





based claims have not advanced very far, with only Nutashquan achieving as much as an Agreement-in-Principle of a General Nature, but have since broken off negotiations with Canada and Quebec.

- The unresolved land claims of the Québec Innu present a real risk to the Generation Project, although the strength of the risk is difficult to ascertain. Québec Innu groups may pursue legal action to suspend the environmental assessment process or to prevent the issuance of any Project-related permits, as previously, certain Québec Innu groups have threatened or initiated litigation to establish aboriginal rights and title in Labrador.
- In addition to possible legal action, Québec Innu groups have been engaged in a variety of extra-legal activities designed to bolster their assertion of aboriginal rights and title in and to Labrador including: organized protests before parliament in November 2009 and February 2010; and, approximately 150 Québec Innu held a caribou hunt in Labrador, north of the Churchill River in the Cache River area.
- In addition to assertion of land claims, each Québec Innu community has demanded the negotiation of an impacts and benefits agreement (IBA) with Nalcor as a precondition to the Generation Project proceeding. In response, Nalcor has made it clear that neither aboriginal consent nor an IBA are legally required and that the consultative efforts which have been undertaken are directed at fulfillment of the requirements of the EIS Guidelines only.

**Action Being Taken:**

- None, for information purposes only.

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