

**Aboriginal Rights and Interests**

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## **27.0 ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS**

The assessment of potential effects of the Project on Aboriginal Rights and Related Interests was provided in Section 27 of the EIS/ Application. A replacement of Section 27 is included in Appendix C of this EIS Addendum.

Table 15-1 lists the documents applicable to Aboriginal Rights and Related Interests submitted by PNW LNG as part of the environmental assessment process to date and identifies if information is either *updated by EIS Addendum*, *superseded*, *not relevant*, or *not affected* by information in the EIS Addendum. The updated Section 27 (see Appendix C of this EIS Addendum) contains information that updates the documents classified as *updated by EIS Addendum* or *superseded* in Table 15-1.

**Table 27-1 Status of Previously Submitted Documents**

<b>Document Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
Section 27 of the EIS/Application (February 2014)	Superseded
Technical Memo: Methods for Assessing Aboriginal Rights and Related Interests	Superseded
Technical Memo: Predicted Seriousness of Interference with Aboriginal Rights	Superseded
Responses to the Working Group Comments (June 2014)	Updated by EIS Addendum

### **27.1 PROJECT EFFECTS ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

#### **27.1.1 Background**

See Appendix C of this EIS Addendum.

#### **27.1.2 Adverse Impacts on Aboriginal and Treat Rights and Other Interests**

See Appendix C of this EIS Addendum.

#### **27.1.1 Other Matters of Concern to Aboriginal People**

See Appendix C of this EIS Addendum.

### **27.2 CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

See Appendix C of this EIS Addendum.

### **27.3 RESPONSES TO THE OUTSTANDING INFORMATION REQUESTS**

Responses to the following outstanding information requests for Aboriginal Rights and Related Interests have been integrated into the replacement chapter of Section 27 (see Appendix C of this EIS Addendum). This includes:

**Pacific NorthWest LNG - Addendum to the  
Environmental Impact Statement Aboriginal Rights and Interests**

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- Aboriginal Issues IR #4
- Aboriginal Issues IR #5.

## **27.4 MEASURES TO ADDRESS IMPACTS ON ABORIGINAL RIGHTS**

See Appendix C of this EIS Addendum.

## **27.5 CONCLUSION**

A determination of the significance of residual adverse effects on Aboriginal Rights is not provided. This is in recognition of the unique nature of Aboriginal rights and the potential inappropriateness of determining whether any effects on a protected Aboriginal right are “significant” or “not significant.” The assessment of potential effects on Aboriginal rights presented in Appendix C is intended to provide information to the Crown to facilitate its determination regarding the Project’s potential to infringe Aboriginal rights and whether such an infringement is justified.