



*Wilderness Tourism Association of the Yukon
E-News Flash for Thursday, August 19, 2015*

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FIGHT FOR THE PEEL CONTINUES

Peel Appeal takes place August 20th and 21st in Whitehorse

On August 20 and 21, 2015 the Peel court case will be heard at the Yukon Court of Appeal in Whitehorse. At this hearing, the Yukon Government will argue that the Yukon Supreme Court ruling by Justice Ronald Veale be dismissed. The respondents (the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, CPAWS Yukon and YCS), supported through an intervention by the Gwich'in Tribal Council, will defend against this appeal and argue that Justice Veale's ruling be upheld.

The public is encouraged to attend the appeal in-person at the Yukon Law Courts (2134 Second Avenue, Whitehorse). The appeal begins each morning at 9 am. The proceedings will take place in Courtroom 1. This room will have reserved seating for the appellants, respondents, media, and First Nation elders, leaving restricted seating for the general public. Recognizing the high levels of public interest in the case, the courts have arranged for Courtroom 2 to be opened for the general public, where the proceedings will be live-streamed.

For those unable to attend in person the proceedings will be live tweeted @CPAWSYukon and #ProtectPeel. Photos, video, audio podcasts, and daily summaries will be posted at <https://peelwatershedtrial.wordpress.com/>

Water Ceremony for the Peel

Thursday, August 20, 12 (noon) - 1pm
Front steps of the Law Courts (2134 Second Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon).

At noon on August 20, join us on the steps of the Yukon Laws Courts in Whitehorse for a First Nations-led water ceremony for the Peel.

We invite you to take part by bringing water from a Yukon water body that has special meaning

to you. Water vials are available at the Yukon Conservation Society office (302 Hawkins St) and the CPAWS-Yukon office (506 Steele St).

Check out the Facebook event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/106272409724381/>

BBQ for the Peel

Thursday, August 20, 5-8pm

Official welcome 6 pm

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre (1171 First Ave, Whitehorse, Yukon), Fire pit

Join us for a BBQ with delicious free food; a chance to celebrate the public's tireless efforts to protect the Peel; and the conclusion of the Water Ceremony as the water collected is poured into the Yukon River.

All are welcome.

Check out the Facebook event here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/972134876183496/>

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