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Brent Mossop British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 333 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3

Via email: brent.mossop@bchydro.com

Subject: Site C Clean Energy Project, Peace River, Fort St. John - Fisheries Act Authorization
Amendment

Dear Brent Mossop:

Pursuant to Paragraphs 34.4(2)(b) and 35(2)(b) of the *Fisheries Act*, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) authorizes the carrying on of your proposed works, undertakings or activities that result in the death of fish by means other than fishing and the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat which are prohibited under subsections 34.4(1) and 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act*.

The authorization under paragraphs 34.4(2)(b) and 35(2)(b) of the Fisheries Act is attached.

DFO issued a *Fisheries Act* Authorization for the Site C Clean Energy Project on August 23, 2016 for the works, undertakings, or activities associated with the dam construction and for the operation of the generating station and spillways, located on the Peace River, near Fort St. John, British Columbia. DFO is issuing an amended *Fisheries Act* Authorization to update conditions 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 to reflect updates to the Offsetting Plan.

Failure to comply with any of the terms or conditions of the attached authorization may lead to prosecution under the *Fisheries Act*.

A copy of this authorization should be kept on site while the work is in progress and, upon request, be provided to relevant federal or provincial officials. The authorization holder is responsible for ensuring work crews are familiar with, and able to adhere to, the conditions.



Please note that information submitted to DFO may be shared with Indigenous peoples with whom DFO has consulted in relation to the Crown's Duty to Consult if your proposed works, undertakings or activities may adversely affect Aboriginal or treaty rights.

Information pertaining to this authorization will be posted to the *Fisheries Act* Registry and accessible from the Department's website at https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/registry-registre-eng.html as well as from the Open Government Portal at https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/2c09d2fd-9a8e-4d8c-b5af-95747e36eaac and the Common Project Search at https://common-project-search.canada.ca/. Information and data will be updated as the Department continues to develop the *Fisheries Act* Registry.

Any disclosure of information will be conducted in accordance with the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*. Should you have any documents that contain sensitive or proprietary information that you believe should be protected from public disclosure, please contact us to discuss whether and how the information may be protected.

If you or anyone conducting work on your behalf have any questions please contact James Chircoski at our Nanaimo office at 236-330-1783 or by email at James.Chircoski@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Sandgathe Regional Director Pacific Region Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Att.: Fisheries Act Authorization