



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Local Area Plan?

Local Area Plans guide how lands in rural Yukon communities are developed, managed and protected. They include maps and policies that designate lands for different uses (e.g., residential, agricultural, community use, environmental protection, etc.) These plans also include recommendations for how activities occurring on public lands can respect community values. They answer questions such as:

- What lands could be considered for residential or community development?
- What areas need to be protected for wildlife or heritage?
- How do we promote First Nations culture and history in the area?
- What types of commercial or revenue generating opportunities are appropriate?

Why is KDFN leading this plan independently?

The planning process started as a collaboration between KDFN and the Government of Yukon (YG) in 2020. They completed a draft plan in late 2024, but it was not supported by YG for public review. Since then, KDFN and YG have been unable to reach agreement on how to complete the plan collaboratively. In accordance with its Self-Government Agreement, KDFN withdrew from the process and is now proceeding independently. The next step is to ask all Yukoners who care about Łu Zil Män for input on the draft plan.

Why is a local area plan being made for Łu Zil Män (Fish Lake)?

The Łu Zil Män (Fish Lake) area has historical and cultural importance to KDFN Citizens. Our Self Government Agreement recognizes the need for planning to protect our values in the area. There are many competing pressures in Łu Zil Män, including:

- recreational and tourism activities
- applications for both residential and commercial activities
- KDFN Citizens applying for Settlement Land Allocations in Łu Zil Män

The planning area is situated approximately eight kilometres southwest of downtown Whitehorse and covers a total area of about 460 square kilometers. See the *Łu Zil Män Map* on p3.



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What will KDFN do with the input it receives?

An independent planning consultant will compile and analyze the engagement results and write a “What We Heard” report to be shared with the public. The planning team will listen to and consider all perspectives before a plan is recommended for approval by KDFN Chief and Council.

When will a plan be approved?

KDFN Heritage Lands and Resources will recommend a Final Plan for approval by Chief and Council in summer 2026. Once the Final Plan is adopted, KDFN will turn its attention to implementation.

How will KDFN implement the plan?

The plan provides a framework for KDFN to steward Łu Zil Män for the next 20 years. It will govern KDFN decision-making on Settlement Lands and guide collaborative management of public lands. Where the plan recommends policies or actions on public lands within our Traditional Territory, KDFN will use advocacy and partnerships to encourage and support other organizations to act.

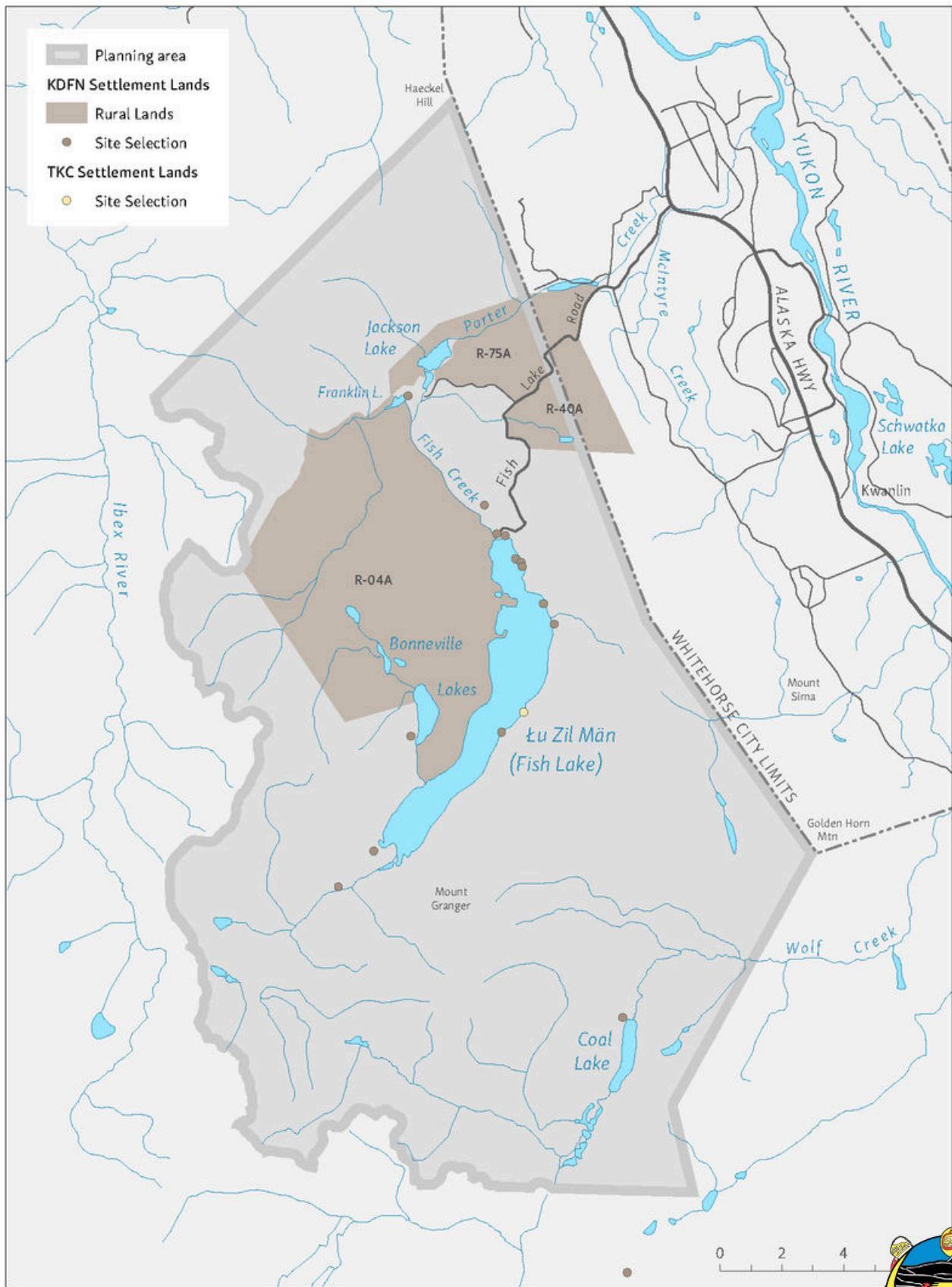
How will this plan change the way people enjoy the land?

The plan recognizes that Łu Zil Män is important to all Yukoners and seeks to protect it for future generations. It envisions a future where Łu Zil Män continues to be a thriving landscape with intact wildlife habitats used by people for recreation and cultural activities. In seeking to balance the needs of the land and water with human uses, some areas may have seasonal limits, trail guidelines, or protected zones.

Many generations of Yukon First Nations peoples have used, and continue to use, the Łu Zil Män area as a home and place of harvest, gather and celebrate.



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