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### 15.1 INTRODUCTION

Twelve Subjects of Note (SON) were identified by the MVEIRB in the Terms of Reference (TOR) as requiring thorough analysis by the developer. The results of the analyses of the SON are discussed in this chapter.

The six biophysical Subjects of Note identified in the TOR are:

- Canal construction.
- Turbine and conveyance canal operation.
- Species at risk and key bird species.
- Access.
- Climate change.
- Key furbearing species and ungulates.

The six socio-economic and cultural Subjects of Note are:

- Short and long-term employment and training.
- Regional economic development.
- Impacts on tourism potential and wilderness character.
- Legacy issues.
- Impacts on harvesting.
- Heritage resources.

Two differences exist between the SON as presented in the TOR and the organization of information in this DAR.

First, due to the nature of legacy issues, this topic has been addressed separately from the other SON, and is contained in Section 9.6 – Human Environment. Legacy issues have been brought forth during Dezé consultations with communities and during the MVEIRB scoping sessions. Although Dezé cannot take responsibility for past legacy issues caused by existing developments, Dezé is committed to avoiding a repeat of activities that resulted in the legacy concerns or the possible introduction of new legacy issues. This is accomplished through Project planning and design that incorporate and embed the principles of sustainability, including economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being. These efforts are documented throughout the Subjects of Note and Key Lines of Inquiry; therefore, an effects assessment on legacy issues according to assessment methodology would not be practical. Chapter 18 – Sustainability provides an evaluation of the Project's adherence to the principles of sustainability, which could also be considered an evaluation of the legacy of the Project.

Second, upon detailed investigation of the existing socio-economic environment and potential Project interactions with harvesting and other land uses, information and assessments were organized according to traditional and non-traditional land uses. The specific land uses of tourism and wilderness character are contained in that SON, as per the TOR. However, other land uses, including harvesting, are presented as two components, namely Traditional Land and Resource Use and Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use.

Cumulative effects analyses have been included with each SON where applicable, and Chapter 19 presents a comprehensive summary of cumulative effects of all Subjects of Note and the Key Lines of Inquiry