

Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund Phase 2 –Consultation Meetings

March 28-30, 2012

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NEEF MC Mandate

- **The NEEF MC mandate as given by the parties to the BC/Alcan 1997 Agreement is to:**
 - **Conduct a process to reconsider previous decisions and to prepare a report that will:**
 - **...review, assess and report on options that may be available for the downstream enhancement of the Nechako watershed area.**
 - **...consider how NEEF MC decisions should be implemented.**

Operating Principles

- **NEEF MC has adopted the following principles:**
 - **Openness and Transparency**
 - **Inclusiveness**
 - **Decision-Making**
 - **Geographic Scope**
 - **Timeliness**
 - **Cost-Effectiveness**
 - **Financial Accountability**

Consultation process - Phases

Our approach is to conduct the consultation process in four phases;

1. **Information:**

- share background information regarding the 1997 Agreement and the 2001 NEEF MC report, and request input on the proposed process;

2. **Consultation:**

- learn the interests and ideas of individuals, stakeholders, industry, First Nations, and government regarding uses of the fund for downstream environmental enhancement;

3. **Confirmation:**

- share what we have learned and provide an opportunity to affirm the information that was provided to us during the consultation process; and

4. **Reporting:**

- deliver our decisions on the use of the NEEF.

Consultation process - Timelines

	Task	Assigned To	Start	End	Dur	%	2011		2012							
							Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul		
	NEEF MC 2011 - 2012 SCHEDULE		12/1/11	6/30/12	149											
1	PHASE 1 - INFORMATION		12/1/11	2/15/12	54											
2	Public Meetings		1/23/12	1/28/12	5											
3	PHASE 2 - CONSULTATION		1/25/12	3/31/12	47											
4	Public Meetings		3/12/12	3/16/12	5											
5	PHASE 3 - CONFIRMATION		2/29/12	6/1/12	67											
6	Public Meetings		5/14/12	5/19/12	5											
7	PHASE 4 - REPORTING		5/1/12	6/30/12	43											

Broad Objectives

NEEF MC have identified four objectives for the fund. These objectives are consistent with the considerations articulated by the original NEEF MC in 2001.

1. Options that address enhancement related to flow changes in the Cheslatta River and Nechako River;
2. Options that seek to rehabilitate fish habitat and fish populations in the Cheslatta River and Nechako River;
3. Options that promote education and stewardship of water in the Nechako and Cheslatta watersheds; and
4. Options related to improving how water flow regulation decisions are made in consideration of all environmental aspects.

Input and Discussion

- **Short Questionnaire developed to get a better sense of your environmental priorities**
- **Discussion of your priorities**

Closure

1. Next Steps
2. Closing Remarks