



File: 9000077

January 15, 2016

Bettina Sander  
Regulatory Manager  
BC Hydro and Power Authority  
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Dear Bettina Sander:

**Re: Maintenance of Boat Launch / Dock Area -- Notification for Changes In and About Stream**

On January 14, 2015, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations received a Water Act – Notification Application # 9000077 from BC Hydro Power Authority to conduct maintenance on the boat launch / dock area. The proposed changes in and about a stream (works) consist of removal of ice formations and build up along the shoreline of the Peace River. The works are needed to ensure worker safety and safe boating/docking for operators.

The proposed ice removal works associated with maintaining safe operations at the shoreline of the boat launch and docking area is consistent with *Water Regulation, Sec. 44 1(d) the construction, maintenance or removal of a pier or wharf in a stream.*

It is the Ministry's understanding that instream works will be undertaken as prescribed within application submitted and;

- The two locations/sites proposed for ice removal works are not found within a high value fish and fish habitat: spawning and rearing area.
- Ice removal will be limited to excessive snow/ice buildup at the shoreline of the boat launch / dock area above the existing water level; therefore, no significant in water/stream works will be completed whereby stream bank disturbance will be non-existent or kept to a minimum. The ice will be primarily removed above the current water level on the shoreline as detailed within application.



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Natural Resource Operations

- Within 30 days of commencement of instream works, BC Hydro is to provide the Independent Environmental Monitor (IEM) a copy of the Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) document, including a description of a sediment control plan and water quality monitoring plan including any subsequent revisions to these documents. The IEM will be given adequate time to review, accept, and sign-off the associated EPP document (including EPP revisions) prior to commencement of any works; of which BC Hydro shall implement and make the necessary changes to the EPP document as requested by IEM.
- Provide the ministry, upon request, a copy of a sediment and erosion control plan detailing measures to protect the environment in the form of an “Environmental Protection Plan” document.
- Ensure an assessment of Heritage Resource features has been completed on the proposed area and notify the Independent Environmental Monitor if any new Heritage Resource Feature values have been identified during the completion of any pre-construction surveys or ongoing works. Adhere to the BC Hydro – Aboriginal Communication Plan standards as required.

BC Hydro and Power Authority will continue to follow best management practices, provincial, and federal legislative requirements for instream works.

All works in and about a stream must be compliant with applicable provincial, federal and municipal legislation/regulations including; but not limited to, the [Water Act](#), [Water Regulation](#), [Peace Terms and Conditions](#), and Site C – Clean Energy Project – Construction and Environmental Management Plan requirements. It is also expected that all work will be consistent with the [Standards and Best Practices for Instream Works](#).

The effective date of this Notification is January 14, 2016. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this communication, I can be contacted at (250) 774-5530.

*Mike D'Aloia*

Sincerely

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