



Ministry of
Environment
and Parks

PARK USE PERMIT

BC HYDRO / RESEARCH

This Park Use Permit No. 109849 (the "Permit") is issued under the authority of the *Park Act*

(the "Park")

See "Management Plan Schedule, Permit Area Description" for a complete list of Parks and Protected Areas

FROM:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, represented by the Minister responsible for the *Park Act* (the "Province") at the following address:

**Ministry of Environment and Parks
Conservation and Recreation Division, BC
Parks**

Northern Region - Peace
400, 10003 - 110th Avenue
Fort St. John BC V1J 6M7

TO:

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

(the "Permittee") at the following address:

**Properties Division
12th Floor - 333 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver BC V6B 5R3**

THE PROVINCE AND THE PERMITTEE AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I - GRANT OF PERMIT

- 1.01 The Province, on the terms and conditions of this Permit, grants to the Permittee permission to enter upon and use that part of the Park (the "Permit Area") described, and for the purposes described, in the Management Plan Schedule.
- 1.02 Nothing in this Permit grants to the Permittee the right to the exclusive use and occupancy of the Permit Area.
- 1.03 The Permittee must be in possession of a copy of this Permit when undertaking activities in the Permit Area under this Permit.

ARTICLE II - TERM

- 2.01 The duration of this Permit is for the term of **5 years** commencing on **January 1, 2025** (the "Commencement Date") and ending on **December 31, 2029** (the "Expiration Date"), unless cancelled, terminated or renewed in accordance with the terms of this Permit.

ARTICLE III - INDEMNITY

- 3.01 The Permittee will indemnify and save harmless the Province, its servants, employees and agents against all losses, claims, damages, actions, costs and expenses that the Province, its servants, employees and agents may sustain, incur, suffer or be put to at any time arising, directly or indirectly, from any act or omission of the Permittee, its employees, agents, contractors and licensees under this Permit, except to the extent that any such losses, claims, damages, actions, costs or expenses are caused by or contributed to by the Province, its servants, employees or agents.

ARTICLE IV – SECURITY AND INSURANCE

- 4.01 On the Commencement Date, you will deliver to us Security in the amount of \$0.00 which will:
- (a) guarantee the performance of your obligations under this Permit;
 - (b) be in the form required by us; and
 - (c) remain in effect until we certify, in writing, that you have fully performed your obligations under this Permit.
- 4.02 Despite section 4.01, your obligations under that section are suspended for so long as you maintain in good standing other security acceptable to us to guarantee the performance of your obligations under this Permit and all other Dispositions held by you.
- 4.03 We may use the Security for the payment of any costs and expenses incurred by us to perform any of your obligations under this Permit that are not performed by you and, if such event occurs, you will, within 30 days of that event, deliver further Security to us in an amount equal to the amount drawn down by us.
- 4.04 After we certify, in writing, that you have fully performed your obligations under this Permit, we will return to you the Security maintained under section 4.01, less all amounts drawn down by us under section 4.03.
- 4.05 You acknowledge that we may, from time to time, notify you to
- (a) change the form or amount of the Security; and
 - (b) provide and maintain another form of Security in replacement of or in addition to the Security posted by you under this Permit;
- and you will, within 60 days of receiving such notice, deliver to us written confirmation that the change has been made or the replacement or additional form of Security has been provided by you.
- 4.06 Sections 4.01 through 4.05 do not apply for so long as the Permittee is British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.
- 4.07 You must
- (a) without limiting your obligations or liabilities under this Permit, at your expense, effect and keep in force during the Term the following insurance with insurers licensed to do business in Canada:
 - (i) **Commercial General Liability** insurance in an amount of not less than **two million dollars \$2,000,000 inclusive per occurrence** insuring against liability for personal injury, bodily injury (including death) and property damage, including coverage for all accidents or occurrences on the Permit Area or any improvements. Such policy will include cross liability, liability assumed under contract, provision to provide 30 days advance notice to us of material change or cancellation, and include us as an additional insured;
 - (b) ensure that all insurance required to be maintained by you under this Permit is primary and does not require the sharing of any loss by any of our insurers;
 - (c) within 10 working days of the Commencement Date of this Permit, provide to us evidence of all required insurance in the form of a completed "Province of British Columbia Certificate of Insurance";

- (d) if the required insurance policy or policies expire or are cancelled before the end of the Term of this Permit, provide within 10 working days of the cancellation or expiration, evidence of new or renewal policy or policies of all required insurance in the form of a completed "Province of British Columbia Certificate of Insurance";
- (e) notwithstanding subsections (c) or (d) above, if requested by us, provide to us certified copies of the required insurance policies to be maintained by you under this Permit.

4.08 We may, acting reasonably, from time to time, require you to

- (a) change the amount of insurance set out in subsection 4.07 (a); and
- (b) provide and maintain another type or types of insurance in replacement of or in addition to the insurance previously required to be maintained by you under this Permit;

and you will, within 60 days of receiving such notice, cause the amounts and types to be changed and deliver to us a completed "Province of British Columbia Certificate of Insurance" for all insurance then required to be maintained by you under this Permit.

4.09 You shall provide, maintain, and pay for any additional insurance which you are required by law to carry, or which you consider necessary to insure risks not otherwise covered by the insurance specified in this Permit in your sole discretion.

4.10 Despite sections 4.07 and 4.08, we accept, in our sole discretion, your decision to self insure in respect of the matters covered by those sections. Your obligations under sections 4.07 and 4.08 are thereby suspended for as long as we continue to accept your decision. If we no longer accept, in our sole discretion, your decision to self-insure we will provide notice to you of our decision and you must within 30 days of such notice, obtain the insurance described in subsections 4.07 (a) and (b) and meet all other obligations described in section 4.07, and also in section 4.08.

ARTICLE V – COVENANTS OF THE PERMITTEE

5.01 The Permittee must:

- (a) not use procedures or methods which are disruptive to the natural environment in conducting research, except as authorised by this Permit;
- (b) not use motorized vehicles or equipment in the Permit Area, except as authorized by this Permit;
- (c) comply with all applicable laws, bylaws, orders, directions, ordinances and regulations of any competent governmental authority in any way affecting the Permit Area, the Park, its use and occupation or the Permittee's operations under this Permit;
- (d) advise its employees, contractors, licensees, and agents of the laws and regulations respecting provincial parks and recreation areas and the conditions of this Permit respecting conduct in the Permit Area;
- (e) keep the Permit Area in a safe, clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Province and make safe, clean and sanitary any portion of the Permit Area that the Province may direct by notice in writing to the Permittee;
- (f) remove from the Permit Area and the Park all garbage, debris and effluent resulting from its use of the Park and Permit Area under this Permit, except as otherwise permitted in the Management Plan Schedule;
- (g) comply with all orders and directions made, verbally or in writing, by a park officer (as defined in the *Park Act*) relating to the Park, this Permit or the Permit Area;
- (h) not construct, erect, place, repair, maintain or alter any building, fixture, equipment, structure or improvement in the Permit Area except as may be permitted by this Permit or with the prior written consent of the Province;
- (i) take all reasonable precautions to prevent and suppress fires in the Permit Area;

- (j) not interfere with free public access through, across and upon the Permit Area, unless otherwise specified in the Management Plan Schedule;
- (k) not interfere with or disrupt the activities and operations of other permittees or users in the Park;
- (l) use and occupy the Permit Area only in accordance with the provisions of this Permit;
- (m) not remove, destroy, damage, disturb or exploit any natural resource (as that term is defined in the *Park Act*) or any archaeological or cultural artefact found in or on the Permit Area except as may be permitted by this Permit, and only then in accordance with all applicable laws;
- (n) not commit or allow any wilful or voluntary waste, damage or destruction in or upon the Permit Area;
- (o) pay for or repair, as determined by the Province, any damage caused to the property of the Province by the Permittee, its employees, agents, contractors, or licensees;
- (p) upon the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Permit:
 - (i) peaceably quit and deliver up possession of the Permit Area to the Province,
 - (ii) remove all chattels and improvements of the Permittee from the Permit Area within 30 days of the expiration, cancellation or sooner termination of this Permit, unless otherwise advised in writing, by the Province,
 - (iii) deliver to the Province possession of all equipment, furnishings, fixtures, chattels and improvements owned by the Province in a state of good repair and working order, and
 - (iv) restore the Permit Area to the satisfaction of the Province;
 - (v) and to the extent necessary, this covenant will survive the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Permit; and
- (q) comply with all provisions of the schedules to this Permit.

ARTICLE VI - RIGHTS OF THE PROVINCE

- 6.01 Nothing in this Permit diminishes from the rights of the Province in the Permit Area and the Permittee acknowledges that the Province's rights in the Permit Area include the right to
- (a) free and uninterrupted access for the Province, its employees, agents, licensees and invitees in or through the Permit Area;
 - (b) manage, protect, develop, construct, repair, alter or maintain all buildings, structures, equipment, improvements and natural resources (as that term is defined in the *Park Act*) in or on the Permit Area, provided that any such management, protection, development, construction, repair, alteration or maintenance does not unreasonably interfere with the rights of the Permittee under this Permit;
 - (c) limit or suspend the use authorised under this Permit, if the Province determines in its sole opinion, that such use causes environmental damage to the Permit Area; and
 - (d) grant further rights in respect of the Park and Permit Area, provided that such rights do not unreasonably impede, obstruct or compete with the Rights of the Permittee under this permit.

ARTICLE VII - NOTICE

- 7.01 Any notice required to be given by either party to the other will be deemed to be given if it is in writing and is delivered by hand or prepaid registered mail to the address first written above or any other address that may be specified in writing by a party and a notice will be deemed to be delivered, if mailed, 48 hours after the time of mailing except, in the case of a postal interruption, actual receipt is required.

ARTICLE VIII - RENEWAL

- 8.01 Not later than 30 days prior to the Expiration Date, the Permittee may, by notice in writing delivered to the Province, apply to the Province for a renewal of this Permit.
- 8.02 Provided that the Permittee is not in default under this Permit and subject to the *Park Act*, the Province may renew this Permit upon the terms and conditions determined by the Province.
- 8.03 The Permittee acknowledges and agrees that nothing in this Permit obliges the Province to renew this Permit and the Province's decision in that respect is completely within its discretion.

ARTICLE IX - TRANSFER

- 9.01 The Permittee must not assign, transfer, sublicense or grant any of the rights or privileges granted by this Permit without the prior written consent of, and on the terms and conditions determined by, the Province.

ARTICLE X - CANCELLATION

- 10.01 The Province may cancel this Permit on the happening of any one or more of the following events:
- (a) the Permittee fails to observe, perform or keep any of its covenants or agreements under this Permit and that failure is not rectified within the number of days set out in a written notice delivered to the Permittee requiring the Permittee's failure to be rectified;
 - (b) the Permit Area is damaged or destroyed by any cause whatsoever;
 - (c) the Permittee has wilfully misrepresented information:
 - (i) on the application form which led to the granting of this Permit, or
 - (ii) required to be provided under the terms and conditions of this Permit;
 - (d) the Park is closed by the Province; or
 - (e) the Permittee ceases to use the Permit Area for the purposes set out in this Permit.

ARTICLE XI - MISCELLANEOUS

- 11.01 This Permit may be inspected by the public at any time.
- 11.02 Time is of the essence in this Permit.
- 11.03 Nothing in this Permit will be deemed to be waived by the Province unless the waiver is in writing.
- 11.04 Nothing in this Permit constitutes the Permittee as the employee, agent or partner of the Province or gives the Permittee any power or authority to bind the Province in any way.
- 11.05 Nothing in this Permit, expressed or implied, obliges the Province to assume any liability, monetary or otherwise, for any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Permittee for an interruption of the Permittee's activity under this Permit resulting from, among other things, a strike, lockout, labour dispute, act of God, fire, flood or other natural disaster.
- 11.06 This Agreement and all documents contemplated by or delivered under or in connection with this Agreement may be executed in counterparts and when the counterparts have been executed by the parties, each originally executed counterpart, whether a facsimile, an electronic copy or original, will be effective as if one original copy had been executed by the parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE XII - INTERPRETATION

- 12.01 In this Permit, unless the context otherwise requires, the singular includes the plural and the masculine includes the feminine, a corporation and body politic.

- 12.02 The captions and headings contained in the Permit are for convenience only and are not to be construed as defining or in any way limiting the scope or intent of the provisions of this Permit.
- 12.03 In this Permit, a reference to an enactment of the Province of British Columbia or of Canada includes a reference to any subsequent enactment of like effect, and unless the context otherwise requires, all statutes referred to in this Permit are enactment's of the Province of British Columbia.
- 12.04 If any part of this Permit is found to be illegal or unenforceable, that part will be considered separate and severable and the remaining parts will be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 12.05 If all or part of the Permit Area is in a recreation area established or continued under the *Park Act*, this Permit is deemed to be a resource use permit as that term is defined in the *Park Act*.
- 12.06 All schedules to this Permit form an integral part of this Permit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have duly executed this Permit.

SIGNED and DELIVERED on behalf of the **Province** by a duly authorized representative of the Province.



Duly Authorized Representative

Edward Hoffman

Print Name

Regional Director

Print Title

May 14, 2025

Date

MANAGEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE

PERMIT AREA DESCRIPTION

The Permittee is authorized to enter the Permit Area described below and outlined on the attached map.

- **Beaton River Park**
- **Kiskatinaw River Park**
- **Peace River Corridor Park (no current nor planned station)**



FEE(s)

Protected Land: **Beaton River Park**

Activities: Monitoring

Purpose: Research

Fee Description: No fee is charged for research permits

Schedule K Ref: Not applicable, exempt per section 53(4)(b) of the Park, Conservancy and Recreation Area Regulation

Fees:

Item	Number	Rate	Total
Sub Total (based on Fee Description above):			\$0.00

Protected Land: **Kiskatinaw River Park**

Activities: Monitoring

Purpose: Research

Fee Description: No fee is charged for research permits

Schedule K Ref: Not applicable, exempt per section 53(4)(b) of the Park, Conservancy and Recreation Area Regulation

Fees:

Item	Number	Rate	Total
Sub Total (based on Fee Description above):			\$0.00

Protected Land: **Peace River Corridor Park**

Activities: Monitoring

Purpose: Research

Fee Description: No fee is charged for research permits

Schedule K Ref: Not applicable, exempt per section 53(4)(b) of the Park, Conservancy and Recreation Area Regulation

Fees:

Item	Number	Rate	Total
Sub Total (based on Fee Description above):			\$0.00

Sub Total: **\$0.00**

Minimum Fee Required: **\$0.00**
(plus applicable taxes)

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Purpose

This Permit is issued to the Permittee for the purpose of operating telemetry stations for the Site C fish movement assessment. BC Hydro was required to develop a Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Monitoring and Follow-up Program (or FAHMF) to assess the effectiveness of measures to mitigate Project effects on healthy fish populations in the Peace River and its tributaries. The Site C Fish Movement Assessment was implemented to characterize the movement patterns of target fish species throughout the Peace Region. There are stations in both Beaton River Park and Kiskatinaw River Park. A telemetry station was not set up in Peace River Corridor Park.

2. Permittee Designated Representative

The contact named by the Permittee will be their Designated Representative for the permit. The Designated Representative is responsible for acting as a liaison between BC Parks and the Permittee. The Permittee must notify BC Parks within 30 days of any change in the appointed Designated Representative, including any changes of name, address, telephone number or email address. Notifications for changes to the contact information for the Designated Representative are to be submitted through the Virtual FrontCounter BC application system, or at such other address or form as directed in writing by BC Parks.

3. The Designated Representatives Responsibilities:

- (a) Be onsite for the duration of the research activities, or provide contact information for an alternative representative;
- (b) Provide the BC Parks Area Supervisor with a local contact number;
- (c) Ensure that no activities beyond those described in this permit will be undertaken without prior consent from the Area Supervisor.

4. BC Parks Representative(s):

Park, Protected Area or Conservancy Name	Regional Contact Information
Beaton River Park Kiskatinaw River Park Peace River Corridor Park	Ministry of Environment and Parks, Conservation and Recreation Division, BC Parks Northern Region - Peace 400, 10003 - 110th Avenue Fort St. John BC V1J 6M7 <i>Regional Office: (250) 787-3411</i> <i>Fax: (250) 787-3490</i>

The Designated Representative must contact the **Conservation Specialist** with any **technical/methodology requirements** or questions regarding this Park Use Permit.

Park, Protected Area or Conservancy Name	Contact Information
Beaton River Park Kiskatinaw River Park Peace River Corridor Park	Conservation Specialist Ministry of Environment, BC Parks Northern Region 4051-18 th Avenue Prince George, BC V2N 1B3 <i>Regional Office: (250) 614-9901</i> <i>Fax: (250) 565-6904</i>

5. Reports

The Permittee is required to provide all listed report(s) to the Province. Report(s) are to be submitted to a FrontCounter BC office in person, by mail, fax or email (ParkUsePermitting@gov.bc.ca). To determine the FrontCounter BC office to submit your Report(s) to, contact the following:

Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

FrontCounter BC

Toll Free: 1-877-855-3222

Website: <http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/locations/index.html>

Unless otherwise agreed to with the Area Supervisor, all reports, mapping or publications that result from work conducted under this Permit (the study area/sites must be clearly identified) are to be submitted by **November 15, 2029**. Activities must be described in an **Annual Operating Plan**, as noted in subsection (C), **submitted by November 15th of each year**.

(a) Ecological Reports Catalogue (EcoCat)

The Permittee shall provide confirmation that any reports and their associated files that are generated from this research be digitally submitted to the Ecological Reports Catalogue (EcoCat - <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wildlife/wsi/index.htm>) or alternatively, provide permission for BC Parks to do so.

(b) Wildlife Species Inventory (WSI)

The Permittee shall provide confirmation that any fish or wildlife data be submitted online to the Wildlife Species Inventory (WSI - <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wildlife/wsi/index.htm>) as wildlife incidental observations or alternatively, provide permission for BC Parks to do so.

(c) Annual Operating Plan and Contact

The Permittee shall provide a schedule of activities to the Area Supervisor prior to the commencement of annual research activities. All activities must be described in an **Annual Operating Plan** submitted by **November 15th** of each year. The Annual Operating Plan will include a description of each project, schedule of activities, names of researchers, designated contact for the Permittee, and safety procedures for all aspects of the project.

6. Permitted Research and Methodology

Only those activities as described in the Park Use Permit application submitted in July 2024 will be authorized. Any changes to the proposed activities must be pre-approved by the Area Supervisor.

7. Significant Discovery

Should the Permittee discover any significant, previously unknown or unrecorded artifact, site, natural or cultural feature in the course of activities issued under this permit, the find will be left undisturbed and reported immediately to the Area Supervisor. Fieldwork will not continue at the site until authorization to proceed has been provided by the Area Supervisor

8. Sampling and Site Marking

The Permit Area contains sensitive environments. The methods of sampling and marking shall be in keeping with low impact principles. Specific methods on the list below may not be applicable to all research.

- (a) No permanent marker shall be placed within the boundary of the Protected Area;
- (b) All marking shall be inconspicuous and approved by the [staff title] prior to fieldwork;
- (c) No paint marking or blazing of trees, rocks, or other Protected Area property to locate study areas is allowed;
- (d) Flagging tape shall be of a biodegradable type or removed on completion of the sampling program. Hip chain string shall be removed;

- (e) No trails shall be permanently marked or created to access the sample sites and the Permittee will ensure this by choosing multiple access points, using more resilient surfaces or other techniques. Some environments, such as wetlands and alpine environments will require additional care;
- (f) The Permittee shall clearly tag all equipment left in the field unattended, (e.g. traps, monitoring equipment, etc.) with the Permit number and contact name and number for the Permittee. The Permittee shall provide a map of appropriate scale indicating the location of all equipment placed within the Permit Area;
- (g) All equipment and supplies, including flagging or other markers, must be removed from the Permit Area at the end of the project/at the time of departure from the individual study area;
- (h) Plot markers will be as unobtrusive as possible to maintain aesthetics and keep curious visitors from the site.

9. Situation-Specific Conditions

- (a) A maximum of one telemetry station has been permitted in each park;
- (b) The latitude and longitude placement of the telemetry stations is in the table below or seen in maps above;
- (c) The receiver stations will be visited once every two to four weeks for a maximum of two hours to download data, change batteries and inspect and maintain the electronics.

Station ID	Proposed Location (Lat and Long)	Park
Beaton River	56.101493 N, 120.380432 W	Beaton River Provincial Park
Kiskatinaw River	56.089494 N, 120.163396 W	Kiskatinaw River Provincial Park