

POTENTIAL REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

Summary of Engagement Activities

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This table provides a summary of engagement sessions for the Potential Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River, Quebec. It is updated monthly (when there is new information to report).

Date	Location	Organization(s)*	High-Level Summary of Main Topics Discussed
November 10, 2020	Virtual - MS Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port of Montreal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> • Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response • Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
November 18, 2020	Virtual - MS Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Conseil de la Nation Waban-Aki 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> • Overview of the proposed engagement process and timelines • Participation Funding Program • Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
November 25, 2020	Virtual - MS Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> • Overview of the proposed engagement process and timelines • Participation Funding Program • Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes • Discussion regarding the importance of the Indigenous perspective in this engagement process

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December 4, 2020	Virtual - MS Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Première Nation des Innus Essipit • Première Nation des Innus de Pessamit • Première Nation des Pekuakamiulnuatsh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the proposed engagement process and timelines • Participation Funding Program • Next steps in the process
December 8, 2020	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Conseil de la Nation Waban-Aki • Première Nation des Innus Essipit • Mohawk Council of Kanesatake • Première Nation des Innus de Pessamit • Nation huronne-wendat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> ○ Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response ○ Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
December 9, 2020	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conseil régional de l'environnement - région de la Capitale-Nationale • Port de Trois-Rivières • MERINOV • Société pour la vaincre de la pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> ○ Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response ○ Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
December 9, 2020	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port de Saguenay • Stratégies Saint-Laurent • Armateurs du Saint-Laurent • Société pour la vaincre de la pollution • Nature Québec 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> ○ Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response ○ Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
January 12, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke • Mohawk Council of Akwesasne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Conseil de la Nation Waban-Aki • Première Nation des Innus Essipit • Nation huronne-wendat • Première Nation des Pekuakamiulnuatsh • Première Nation Wolastoqiyik Wahsipekuk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> ○ Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response ○ Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
January 13, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisme des bassins versants de la Capitale • Corporation des Pilotes du St-Laurent Central • Conseil régional de l'environnement de la Capitale nationale • WWF Canada • St Lawrence Economic Development Council • Oceanex • St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation • Société pour vaincre la pollution • St. Lawrence Global Observatory • Accès Saint-Laurent Beauport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> ○ Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response ○ Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
January 15, 2021	Virtual - MS Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nation huronne-wendat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps in the process
January 20, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Laval • Société pour la nature et les parcs Québec • Infrastructure Canada • Canadian Coast Guard • Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal • Quebec Environmental Law Centre • L'université du Québec à Rimouski 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> ○ Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response ○ Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Suzuki Foundation • Eau Secours • Helios Centre • Ville Sorel-Tracy • Fondation Rivières • Conseil régional de l'environnement de la Montérégie • University of Montreal • Les Ateliers Ublo • Environnement Mauricie • Individual members of the public 	
January 20, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comité ZIP Côte-Nord du Golfe • Nova Scotia Power / Emera • Société pour la vaincre de la pollution • Government of Alberta • Individual members of the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> ○ Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response ○ Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
January 25, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port of Québec • Transport Canada • NB Power • Individual members of the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> ○ Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response ○ Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
January 28, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geological Survey of Canada-Québec • Shipping Federation of Canada • Port of Montreal • Transport Canada • Parks Canada 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Regional Assessments under the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> ○ Review of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area of Quebec, and the Minister's response

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Coast Guard • Comité ZIP Jacques-Cartier • L'initiative citoyenne de vigilance du Port de Québec • Grand Riverkeepers • Natural Resources Canada • Health Canada • Individual members of the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next steps in the process • Initial discussion of regional assessment need and rationale, potential objectives, and outcomes
February 10, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke • Mohawk Council of Kanesatake • Grand Conseil de la Nation Waban-Aki • Conseil de la Première Nation des Innus Essipit • Nation huronne-wendat • Première Nation Wolastoqiyik Wahsipekuk • Première Nation Wolastoqiyik Wahsipekuk • Première Nation des Pekuakamiulnuatsh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential assessment area • Need for a regional assessment • Main activities currently affecting the region / could affect the region in the future • Main activities carried out by communities in the region • Main concerns / most important valued components • Consideration of impacts on First Nations' rights in a potential regional assessment
February 11, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Resources Canada • Status of Women Canada • Université du Québec en Outaouais • Transport Canada • Fondation Rivières • Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS Quebec) • Conseil régional de l'environnement de la Montérégie • QSL • Organisme des bassins versants de la Capitale • Canadian Coast Guard • Héritage Laurentien 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential assessment area • Need for regional assessment • Main activities currently affecting the region / could affect the region in the future • Main concerns / most important valued components • Scope of current engagement process • Jurisdictional and transboundary considerations • Regional assessment process and timelines • Importance of community and citizen involvement in regional assessment processes

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks Canada • Société pour vaincre la pollution (SVP) • Accès St-Laurent Beauport • Comité ZIP Côte-Nord du Golfe • Les Ateliers Ublo • Indigenous Services Canada • Comité ZIP Jacques-Cartier • Université de Montréal • Interdisciplinary Centre for the Development of Ocean Mapping (CIDCO) • Direction régionale de santé publique de Montréal • Montreal Port Authority • Stratégies Saint-Laurent • Group for Research and Education of Marine Mammals (GREMM) • Mohawk Council of Kanesatake • Eau Secours • Infrastructure Canada • Environment and Climate Change Canada • Huron-Wendat Nation • Shipping Federation of Canada • Nature Québec • Direction de la santé publique – Gaspésie et Îles-de-la-Madeleine • Innovation maritime (IMAR) • Health Canada • Ville de Sorel-Tracy • Regroupement national des conseils régionaux de l’environnement du Québec 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conseil régional de l'environnement de la Capitale-Nationale • Department of National Defence • Members of the public 	
February 16, 2021	Virtual - MS Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohawk Council of Akwesasne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential assessment area • Need for a regional assessment • Main activities currently affecting the region / could affect the region in the future • Main activities carried out by communities in the region • Main concerns / most important valued components • Consideration of impacts on First Nations' rights in a potential regional assessment
February 24, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke • Mohawk Council of Akwesasne • Grand Conseil de la Nation Wabanaki • Conseil des Abénakis de Wôlinak • Conseil de la Première Nation des Innus Essipit • Nation huronne-wendat • Première Nation Wolastoqiyik Wahsipekuk • Première Nation des Pekuakamiulnuatsh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaps in key existing federal initiatives • Existing initiatives that would be interesting sources of information • Initiatives where First Nations are consulted and/or mobilized in a meaningful and constructive manner
February 25, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Université Laval • Transport Canada • Fondation Rivières • GrandRiver Keepers Inc. • Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS Quebec) • Natural Resources Canada • Institut national de santé publique du Québec • OBV de la Capitale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing initiatives that may provide useful information for consideration in a regional assessment • Strengths related to existing initiatives • Gaps in key existing federal initiatives • Opportunities for regional assessment not currently being met by existing initiatives

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* External participants only (i.e., does not include Agency staff).