



Navigation Protection Program
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Attention: Bettina Sander

RE: Notice to the Minister under the *Navigation Protection Act* for review of Dredging, located on the Peace River, Site C Dam, located on unsurveyed foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Peace River, Site C fronting Sec 14 & 15, TP 83, Rge 19, West of the 6th Meridian Peace River District, City of Fort St. John, in the Province of British Columbia

Our assessment of your work has determined that it is not likely to substantially interfere with navigation.

Therefore your work is permitted under section 9(1) – Construction, of the *Navigation Protection Act* (NPA) and you may proceed per the attached plan (1) in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The NPA Approval and its Terms and Conditions shall be posted at an easily accessible place at the worksite
2. In the event that the operation of the above works is terminated, the proponent's shall remove temporary works, the two access causeways and associated construction equipment in its entirety including any anchors or pilings. The banks and bed of the waterway disturbed by the works to be contoured to remove navigation hazards
3. If vessel traffic is not blocked, the following conditions apply:
 - Install and maintain warning signs at locations approximately 100m upstream and downstream of the construction site advising of the work in progress. Signs shall be a minimum of 72"x 48", a white background with black lettering, with text as outlined below. Sign to be emplaced prior to and for the duration of construction.

WARNING CONSTRUCTION HAZARDS AHEAD

- The outermost extent of the work above the surface shall be marked with orange Hi-visibility markers on the upstream and downstream corners.
- The outermost extent of the work above the surface shall be marked with a flashing yellow light on the upstream and downstream corners. The lights are to be in operation in darkness or limited visibility.
- Construction machinery left in the water during darkness or limited visibility shall be marked with a flashing yellow light, visible to upstream and downstream traffic

- Any construction equipment anchored or left in or on the waterway shall be marked with a yellow flashing light placed on the outermost extremity if left overnight.
4. Proponent may use the Canadian Dam Association signage standards in regards to shape, colour and size. Locations and wording are to be as per the Terms and Conditions of the permit or approval.

Pursuant to Sec. 34 of the Navigable Protection Act, the owner shall provide unimpeded access to the Minister or their representatives for inspection purposes.

Pursuant to Sec. 5 of the Navigable Waters Works Regulations, all temporary piles, false works, silt curtains, construction material or debris, etc. are to be completely removed from the waterway.

Please note that permission relates only to the effect of your work on navigation under the NPA. It is the owner's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws and regulations.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office in Vancouver by phone at (604) 775-8867 or by e-mail at NPPPAC-PPNPAC@tc.gc.ca.

Respectfully,



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