

# Field Studies Information Sheet

## PEACE RIVER SITE C HYDRO PROJECT

### **BC Hydro conducting owl-call playback, waterfowl, breeding bird and amphibian surveys in the Peace River area from Hudson's Hope to the B.C.- Alberta border May to October 2008**

BC Hydro is commencing nocturnal owl-call playback, waterfowl, dawn breeding bird and amphibian surveys in the Peace River area for the potential Site C project. Owl surveys require an owl-call to be broadcast at set intervals (for example: one minute of calls every five minutes). Work should be limited to 15 minutes at each survey site within the potential reservoir and transmission line area. Amphibian, waterfowl and breeding bird surveys are passive.

Land access is required over public and private land. BC Hydro will obtain permission from landowners and leaseholders before accessing private property.

Because much of the information currently known about the potential Site C project is almost 25 years old, information from new field studies is required to update engineering, environmental studies, and other technical work.

No decision has been made to build Site C. BC Hydro is taking a stage-by-stage approach to the evaluation of the potential project and is currently in Stage 2 – Project Definition and Consultation. This stage involves further project definition, including environmental, engineering and socio-economic studies, as well as public consultation.

Field study updates are available on the website at [www.bchydro.com/sitec](http://www.bchydro.com/sitec) and in the Community Consultation Office: 9948 100th Avenue, Fort St. John.

#### **PEACE RIVER WILDLIFE STUDIES: MAY- OCTOBER 2008 SURVEYS**

- Owl Callback Surveys: Sites will be visited three times between the end of May and mid-June.
- Waterfowl Surveys: Surveys will be done monthly between May and October.
- Breeding Bird Surveys: Sites will be visited three times between the end of May and end of June.
- Amphibian Surveys: Surveys will be conducted concurrently with bird surveys between the end of May and end of June.

A crew of at least two surveyors will walk to specific survey sites. Survey dates are weather dependent and are subject to change.

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