



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Dear Members,

As harvesting season approaches, we are sharing the attached map to help clarify the areas in which the Williams Treaties First Nations have constitutionally recognized Treaty harvesting rights pursuant to the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement ("WTSA").

Pre-Confederation Treaties

WTFN's treaty harvesting rights under Treaties No. 5, 16, 18, 20, 27–27½, the Gunshot Treaty and the Crawford Purchase are recognized by Canada and Ontario in the WTSA. These are constitutionally protected rights under s.35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Clause 1 of the Williams Treaties

In Clause 1 of the Williams Treaties, the WTFN assert Aboriginal rights to gather and to protect and preserve their archaeological, burial and sacred sites, as well as human remains.

Please note, at this time, Canada and Ontario do not recognize WTFN's rights to hunt, fish and trap in Clause 1 of the Williams Treaties pursuant to the Supreme Court of Canada's *Howard* decision. Notwithstanding Canada and Ontario's positions on the interpretation of the *Howard* decision, the WTFN reserved the right in the WTSA to assert additional aboriginal and treaty rights throughout the WTFN's traditional territories. However, until Canada and Ontario recognize WTFN's rights to hunt, fish and trap in Clause 1, members should be aware that there is a risk in being charged by provincial authorities should they engage in hunting, fishing and trapping in Clause 1.

Treaty Boundaries

The attached map reflects the WTFN's current interpretation of their Treaty boundaries. The Treaty boundaries shown on the map are approximate and may change following further research and verification.