

Spectrum is a limited natural resource located on and above the traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux Nation. The licensing process must ensure a portion of the spectrum is allocated for First Nation use and benefit. The economic benefits from income derived from this limited resource must be shared with the First Nations whose traditional territory will be utilized by commercial and government interests.

The provision of spectrum to the Tribes of the United States has occurred for many years. The same process must be incorporated into the licensing by the Government of Canada.

Further, meaningful consultation and accommodation as required by decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada on aboriginal title and rights requires First Nations be provided with the financial resources to obtain technical expertise and to participate in a meaningful manner in hearings and decision-making procedures related to licensing.

Allocation of spectrum within a traditional territory is no different than the allocation of land, water, timber, minerals, fish and all other natural resources. The need to meet the criteria defined by the Supreme Court of Canada also applies to spectrum.

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