

# Statement

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## **Supreme Court agrees to hear Clyde River case against seismic blasting on same day US-Canada agree on new possibilities for Arctic protection**

**10 march 2016 (Ottawa)** — Following today's decision by the Supreme Court of Canada to grant leave to the Inuit community of Clyde River in its legal battle against seismic blasting in Canada's Eastern Arctic, the Head of the Arctic campaign at Greenpeace Canada, Jessica Wilson, said:

"Today's Supreme Court announcement is incredible news for Baffin Island Inuit who have been opposing seismic blasting for its impacts on marine life and food security in the north. Clyde River will finally have a ruling from Canada's highest court on an oil exploration project which was approved without Inuit consent and which would also devastate the Arctic marine environment. A ruling in favour of Clyde River would set a just precedent for all Indigenous Peoples in terms of their right to choose whether or not oil and gas development happens on their land or in their waters."

This news was announced just hours after US President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met in Washington DC to agree on a future for the Arctic where development would have to align with Indigenous rights as well as global and national climate goals.

"Arctic oil is unburnable if we're going to make our commitments to keep global temperature rise below 2 degrees, and today's announcement from Prime Minister Trudeau and President Obama appears to recognize that. For the first time, we're seeing Arctic leaders taking steps to square the climate math with our energy futures, and that means keeping Arctic oil in the ground," Wilson concluded.

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