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**Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity,
including Indigenous, minority and regional languages and
multilingual issues**

***Draft Best Practices for Indigenous Geographical Names
of Canada***

Summary**

The Geographical Names Board of Canada has developed the draft *Best Practices for Indigenous Geographical Names*, intended to support federal, provincial and territorial authorities in naming or renaming geographical features in Canada.

The draft *Best Practices for Indigenous Geographical Names* provides a set of core principles to consider when addressing geographical names with origins in Indigenous languages or cultures or determining whether such names exist for a particular geographical feature or place. The document is considered a draft while naming authorities of the Board seek feedback from Indigenous partners, advisory bodies and organizations.

* [GEGN.2/2023/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by Carla Jack, Natural Resources Canada. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2023/81/CRP.81.

