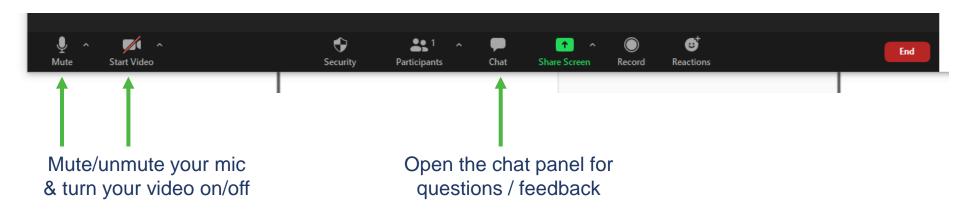
Regional Community Liaison Committee Project Briefing

December 8, 2021



Zoom Meeting Reminders

We'll be using a few basic tools, which you can find at the bottom of the screen





Site C COVID-19 Update Shanna Mason



Dam Site Construction Update Chris Waite



Dam Site Construction Update

- > Main Civil Works
- > Powerhouse, Intakes, Penstocks, and Spillway
- > Right Bank Foundation Enhancements
- > Turbines and Generators



Dam Site Construction Update





Main Civil Works Dam and Core Trench





Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) Dam Buttress





Approach Channel



Powerhouse, Penstocks, Intakes, and Spillway



Powerhouse and Operations Building

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Penstocks



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Unit 1 Upper Pit Liner and spiral case installation



Powerhouse Turbine Unit Area



Unit 4 Spiral Case Assembly



Teco Pit (Area E) Material Source & Ice Bridge Road Upgrades



- Road, including Right-of-Way ~ 63 ha - Crown Land
- Area E Mine Site ~ 55 ha -Crown land that is licensed to BC Rail; BCH also seeking crown land tenure
- BC Hydro posted a request for proposals on <u>BC Bid</u> for Area E road upgrades, pit development and hauling work at Site C. Closing date December 8, 2021.



Material Source | Area E | Greg Scarborough

85th Avenue Laydown



- Temporary 3.46 Ha laydown area for outdoor storage for equipment and spares
- Scope: vegetation clearing, grading and compaction





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Off Dam Site Construction Update Matt Drown



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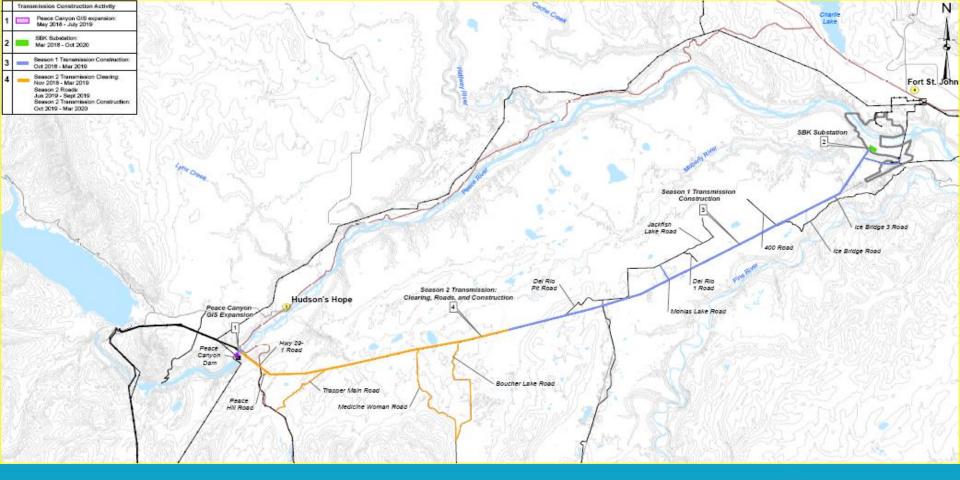
> Transmission

> Highway 29 realignment

> Hudson's Hope Shoreline Protection

Reservoir Clearing





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Powerline Technicians Splice Two Conductors Together





Catching the Sockline for Line Stringing



Highway 29 Bridge Realignment Segments



Construction Schedule Start to Finish

Lynx Creek – 8.1 km Dry Creek - 1.4 km Farrell Creek – 1.9 km Farrell Creek East – 3.0 km 2019 to 2022 2020 to 2022 2020 to 2022 2021 to 2022 Halfway River – 3.7 km Cache Creek West – 4.0 km Cache Creek East – 8.6 km Highway decommissioning: 2018 to 2022 2018 to 2020 2019 to 2022 2022 to 2023

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Cache Creek East Realignment Bridge Construction

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Cache Creek East Realignmen First Girders Placed



Cache Creek East Highway Subgrade from West Abutment



Halfway River Bridge



Farrell Creek East Facing West Over the New Highway Alignment



Farrell Creek Realignment Pouring Concrete on Pier 2, Pier Cap



Dry Creek Realignment Bridge Deck Concrete Pour



Dry Creek Realignment Bridge Deck Wet Curing and Parapet Heating



Lynx Creek Realignment Bridge Steel Installation Completed

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Hudson's Hope Shoreline Protection Laying Filter Cloth



Hudson's Hope Shoreline Protection Placing Riprap and Filter to Bring Berm to Design Height



Fall/Winter Clearing work: Halfway River to Farrell Creek – Phase 2 Farrell Creek to Peace Canyon

> Farrell Creek

Farrell Creek to Peace Canyon

Hudson's Hope

Peace Canyon

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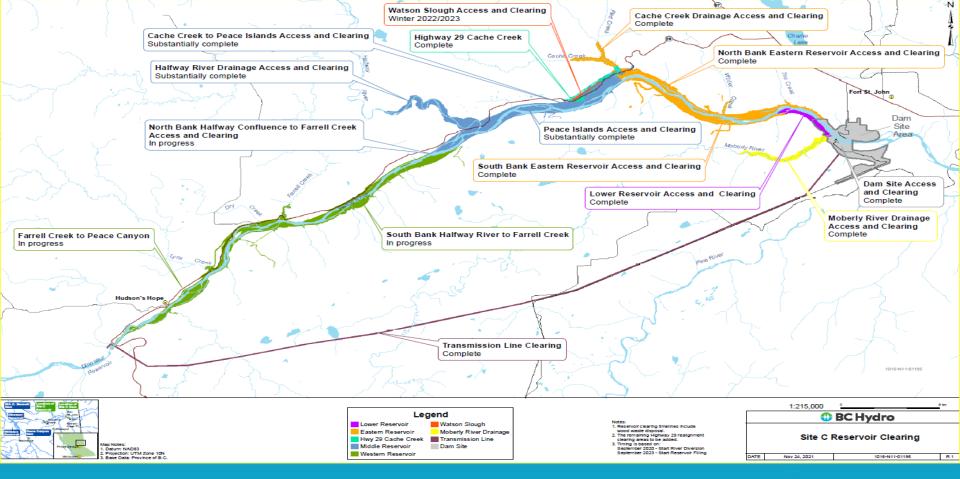
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Installing Bridge WR-33











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Shoreline Enhancement Work Katrina Kelly & Dave Hunter



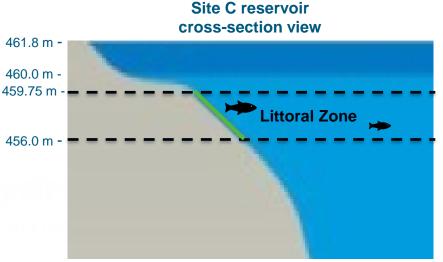
Regulatory Background

- Fisheries Act Authorization (for Main Civil Works and Project Operations) requires BC Hydro to construct Site C reservoir shoreline fish habitat enhancements
 - Spawning shoal
 - Enhanced shallow water habitat
 - Develop 33 ha of new shallow water habitat



Reservoir Shoreline Enhancement

- Goal is to create a diversity of Site C reservoir shoreline habitats for fish and increase the area of productive shallow water fish habitat
- Most productive fish habitat in reservoir littoral or shallow water zones (456.0 m - 459.75m)
- Below maximum and minimum normal Site C reservoir operating levels of 461.8 and 460.0 m
- Littoral zones supports:
 - Increased light penetration leading to enhanced aquatic vegetation growth & aquatic bug density
 - Higher densities of fish (e.g. Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout, Burbot)



Example: small lake



Site C Reservoir Littoral Habitat

Background – How the sites were selected?

- Vigorous selection process that considered:
 - Shallow sloped reservoir shoreline areas at risk for fish stranding (460 m 461.8 m normal operating zone)
 - Environmental impacts of construction access construction and clearing requirements (i.e. minimize forest loss)
 - Property ownership (BCH/Crown)
 - Site C reservoir hydrological conditions (e.g., water velocities, rate of sediment deposition)



Shoreline Enhancements - Map



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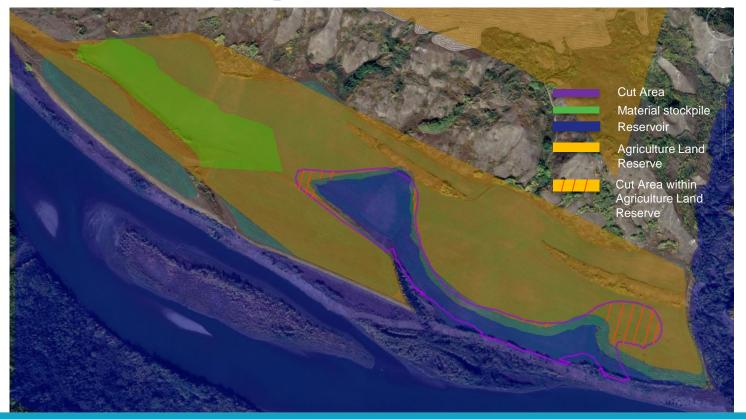
Project Scope

Wilder Creek (22 ha)

- Majority of the excavation is within the future reservoir footprint. Approximately 7 hectares of Agricultural Land Reserve will be excavated at Wilder Creek
- Excess material at Wilder Creek will be stockpiled on site and capped with topsoil. Area will be available for agricultural use post project
- Elevation of stockpile raised above Site reservoir 466 m Flood Impact Line



Wilder Creek - Map





Site C Fish Passage Update

December 8, 2021

Passed 2465 fish in 2021



Catch composition closely matched fish community composition

Adjustments to top of fishway

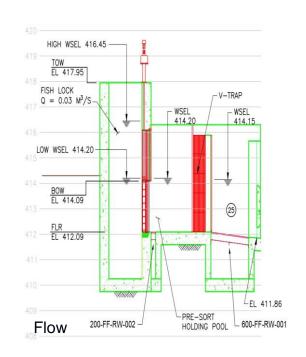
• Lower than predicted passage and trapping efficiency (fish holding in top pool, immediately downstream of trap)



Adjustments to top of fishway

- Consulted with experts from other facilities
- Experimentally manipulated light, flow and gate closures







Adjustments to top of fishway



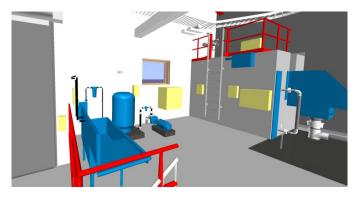
- Passed 17 Bull Trout
- Released at the Halfway River
- Observed on spawning grounds

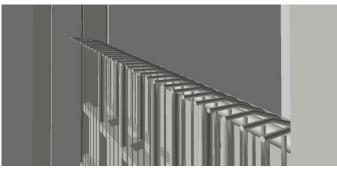




TUF to the PUF

- Applied (100+) lessons learned from the TUF to update the design of the PUF
 - Trapping mechanism: simplify operations and improve trapping efficiency
 - Operate over wider range of water levels
 - Filters on pumps to improve effectiveness monitoring
- Construction of the PUF begins
 in spring 2022







Community and Social Mitigation Update

Ben Rauscher

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Boater Information

Updates to the Site C boater webpage have been completed with other values to be added:

- Boater safety information and advisories for the Peace River
- Status of the current boat launches at Halfway River and Lynx Creek
- Updates on the three new boat launch locations including renderings (where available)
- Bathymetric mapping of the future Site C Reservoir
- Reservoir Opportunities Plan
- Portage program seasonal information
- Updates to the <u>www.SiteCProject.com/boating</u> website will be shared with local government, indigenous groups, stakeholder groups and the public.



Fund Updates

BC Hydro Peace Agricultural Compensation Fund

- On December 3, 2021, the recipients were announced for the fifth round of Fund grants with nearly \$517,000 being approved for 19 projects
- Since Fund establishment, over **\$1.2M** has been awarded to **53 projects**
- Application intake for the sixth round is currently underway, closing on January 31, 2022

GO Fund

- To date, **63 projects** have received **\$552,566**
- The December 2nd, 2021 application review announcements are pending
- Next application review meeting scheduled for March 2022
- Rustic Recreation Site Fund
 - The 2021 intake closed on October 31, 2021, and application review is ongoing

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Employment Statistics

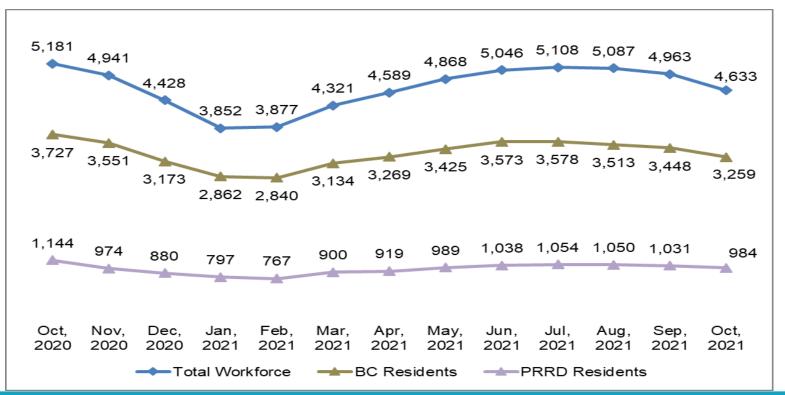
Note: The October workforce numbers reflect the Provincial Health Officer order for large scale industrial camps to gradually resume construction activities.

- BC Hydro requires all major contractors to report employment information.
- Total of **4,633** workers in October 2021: **3,259** from BC (70%), **984** from PRRD (25%)

Site C Employment Statistics – October 2021					
	# of total workers	# of B.C. primary residents	% of B.C. workers		
Construction and non- construction contractors	3,913	2,583	66%		
Engineers and project team	720	676	94%		
Total workforce	4,633	3,259	70%		



Site C Jobs Annual Trends (October 2021)



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2021 Q3 Regional Business Participation

Companies engaged by BC Hydro and Site C contractors to provide goods and services in relation to Site C construction between July – September 2021

Community	# of businesses	Community	# of businesses
Arras	1	Moberly Lake	20
Baldonnel	1	Montney	2
Cecil Lake	1	Pink Mountain	2
Charlie Lake	24	Pouce Coupe	2
Chetwynd	42	Prince George	29
Dawson Creek	28	Rolla	2
Fort Nelson	1	Rose Prairie	2
Fort St. John	410	Taylor	9
Hudson's Hope	10	Tumbler Ridge	3
Total		589	



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