

Meeting Report: GNWT – Tłjchq All Season Road – EA-1617-01

Consultation on Measure 10-1, April 18, 2018

Attendees: Environment and Climate Change Canada (JF Dufour, Bradley Summerfield, Sam Hache), Northern Projects Management Office (Adrian Paradis), Infrastructure and consultant (Katie Rozestraten, Damian Panayi), and Department of Lands (Melissa Pink, Darren Campbell, Louis Amprako)

Points of discussion:

- As per Measure 10-1, Infrastructure is required to consult with Environment and Natural Resources and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) regarding pre-construction field sampling timing and methodology for bird surveys.
- The interpretation and intent of Measure 10-1 was discussed at length between INF and ECCC. ECCC stated that the measure is consistent with their recommendation provided during the EA (i.e. that the surveys are for baseline data collection).
- ECCC stated their preference for ARU (automated recording units) methodology over human point counts and recommended a similar sampling design and level of effort as for the Prairie Creek All Season Road EA.
- Further consultation will be required with ECCC once Infrastructure updates their sampling protocol and methodology. INF can undertake this without the presence of other departments.

Consultation on Measure 10-1, May 11, 2018

Attendees: ECCC (JF Dufour, Sam Hache, Georgina Williston), NPMO (Adrian Paradis), INF and consultant (Stu Niven, Mark Cronk, Katie Rozestraten, Joyce Gourlay, Damian Panayi), Lands (Melissa Pink, Darren Campbell), and ENR (James Hodson)

Points of discussion:

- INF had arranged a meeting to discuss Measure 10-1 with ENR and ECCC previously. ENR was unable to attend that meeting.
- This meeting was to support interpreting and meeting the needs of Measure 10-1 with both ECCC and ENR.
- General discussion on field work methodology, including number of ARU's, multi-year versus all in one year, three different days minimum for the ARU's, which resulted on focusing on four points to plan around; stratification – land cover types, sampling effort per land cover type, how long to record the data and, what is being interpreted and how.
- Golder will look to finalizing a draft plan based on these four points.
- As we all understand the timeline sensitivities to get in the field as early as possible, we have agreed to and recognize a tight timeline.
- Timeline:
 - ECCC to provide Golder right away their comments.
 - Golder to develop a draft bird survey plan and provide to INF by Wednesday, May 16.
 - INF to provide draft bird survey plan to ECCC/ENR by Thursday May 17.

- ENR/ECCC to provide to INF and Golder feedback to bird survey plan by end of day Tuesday May 22.
- Golder finalize bird survey plan to INF by Wednesday end of day May 23.
- INF provides ECCC/ENR final draft bird survey plan by Thursday May 24.
- Final tweaking of the plan will happen between May 24 and May 25.
- Field work to start the last week of May.