

Gwich'in Traditional Knowledge Study Area

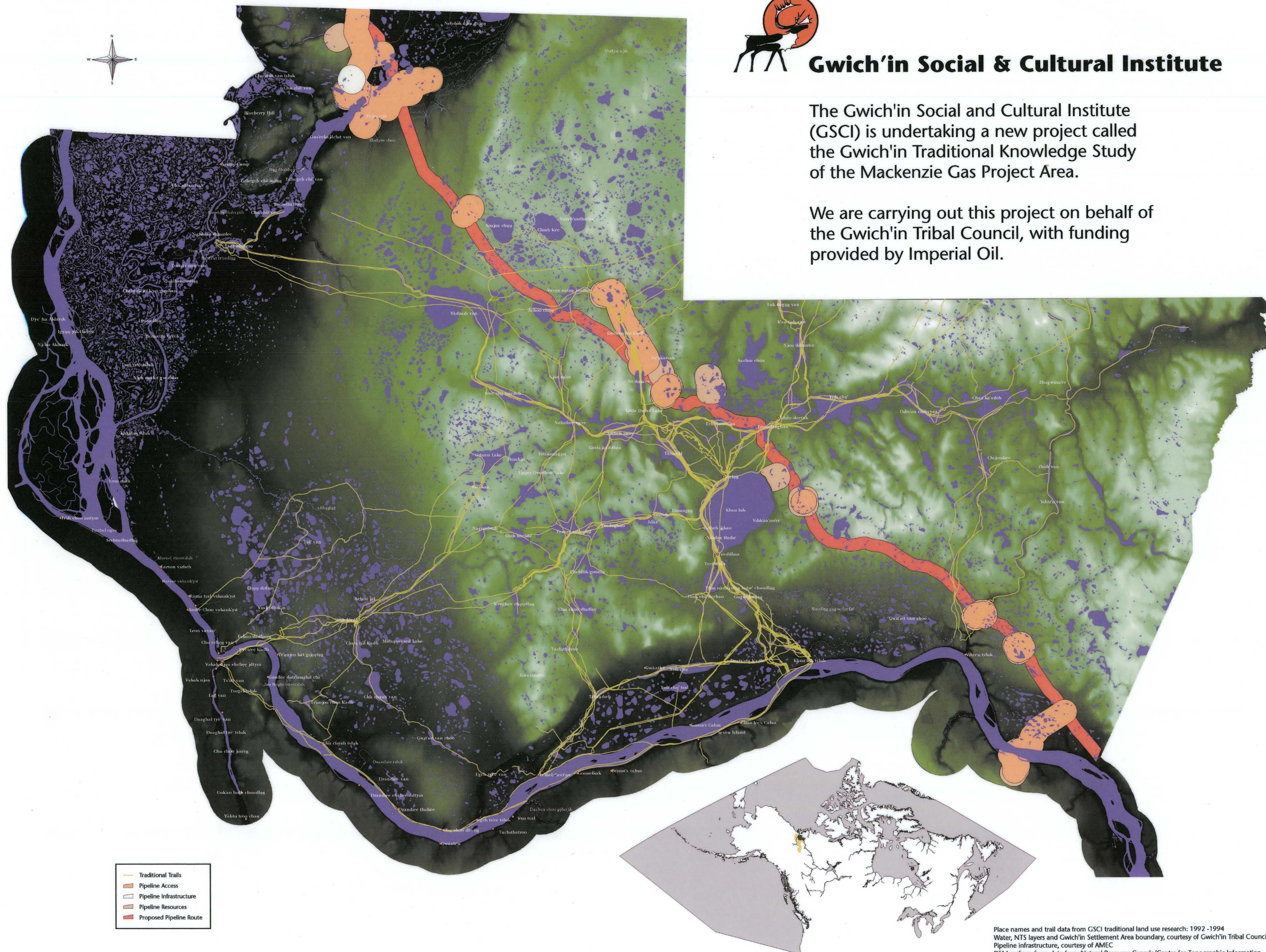
MACKENZIE GAS PROJECT



Gwich'in Social & Cultural Institute

The Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute (GSCI) is undertaking a new project called the Gwich'in Traditional Knowledge Study of the Mackenzie Gas Project Area.

We are carrying out this project on behalf of the Gwich'in Tribal Council, with funding provided by Imperial Oil.



Phase One

During phase one we are reviewing reports and interviews about traditional knowledge conducted in the past with community members.

Phase Two

This phase is expected to start in the fall of 2004. It will involve interviewing community members to fill in the gaps recognized in the first phase. A book, maps, posters, CD or website will be produced for the communities. This material could be designed for schools or band offices, or for general distribution. In any case it will be created for the use and enjoyment of the communities.

Community Involvement

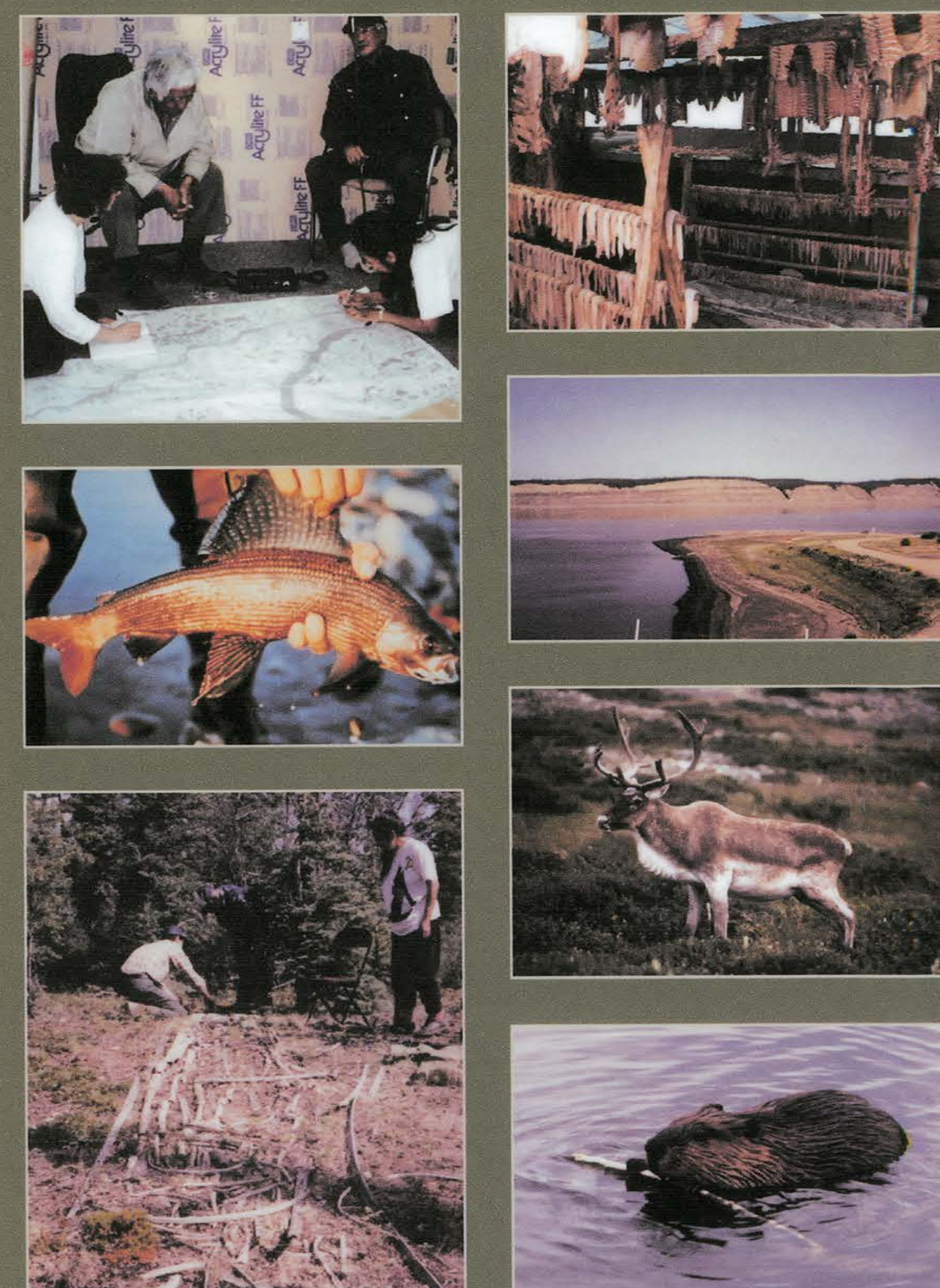
The GSCI is using posters and community newsletters to inform members of each community about this project. There will be a presentation about the project at the Gwich'in Tribal Council Assembly in August 2004. Community consultation about the direction and scope of the project will begin in late summer and will involve a working group as well as community meetings.

The working group will include people from all four communities – from Elder's Councils, Band Councils, and Renewable Resource Councils, plus representatives from the Gwich'in Tribal Council, GSCI, Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board, the Mackenzie Gas Project and Mackenzie Project Environment Group.

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Place names and trail data from GSCI traditional land use research: 1992-1994
Water, NTS layers and Gwich'in Settlement Area boundary, courtesy of Gwich'in Tribal Council
Pipeline infrastructure, courtesy of AMEC
DEM surface, from data from Natural Resource Canada/Centre for Topographic Information
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