

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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March 17, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke</li> <li>• Mohawk Council of Akwesasne</li> <li>• Conseil des Abénakis de Wôlinak</li> <li>• Conseil de la Première Nation des Innus Essipit</li> <li>• Conseil de la Première Nation des Innus de Pessamit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential objectives and outcomes of a regional assessment</li> <li>• Need for complete information and for a better understanding of existing impacts for individual project assessment</li> <li>• Cumulative effects assessment framework</li> <li>• Establish thresholds / targets</li> <li>• The importance of the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge</li> <li>• Link to the resource and impacts on rights</li> </ul>



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March 18, 2021	Virtual - Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Université Laval</li> <li>• Transport Canada</li> <li>• Fondation Rivières</li> <li>• Grand River Keepers</li> <li>• Fisheries and Oceans Canada</li> <li>• Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS, Quebec Chapter)</li> <li>• Natural Resources Canada</li> <li>• Institut national de santé publique du Québec</li> <li>• OBV de la Capitale</li> <li>• Indigenous Services Canada</li> <li>• Initiative citoyenne de vigilance du port de Québec</li> <li>• Héritage Laurentien</li> <li>• Parks Canada</li> <li>• Société pour Vaincre la Pollution</li> <li>• The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated</li> <li>• Accès Saint-Laurent Beauport</li> <li>• Comité ZIP Côte-Nord du Golfe</li> <li>• Les Ateliers Ublo</li> <li>• Université de Montréal</li> <li>• Interdisciplinary Centre for the Development of Ocean Mapping (CIDCO)</li> <li>• MRC Charlevoix-Est</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential objectives and outcomes of a regional assessment</li> <li>• Cumulative effects assessment framework</li> <li>• Historical changes and current effects of past actions/activities should be assessed and rectified</li> <li>• Economic considerations, especially between ports, in light of international maritime obligations</li> <li>• Establish thresholds / targets, ideally quantifiable</li> <li>• Indigenous knowledge must be considered along with scientific information</li> <li>• Consider a watershed approach</li> <li>• Recommendations for a follow-up program / phase</li> <li>• Investment in knowledge management to facilitate knowledge sharing.</li> <li>• The regional assessment should not lead to the simplification or abolition of project-specific environmental assessments</li> <li>• The regional assessment should be conducted on an appropriate scale and account for the unique characteristics of the Saint Lawrence, depending on the regions</li> <li>• The importance of having the involvement of the Province of Quebec</li> <li>• Final steps in the engagement process</li> </ul>

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