



File: 120106-171702

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Bettina Sander
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Dear Bettina Sander:

Re: Peace River Safety Buoys: Notification for Changes In and About a Stream – 120106-171702

Thank you for submitting your *Water Act* Notification for Changes In and About a Stream Application to Front Counter British Columbia on May 1st, 2015.

The *Water Act* Notification for Changes In and About a Stream was reviewed for the installation of safety buoys to support instream works and construction activities scheduled along the Peace River system; such as the temporary bridge installation located at the end of the River Road.

BC Hydro proposes to install these safety buoys to act as safety signage and physical barriers; specifically: (a) one public safety buoys approximately 3 km upstream of the dam site and (b) two safety buoys approximately 3.5 km downstream of the dam site. The safety buoys are comprised of individual buoys in a line across the river, with each buoy individually moored to the riverbed with a chain and anchor as per application details and plan: "SITE C CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT, Section 9 Notification: Installation of Public Safety Booms, Peace River" provided.

Please note that BC Hydro will need to obtain land tenure to allow occupancy of Crown land over the said lands and receive approval for under the federal Navigation Protection Act and the Fisheries Act prior to installation of the proposed two safety boom sections. In addition, continued long term maintenance of the safety buoys and future installation of debris buoys are not covered under this Notification. It is suggested that authority for future works to install/manage the debris buoys are requested under the main water licence for the area.



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All works in and about a stream must be compliant with applicable provincial, federal and/or 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 proposed that instream works will be completed between August 1 and November 30, 2015 of which a portion of the works will extend outside the timing windows of least risk. Due to the suggested low impact of the proposed works compared to the relatively larger size of the Peace River system, the negative impact to fish and fish habitat is considered minimal. BC Hydro implementation of proposed fish and fish habitat mitigation plan will compensate for any negative adverse impacts to fish and fish habitat resulting from construction of the project

BC Hydro will ensure an Independent Environmental Monitor is engaged to provide oversight and audit reporting services to the Ministry and an Environmental Monitor is engaged to oversee the implementation of the project.

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 July 7, 2015. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this communication, you can contact me at at (250) 774-5530.

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Sincerely

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