

Preliminary Screening Practitioner's Workshop

Date: September 7, 2016

Location: Tree of Peace, Yellowknife

Participant's Agenda

Introduction:

Under the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA), various organizations/agencies are responsible for conducting preliminary screenings under Part 5, which establishes a process for environmental impact assessment (EIA). The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is the primary agency responsible for EIA in general in the Mackenzie Valley, and has the authority to produce guidelines for conducting EIA under section 120 of the MVRMA. In collaboration with the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley and other screeners, the Review Board is hosting a preliminary screening workshop.

Workshop Purpose:

The purpose of this workshop is to bring together staff from preliminary screening organizations and the Review Board to share best practices and challenges associated with conducting preliminary screenings under the MVRMA.

Workshop Objectives:

More specifically, the workshop objectives are to:

- **learn** more about roles and responsibilities related to preliminary screening;
- **identify and discuss** key challenges, successes, and best practices related to preliminary screening;
- **promote** engagement and collaboration amongst screeners and with the Review Board;
- **prioritize** challenges that are most important and/or urgent to address, and **establish** next steps toward developing and implementing such approaches (e.g., through focused “task teams” or individual organizations taking the lead), and;
- **identify** effective communication techniques, internally and externally.

Agenda:

Participants had the opportunity to complete a set of survey questions about preliminary screening practices, knowledge, and challenges. The survey results were used to inform this draft agenda for the workshop.

Workshop Preparation:

Survey results were provided to all workshop participants in advance. Participants can use the agenda and the survey results to prepare for effective participation in the workshop. A template for introductory presentations was also provided in advance.

#	Draft Agenda Item	Time (approx.)
Introductions, Context, and Learning about the Preliminary Screeners		
1	Networking, Coffee, and Uploading Presentations	8:30 - 9:00am
2	Welcome and Introductions	9:00 - 9:15am
3	An Overview of Preliminary Screeners in the Mackenzie Valley: Introductory Presentations (approx. 7 min. each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVEIRB • LWBs • GNWT – ENR • NEB • OROGO • Parks • DFO • ECC / CWS • GNWT - Lands 	9:15 – 10:15am
HEALTH BREAK		10:15 – 10:30am
The Life Cycle of a Screening		
4	Application submitted and sent for review (information requirements, application completeness, distribution for review): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Challenges • Opportunities for Improvement • Resources Available / Training Needs • Communication Strategies (internal/external) 	10:30 – 11:45am
LUNCH (not provided)		11:45 – 1:15pm
5	Conducting the Preliminary Screening (collecting and analyzing evidence): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Challenges • Opportunities for Improvement • Resources Available / Training Needs • Communication Strategies (internal/external) 	1:15 – 2:45pm
HEALTH BREAK		2:45 – 3:00pm
6	The Preliminary Screening Outcome (decision-making and communication): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening Decisions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Timing and Coordination with other Screeners b. Information to the Review Board c. Implications Post-EA • Key Challenges • Opportunities for Improvement • Resources Available / Training Needs • Communication Strategies (internal/external) 	3:00 – 4:15pm
Discussion of Next Steps		
	Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how to follow up on ideas generated over the course of the day (action items, proposals to bring to other venues, future workshops/meetings, etc.) 	4:15 – 4:30pm
	Closing Comments	4:30 – 5:00pm