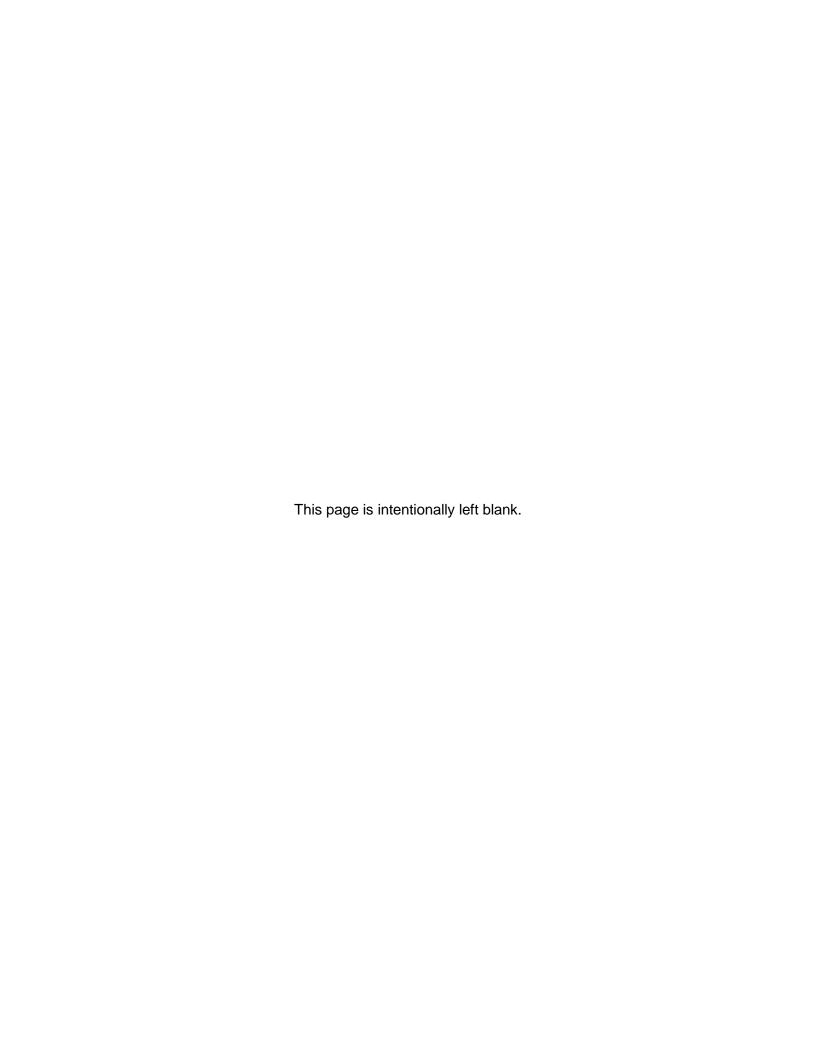


# Aboriginal Group Communication Plan 2019-2020 Annual Report

Site C Clean Energy Project
Reporting period: April 2019 to March 2020

March 31, 2020



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## **Table of Acronyms**

**BRFN** Blueberry River First Nations

**DFN** Duncan's First Nation

**DRFN** Doig River First Nation

**DTFN** Dene Tha' First Nation

**FNFN** Fort Nelson First Nation

**HLFN** Horse Lake First Nation

**HRFN** Halfway River First Nation

**KLMSS** Kelly Lake Métis Settlement Society

MLIB McLeod Lake Indian Band

MNBC Métis Nation British Columbia

**PRFN** Prophet River First Nation

**SFN** Saulteau First Nations

**WMFN** West Moberly First Nations

## 1 Background

## 1.1 The Site C Clean Energy Project

The Site C Clean Energy Project (the Project) will be the third dam and generating station on the Peace River in northeast B.C. The Project will provide 1,100 megawatts of capacity and about 5,100 gigawatt hours of energy each year to the province's integrated electricity system. The Project will be a source of clean, reliable and cost-effective electricity for BC Hydro's customers for more than 100 years.

The key components of the Project are:

- an earthfill dam, approximately 1,050 metres long and 60 metres high above the riverbed;
- an 83 kilometre long reservoir that will be, on average, two to three times the width of the current river:
- a generating station with six 183 MW generating units;
- two new 500 kilovolt AC transmission lines that will connect the Project facilities to the Peace Canyon Substation, along an existing right-of-way;
- realignment of six segments of Highway 29 over a total distance of approximately 30 kilometers; and,
- construction of a berm at Hudson's Hope

The Project also includes the construction of temporary access roads, a temporary bridge across the Peace River, and worker accommodation at the dam site.

## 1.2 Description of Site Preparation and Construction Activities during the Reporting Period

The list below is intended to provide a high-level summary of construction activities that took place during this reporting period; it is not a complete list of all activities undertaken:

- the main civil works contractor continued excavation on south bank, work on the spillways roller-compacted concrete buttress and preparation for river diversion (specifically the completion of tunnel excavation and commencement of the tunnel lining process, as well as the construction of inlet and outlet gate structures);
- the generating station and spillways civil work contractor continued the placement of concrete in the powerhouse, and started the assembly and installation of penstocks and intakes:
- clearing continued in the transmission line right-of-way, along Highway 29, and in the future reservoir area; waste wood has been removed or disposed;
- work continued to upgrade the Peace Canyon substation, which was completed in July 2019 – making it the first official Site C asset in service;

- work continued on the construction of the Site C substation, which is now substantially complete;
- work continued on construction of several segments of the Highway 29 realignment;
- downstream fish habitat enhancements were completed;
- Golata Creek wetlands construction was completed;
- construction began on the temporary fish passage facility;
- work began on the installation of pile structures on the Moberly River (for debris management);
- construction of the temporary conveyor belt system was completed and commissioning began; and,
- assembly and installation of 500 kV steel lattice towers along the transmission line continued; transmission line stringing is underway.

More detailed descriptions of construction activities that took place during the reporting period can be found in the quarterly Notices of Construction Activities (described in section 3.1 of this report, below).

## 2 **Objective and Scope**

## 2.1 Objective of the Aboriginal Group Communication Plan

The objective of the June 5, 2015 Aboriginal Group Communication Plan (AGCP) is to fulfill the requirements of Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) conditions 27 and 72, and federal Decision Statement (FDS) condition 14.2.

The AGCP establishes a communications program for informing Indigenous groups and harvesters about construction activities related to the Project that may affect their harvesting opportunities for plants, fish and game, as well as access to those opportunities.

## 2.2 Scope and Reporting Period

This annual report describes BC Hydro's communications and engagement activities with Indigenous groups through the implementation of the AGCP from April 2019 through March 2020. This is the fifth annual report of the AGCP.

## 3 Implementation of the Plan - April 2019 through March 2020

This report summarizes the implementation of the communication and consultation initiatives specific to Indigenous groups that are described in section 5.0 of the AGCP.

The bulleted list of communication activities shown at the beginning of section 5.0 is not specific to Indigenous groups, but these materials are publicly available and it is expected that they are

utilized by members of Indigenous communities. These activities are described in <u>section 3.2 of the Construction Communication Plan</u> (CCP) with more information available in the annual reports for the CCP, found on the Project website in the Site C Project Reports section of the *Environmental Management* document library.

Communications specific to Indigenous groups that were undertaken in the reporting period are described below.

Unless otherwise indicated, the communications summarized below were sent out to all Indigenous groups named in the EAC and FDS: Saulteau First Nations, West Moberly First Nations, Prophet River First Nation, Blueberry River First Nations, Doig River First Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Halfway River First Nation, Fort Nelson First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation, Métis Nation British Columbia, Kelly Lake Métis Settlement Society, Duncan's First Nation, and Dene Tha' First Nation. For purposes of brevity, acronyms for the above Indigenous groups are used in this annual report. A list of acronyms is provided at the beginning of this report.

#### 3.1 Notices of Construction Activities

These quarterly notices to Indigenous groups address EAC condition 27 and FDS condition 14.2 requiring BC Hydro to provide information to Indigenous harvesters about construction activities that may affect their harvesting opportunities; they serve as the "Indigenous Harvesters Information Sheet" described in the AGCP.

The notices are in the form of a letter describing construction-related activities that are expected to commence, continue or be completed in the three-month period covered by the letter and are accompanied by a map (or maps) showing the location of the activities described in the letter. The notices also include information about other ways to find out more information about Project construction.

The current schedule seeks to send out the construction notices roughly 15-30 days prior to the start of the notification period. As required, updates to the notices are sent out to provide more information on construction works that are of particular interest to Indigenous communities or within closer proximity to Indigenous communities.

- On **May 31, 2019**, BC Hydro sent out the Notice of Construction Activities for the period of July through September, 2019.
- On August 30, 2019, BC Hydro sent out the Notice of Construction Activities for the period of October through December, 2019.
- On **December 5, 2019,** BC Hydro sent out the Notice of Construction Activities for the period of January through March, 2020.
- On **March 11**, **2020**, BC Hydro sent out the Notice of Construction Activities for the period of April through June, 2020.

The Notices of Construction Activities are sent to Indigenous groups by email and are also posted for Indigenous groups on the *Site C Information for Indigenous Groups* SharePoint site (see section 3.6). A public version of the notice with confidential information removed (such as SharePoint log-in information or other sensitive material) is posted along with construction

## 3.2 Biweekly Information Updates to Indigenous Groups

Biweekly information updates are distributed by email to provide regular updates on construction activities and field work.

The updates provide information on the following topics as they become available:

- news updates;
- regulatory and permitting updates;
- environmental management information;
- safety advisories;
- reminders of upcoming consultation and engagement activities;
- employment and training information; and,
- procurement updates.

The emails also provide notice of new documents uploaded to the *Site C Information for Indigenous Groups* SharePoint site such as Environmental Protection Plans and Environmental Completion Reports, monthly monitoring summary reports, interim and annual reports from the Project's Heritage Program, and other Project mitigation and monitoring programs.

The emails are sent directly to members of each Indigenous group's distribution list which often includes Chief and Council as well as other contacts requested by the Indigenous group. A copy of each biweekly information update is saved on the *Site C Information for Indigenous Groups* SharePoint site.

A summary of the notifications or information shared in these updates is listed below. Recurring updates such as new Construction Bulletins, reminders of upcoming meetings, Indigenous employment statistics, new documents added to SharePoint, etc. are not described below to avoid repetition.

	Summary of Notifications and Information Shared
April 11, 2019	<ul> <li>Indigenous employment: shared an invitation to the ATCO Kitchen and Housekeeping Training Program and an invite to the 2019 Youth Hires program;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Construction updates provided on the Highway 29 realignment at Halfway River and Cache Creek; and</li> </ul>
	Update on 85 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Industrial Lands and conveyor belt corridor.
April 26, 2019	<ul> <li>Indigenous employment: announced eight local Indigenous students completed the pre-carpentry skills program;</li> </ul>
	Shared a construction notice to advise that large penstock pieces

	Summary of Notifications and Information Shared
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	are being delivered to site;
	<ul> <li>Notified of changes in the Project's Heritage Program consultants.</li> <li>Letters with more information were sent on April 24, 2019; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Notified that the concrete foundation for the generation station's main service bay was completed.</li> </ul>
May 16, 2019	<ul> <li>Notified that the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) may proceed with the implementation of the West Pine Quarry Traffic Management Plan;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Update that notices of upcoming transmission line work were sent out via email;</li> </ul>
	Shared that there will be upcoming consultation on Revision 6 of the Site C Construction Environmental Management Plan;
	<ul> <li>Updated Mitigation and Monitoring Plan Annual Reports posted on the Project website;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Annual Reports from Fish and Aquatic Habitat Monitoring and Follow up Program posted on the Project website; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Feedback and input requested on BC Hydro's application for a Pesticide Use Permit and Portage Mountain Quarry Development Plan.</li> </ul>
May 30, 2019	Revision 5.1 of the Construction Environmental Management Plan posted on the Project website; and
	<ul> <li>Reminder that a public advisory was also posted on the Project website regarding regular overnight traffic delays expected on Old Fort Road.</li> </ul>
June 13, 2019	<ul> <li>Reminder that the Quarterly Notice of Construction Activities (July through September 2018) was sent on May 31, 2019;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Links shared highlighting new photos and drone footage of the Project that are available on the Project website;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Overview of materials shared at an Open House at Hudson's Hope on June 12, 2019;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Feedback and input requested on BC Hydro's application for a Pesticide Use Permit and Portage Mountain Quarry Development Plan; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Invitation to Indigenous groups to conduct ground-truthing on Hwy 29 in Halfway River, Cache Creek and Lynx Creek.</li> </ul>
June 27, 2019	Information shared on BC Hydro's major milestone with breakthrough on the excavations of the first of two diversion tunnels.

	Summary of Notifications and Information Shared
July 16, 2019	<ul> <li>Information shared on the installation of two powerhouse cranes recently installed; and</li> </ul>
	Notified of an updated Traffic and Pavement Monitoring Report posted on the Project website.
July 31, 2019	Indigenous employment: invitation for interested students to apply to BC Hydro Trades and Skilled Training Indigenous Award Program.
	Revision 6 of the Construction Environmental Management Plan posted on the Project website;
	Notified of upcoming scientific fish collection in the Peace River from Hudson's Hope to Many Islands, Alberta; and
	<ul> <li>Links shared with new videos on: the tunnel liner being "walked" into diversion tunnel and a rendering of the future bridge over the Halfway River.</li> </ul>
August 26, 2019	Overview of the BC Hydro Peace Agricultural Compensation Fund, a \$20 million fund to support agricultural production and related economic activity in the Peace Region; and
	<ul> <li>Notified that BC Hydro will start building chain-up areas for vehicles entering and leaving the Dam Site at Gate B.</li> </ul>
September 18, 2019	Notified of the start of construction for the temporary bridge to a Peace River island, near the Halfway River, as part of reservoir clearing activities;
	<ul> <li>Shared a public advisory that was posted on the Project website regarding the start of testing for the five-kilometre-long till conveyor system;</li> </ul>
	Reminder that the Quarterly Notice of Construction Activities     (October through December 2019) was sent on September 3, 2019;
	<ul> <li>Notified that a revised public advisory was posted on the Project website regarding chain-up area on Old Fort Road; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Shared a public advisory that construction on the Highway 29 realignment east of Cache Creek started with link to a construction information sheet on the Project website.</li> </ul>
October 10, 2019	Shared a public advisory that geotechnical investigations in various locations throughout Hudson's Hope started the week of September 23;
	Shared a public advisory that there would be debris removal and burning along the reservoir and transmission line;
	Announced the recipients of the GO Fund, involving the donation of \$10,000 to the Tansi Friendship Centre Society, for the Chetwynd

	Summary of Notifications and Information Shared
	Student Support Program;
	<ul> <li>River diversion overview and update provided; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Link shared of new drone footage of the Project available on the Project website.</li> </ul>
October 29, 2019	<ul> <li>Shared a public advisory of debris burning along the reservoir and transmission line; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Notified that the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) awarded the contract to construct a two-lane realignment of a segment of Highway 29 and replace the existing Halfway River Bridge to Eiffage-Infracon Halfway River Joint Venture.</li> </ul>
November 26, 2019	<ul> <li>Information shared on BC Hydro reaching a major milestone with the completion of roller-compacted concrete placements in the upper spillway buttress on October 30, 2019;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Shared a public advisory issued for hunting or discharging firearms in Project areas;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Shared a public advisory that there would be debris removal and burning along the reservoir and transmission line;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Announced the completion of 50 new affordable housing units in Fort St. John;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Construction update on the Highway 29 realignment at Lynx Creek;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Update on the river diversion works provided; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Notified of a change in the login procedures for the Site C Information for Indigenous Groups SharePoint site.</li> </ul>
December 18, 2019	<ul> <li>Reminder that that the Quarterly Notice of Construction Activities (January through March 2020) was sent on December 5, 2019;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Announced that seven Peace Region agricultural projects will receive \$209,086 in funding through the BC Hydro Peace Agricultural Compensation Fund;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Notified that construction started on the Highway 29 realignment at Lynx Creek, with a link to a construction information sheet on the Project website;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Shared a public advisory that there would be debris removal and burning along the reservoir and transmission line; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Information shared and a link provided on a new program that tracks the movement of fish throughout the Peace Region.</li> </ul>
January 14, 2020	<ul> <li>Announced the recipients of the GO Fund, involving the donation of \$46,600 to five Peace Region non-profit organizations. Award recipients supported Métis cultural heritage, enhanced community</li> </ul>

## Summary of Notifications and Information Shared outreach and accessibility, improved literacy, helped families and provided free computer lessons: Notified that construction started on the Highway 29 realignment at the Halfway River, with a link provided to a construction information sheet on the Project website: Announced that BC Hydro achieved a major milestone with the completion of excavations in the Peace River diversion tunnels; Shared a public advisory that there would be debris removal and burning along the reservoir and transmission line; Revision 6.1 of the Construction Environmental Management Plan posted on the Project website; Indigenous employment: invitation to Indigenous candidates interested in participating in BC Hydro's Try-a-Trade Program; Feedback requested on the draft Fish Passage Management Program and on three draft documents regarding the Temporary Fish Passage Facility; and Feedback requested on the draft EAC amendments for the Highway 29 realignment creek crossings at Lynx Creek, Dry Creek and Farrell Creek that was sent to Indigenous groups on January 6, 2020. January 31, 2020 Notified that areas of Lynx Creek will soon be closed to boaters and the public due to Highway 29 realignment construction activities: Notified that starting on January 20, 2020 trucks will haul riprap from West Pine Quarry to the Halfway River. The material will be used for construction of the Highway 29 realignment at the Halfway River; The 2020 Field Work Summary with information on Project environment and engineering field work planned for the year were made available on the Project website: Shared a public advisory that there would be debris removal and burning along the reservoir and transmission line: Information shared and a link provided on fish and methylmercury in the Site C reservoir; Notified that MOTI issued a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for structural in-plant quality assurance services for the Highway 29 realignment; and

Feedback requested on the draft EAC amendments for the Highway 29 realignment creek crossings at Lynx Creek, Dry Creek and Farrell Creek that were sent to Indigenous groups on January 6.

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Summary of Notifications and Information Shared				
February 21, 2020	<ul> <li>Notified that there will be increased truck traffic for the next six weeks on Highway 29 near Lynx Creek as crews build a causeway on to Gates Island in the Peace River;</li> </ul>			
	The 2020 Field Work Summary with information on Project environment and engineering field work planned for the year were made available on the Project website;			
	<ul> <li>Shared a public advisory that there would be debris removal and burning along the reservoir and transmission line;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Notified that BC Hydro issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for BIM 360 Revit model management services; and</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Notified that MOTI issued an RFQ for construction supervision services for the Farrell Creek and Dry Creek bridges on Highway 29.</li> </ul>			
March 15, 2020	Notified that the EAO advised BC Hydro that they have reviewed the West Pine Quarry Traffic Management Plan and related documentation, and that implementation of the plan may proceed; and			
	<ul> <li>Shared a public advisory that there would be debris removal and burning along the reservoir and transmission line.</li> </ul>			
March 30, 2020	Update provided on BC Hydro's response to COVID-19; and			
	Shared a public advisory that there would be debris removal and burning along the reservoir and transmission line.			

## 3.3 Consultation Meetings

#### 3.3.1 Permitting Forums

These meetings allow for sharing and reviewing upcoming permit applications with Treaty 8 First Nations. Representatives from First Nations, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development (MFLNRORD), federal agencies and BC Hydro meet to discuss draft permit applications and to address potential questions and requests for clarification before permit applications are finalized and referred to First Nations by permitting agencies for consultation and review.

BC Hydro initiated this process in 2016 in response to requests from First Nations for additional opportunities to consult on Project permits. BC Hydro held seven Permitting Forums between July 2016 and January 2018. In late January 2018, the Province and BC Hydro implemented an updated coordinated consultation process in an effort to enhance Project permit consultation opportunities, find efficiencies, reduce the overall workload for First Nations, and better manage the consultation schedule.

Permitting Forums were incorporated into the coordinated consultation process, and are a central component of the "pre-application" consultation on draft permit applications before they are finalized and submitted to MFLNRORD. The First Nations invited to attend the Permitting Forum are the same First Nations that the MFLNRORD consults with on provincial permit applications.

Permitting Forums held during the reporting period are described below.

- Permitting Forum #12 was held on May 2, 2019 and was attended by representatives from DFN, BRFN, DTFN, DRFN, HRFN, HLFN, BC Hydro, Transport Canada and MFLNRORD. BC Hydro provided an overview of the Highway 29 realignment segments and reviewed the provincial and federal authorization that would be required for the bridge construction and the realignment works at the Halfway River. BC Hydro also provided an update on the Heritage Program.
- Permitting Forum #13 was held on July 17, 2019 and was attended by representatives
  of DTFN, DRFN, DFN, HRFN, SFN, HLFN, BC Hydro, Transport Canada and
  MFLNRORD. BC Hydro provided an overview of the Highway 29 realignment segments;
  reviewed the permit applications and authorizations required for the Lynx Creek East
  highway realignment construction and the middle reservoir causeway; discussed permits
  issued for Portage Mountain Quarry; and provided an overview of work on the
  transmission line and summarized permits required for transmission line stringing.
- Permitting Forum #14 was held on September 11, 2019 and was attended by representatives of SFN, BRFN, HRFN, DFN, DTFN, HLFN, DRFN, MLIB, BC Hydro, Transport Canada, MOTI and MFLNROD. BC Hydro discussed plans for managing debris during river diversion and the related permit applications; provided an update on the construction of the Highway 29 realignment segments; discussed the plan to use a groundwater well at the Halfway River for Highway 29 realignment construction and a related permit application; and discussed permit applications for the Highway 29 realignment construction at Cache Creek.
- Permitting Forum #15 was held on November 14, 2019 and was attended by representatives of BRFN, HRFN, DFN, DTFN, DRFN, MLIB, BC Hydro, and MFLNROD. BC Hydro provided an update on the construction of Highway 29 realignment segments; discussed plans for bridge and road construction at the Highway 29 realignment segments of Farrell Creek and Farrell Creek East, and the related permit applications; provided an overview of the application to amend the permit for the Peace River boat portage program; discussed archaeological stripping stockpile locations along Highway 29; and discussed the ungulate mitigation and monitoring plans for Highway 29 realignment construction and for the future reservoir.
- Permitting Forum #16 was held on February 20, 2019 and was attended by representatives of SFN, BRFN, HRFN, DFN, DTFN, HLFN, DRFN, BC Hydro, Transport Canada, MOTI and MFLNROD. BC Hydro provided an update on the construction of the Highway 29 realignment segments; discussed plans for Highway 29 realignment bridge and road construction at Dry Creek and Lynx Creek West, and related permit applications; discussed plans for the construction of a new boat launch near Lynx Creek and related permit applications; discussed plans for the construction of shoreline protection at Hudson's Hope and related permit applications; and provided an update on transmission line construction and stringing.

BC Hydro uses the *Site C Information for Indigenous Groups* SharePoint site described in section 3.6 to share meeting presentations, permit applications and spatial data, and summaries of discussion and requests for follow-up from the meetings.

#### 3.3.2 Environmental Forums

The Environmental Forum enables BC Hydro and Indigenous groups to collaborate, share information, and seek input and participation opportunities related to key interests identified by Indigenous groups related to the Project's environmental mitigation plans and monitoring programs. Topics addressed by the Environmental Forum relate to fish and fish habitat, wildlife, vegetation and heritage, and may be linked to conditions of the EAC, FDS, and permits or authorizations. A key initiative for the Environmental Forum membership is the rollout of the Indigenous Traditional Use Fund (ITUF), an \$8M fund to mitigate the impacts of the Project on the current use of land and resources for traditional purposes by Indigenous groups.

Environmental Forums held during the reporting period are described below.

- Environmental Forum #4 was held on **October 2, 2019**. During the meeting the following topics were discussed: the draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Forum; the proposed approach for the ITUF; and environmental activities related to river diversion.
- Environmental Forum #5 was held on **November 25, 2019**. During the meeting the following topics were discussed: the final draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Forum; the ITUF and priorities and plans for funding; management plans associated with temporary fish passage; and the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program's methylmercury study and a draft monitoring plan for methylmercury.
- Environmental Forum #6 was held on January 16, 2020. During the conference call the
  following topics were discussed: the general approach to the methylmercury monitoring
  plan; and the Indigenous Traditional Use Fund.
- Environmental Forum #7 was held on **February 21, 2020.** During the meeting the following topics were discussed: an update on the draft methylmercury monitoring plan; river diversion activities and proposed mitigation options for wildlife; and the ITUF short-term applications.
- Environmental Forum #9 was held on March 10, 2020. During the meeting the following topics were discussed: methylmercury overview and review of draft methylmercury subcommittee terms of reference, nomination of members for the subcommittee; and proposed approach for mitigation options for wildlife during diversion. Following the meeting, participants went on a site field tour including an overview of the temporary fish passage facility and diversion related site activities

## 3.3.3 Culture and Heritage Resources Committee

The Culture and Heritage Resources Committee (Committee) has been established with Indigenous groups to advise BC Hydro on the management of Project effects on cultural resources. The Committee initially met on July 30, 2015 and meets as determined by the Committee members. The Committee provides opportunities for discussion and information

exchange, as well as the development of mitigation measures related to cultural and heritage resources.

More information on the Committee can be found in the <u>Cultural Resources Mitigation Plan</u> (CRMP), available on the Project website in the <u>Environmental Management document library</u>. The CRMP 2019-2020 Annual Report detailing activities undertaken during this reporting period is available in the *Site C Project Reports* section of this document library.

## 3.4 Saulteau First Nations Registered Trapline Holders

BC Hydro remains engaged with SFN registered trapline holders whose tenure areas are affected by project construction and operations. BC Hydro contacts registered trapline holders in advance of any project investigations or construction activities planned to take place within their respective trapline areas.

## 3.5 Ground Truthing and other Field Activities

BC Hydro maintains a standing invitation to Indigenous groups to meet and discuss issues or concerns regarding the Project as construction proceeds. This may include other field activities like site visits in the project activity zone with interested groups and boat tours of the Peace River. BC Hydro has hosted ground truthing and other field activities in the dam site area, Highway 29 realignment segments, along the transmission line, and within the future reservoir.

The <u>Aboriginal Plant Use Mitigation Plan</u> (APUMP) and the <u>CRMP</u> describe ground truthing as it pertains to plants of traditional Indigenous value and cultural resources, respectively. Ground truthing and other field activities conducted by or with Indigenous groups are described in annual reports for these plans that are available on the Project website in the Site C Project Reports section of the <u>Environmental Management document library</u>.

#### 3.6 Site C Information for Indigenous Groups SharePoint Site

The Site C Information for Indigenous Groups SharePoint site is a central repository for documents and information shared with Indigenous groups. It is password protected and not accessible to the public.

On February 22, 2019 BC Hydro launched a new and improved SharePoint site based on Indigenous groups' feedback. The new and improved layout is designed to make it easier to find information on the Project. Project page categories include:

- *Project Construction* information such as Biweekly Updates and the quarterly Notices of Construction Activities:
- Spatial files related to project designs, archaeological sites, and environmental features;
- Environment documents such as Environmental Protection Plans, Environmental Completion Reports, and Monthly Environmental Monitoring Summary Reports;
- Heritage Reports such as interim and annual reports from the heritage program;

- Regulatory and Compliance information such as draft mitigation and monitoring plans and select annual reports, federal approval applications, Water Licence Leaves to Commence Construction, and environmental assessment documents; and,
- Meeting materials from forums and other meetings.

Information about the SharePoint site along with sign-in information is provided to Indigenous groups in communications described above in sections 3.1 through 3.3 of this report.

## 3.7 External Project Website

The Site C Clean Energy Project website provides additional information including:

- Mitigation and Monitoring Plans and Annual Reports
- Employment and business opportunities
- Federal authorizations and provincial permits
- Construction activities
- Environmental Management Plans and Reports
- Permits and Authorizations
- Environmental Assessment Reports
- Project Planning and Evaluation Reports
- Consultation and Engagement Reports
- Environment and Socio-Economic Reports
- Engineering and Technical Reports
- Historical Site C Reports
- Quarterly Progress Reports to the BCUC
- Employment Statistics
- Construction Contracts

#### 3.8 Fish Monitoring Program

BC Hydro communicates the results of the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Monitoring and Follow-up Program (FAHMFP) to Indigenous groups through the annual report for the FAHMFP, found on the Project website in the Site C Project Reports section of the *Environmental Management* document library. Annual reports of the individual monitoring programs that comprise the FAHMFP are made available to Indigenous groups on the Project website in the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Reports section of the same library. Annual reports are made available on the project website as they are finalized.