Park

- Sahtú Secretariat Inc.
- Déljine Dene Band
- Ayoni Keh Land Corporation
- meetings with Elders
- door-to-door interviews with community members from Paulatuk, Déljine, and Colville Lake

Quttinirpaaq National Park

- Nunavut Tungavik Incorporated
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- The Quttinirpaaq Joint Park Management Committee
- Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve

- First Nations of Mamuitun and Nutashkuan
- Ekuanitshit First Nation

Akami-uapishku–KakKasuak–Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve

- Labrador Innu
- Quebec Innu
- Nunatsiavut Government
- NunatuKavut Community Council
- Labrador Inuit

Tallurutuip Imanga National Marine Conservation Area

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- hamlets of Pond Inlet, Grise Fjord, Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay and Clyde River
- regional Hunter and Trapper Organizations

2. Senator McCallum requested information on the status of land claims for protected areas in Bill S-14

Protected Site	Indigenous government or organization	Land Claim Agreement
Tuktut Nogait National Park	Inuvialuit	Inuvialuit Final Agreement (1984)
	Sahtu Dene and Metis	The Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (1993)
Quttinirpaaq National Park	Inuit of Nunavut	Nunavut Agreement between the Inuit of Nunavut and Canada (1993)
Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve	Nutashkuan and Ekuanitshit First Nations	Land claim under negotiation
Akami-uapishku-KakKasuak-Mealy Mountain National Park Reserve	Nunatsiavut Government	Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement (2005)
	Innu Nation	Land claim under negotiation
	Quebec Innu	Land claim under negotiation
Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area	Inuit of Nunavut	Nunavut Agreement between the Inuit of Nunavut and Canada (1993)

- 3. The Chair, Senator Galvez, requested reports that provide information about the state of the ecosystem health of national parks**

Ecosystem health of National Parks

The report “Ecological Integrity of National Parks” is available online here:

https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/eccc/documents/pdf/cesindicators/ecological-integrity-of-national-parks/2023/Ecological_integrity_national_parks.pdf

4. Senator Miville-Dechêne requested information on climate change and protecting biodiversity in the Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve

The “Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve of Canada Management Plan – 2014” is available online here: <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/qc/mingan/info/plan/plan5>

A copy of “State of the Park report - Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve” is available online here:

<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/qc/mingan/info/plan/plan2?wbdisable=true>

A website page describing research and monitoring work in Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve can be found here:

<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/qc/mingan/nature/conservation/recherche-research>

5. Senator Gignac requested the resulting budgetary impact and the financial implications in terms of the elements of the Bill S-14

With regard to Akami-Uapishk^U-KakKasuak-Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve, Parks Canada received a total funding of \$69.4 million over 19 years (starting in 2014-15 until 2032-33) and \$4.2 million ongoing. This funding is for:

- the capital development and interim operations the National Park Reserve,
- the implementation of the Labrador Innu Park Impacts and Benefits Agreement (PIBA) in accordance with the terms of the Labrador Innu Incremental Treaty Agreement (ITA) and for the cooperative management of the National Park Reserve.

As for the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area, Parks Canada received a total funding of \$175.9 million over 12 years (starting in 2018-19 until 2029-30) and \$10.7 million ongoing. This funding is for:

- the establishment, development, and operations of the National Marine Conservation Area.
- the development of interim management plan and pre-implementation activities (such as Guardians pilot program) associated with the National Marine Conservation Area, including capacity funding to the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.
- the negotiations and the implementation of the Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, and related infrastructure agreements towards the establishment of the National Marine Conservation Area.