Re: Requests for Extensions to Scoping Submissions Deadline

The Review Board received formal requests for extensions to the October 14th deadline for scoping submissions from the Dehcho First Nations and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society on October 9th.

Given the importance of hearing from all interested parties during the scoping phase of the environmental assessment, and the unfortunate offline status of the Review Board’s website over the past week, the Review Board is granting an extension to scoping submissions.

The Review Board hopes to have its website back up and running by October 14, but providing an exact date is impossible at this time. When the Review Board’s website is back up and running, I will immediately contact the distribution list. At that point, all interested parties will have 5 working days to provide final scoping submissions for the public record.

Interested parties are reminded that the Review Board keeps a comprehensive paper public registry at its offices in Yellowknife that is available for public viewing during working hours. Specific digital files are also available from me upon request.

Scoping Sessions
Scoping sessions were held in the following locations over the past two weeks:

1. September 30, 2008 – Nahanni Butte - 9:30am-4pm – Community Hall
2. October 1, 2008 – Fort Liard - 9:30am-4pm – Community Hall
3. October 1, 2008 – Fort Simpson - 6:00pm-9pm – Community Hall
4. October 2, 2008 – Wrigley - 9:30am-4pm – Community Hall
5. October 3, 2008 – Fort Simpson - 9:30am-4pm – Community Hall
6. October 9, 2008 – Yellowknife - 9:30am-5pm - Tree of Peace Hall
Draft meeting reports from the first three sessions have already been distributed and the other three will be coming out shortly.

Interested parties are reminded that the Review Board is seeking input on the following scoping questions in scoping submissions:

1. What biophysical, socio-economic and cultural issues merit consideration during the environmental assessment and why?
2. What principal and accessory development components (physical works and activities) should be considered within the scope of the proposed development for this environmental assessment?
3. What are appropriate temporal and geographic scopes of assessment for consideration of project-specific and cumulative effects assessments?
4. What evidence (if any) from previous studies, management plans, or environmental assessments should be transferred onto the public record for this environmental assessment, and why?

As always, if you have any questions, comments or requests for information, please contact me.

Regards,

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