Tłįcho All-Season Access Road Project EA1516-01

Technical Sessions August 15-17, 2017



Purpose of the technical session

- **1. Informal and open discussion** on scientific and traditional knowledge
- **2.** clarification of IR's or other information
- 3. Clarify project description and scope
- 4. Focus on effects likely to cause significant impacts
- 5. Identify **impacts** from the project on the environment and people
- 6. Reduce **unknowns** related to potential impacts



Reasons for Decision - Scope of development for the Tłycho All-Season Road

- Construction and operation of a 97 km public, allseason road from Highway 3 (km 196) to the Community Government of Whati boundary.
- Development of borrow sources and related access (e.g. roads) and their operation throughout the construction and operations phases.
- Construction camps and related access (e.g. roads) to the camps and water sources.
- Any reclamation activities carried out during the construction and operations phases.



Project milestones and associated documents

March 2016 Developer submits Project

Description Report to WLWB

July 2017 Referral to EA

Aug 2017 **Scoping**

Sept 2017 **Terms of Reference and Adequacy**

Statement

Oct 2017 Reasons for Decision

Oct 2017 **Review Board IRs** to parties

Dec 2017 Parties' responses



Workplan - steps that got us here

April 2017 Adequacy Statement Response

May 2017 **Information Requests**

June/July 2017 Information Request responses

Aug 2017 **Technical Session**

Next Steps:

- Undertakings or additional information requests that may result from technical sessions
- Public Hearing TBD



Introductions

- Please share with us:
 - Your Name
 - Your **Organization**
 - Your favorite northern food



Overview

Tuesday, August 15

- Opening
 Remarks by
 Review Board
 and TG
- Overview of Project by Developer
- Wildlife
- Taking stock

Wednesday, August 16

- •Birds
- •Fish and Water
- Taking Stock

Thursday, August 17

- Opening remarks
- •Impacts to:
- Communities
- •Cultural resource
 - •Traditional harvesting

Taking stock



To make the technical session productive

- **Commitments** and **Undertakings**, reviewed at the end of each day
- Please respond to questions in a timely fashion
- side-bar meetings are encouraged, Parties should report back during the technical session
- **EA phase vs. regulatory**? If there are differences of opinion the Review Board will make a ruling after the technical session



Logistics for the technical session

- Please be on time
- Informal and open meeting,
- Transcripts of meeting are recorded and posted on registry the following day
- If time permits, **additional agenda** items could be added at the end of the day
- State your name into microphone prior to speaking every time
- Be mindful of teleconference participants
- Interpreter is available



Let's get started...



Technical session agenda Tuesday August 15

Presentation - GNWT/INF



Technical Session Agenda Tuesday August 15 morning

Wildlife and birds:

- Barren-ground caribou
- Boreal caribou
- Moose
- Bison
- Effects to other wildlife species including species at risk



Taking Stock

- Review of:
 - Commitments
 - Undertakings
 - Currently Unknown



Welcome to Day 2

- Roundtable of introductions
- Reminder of meeting etiquette
- Review of today's agenda:
 - Fish
 - Water, water quality, sediment
 - Birds



Technical Session Agenda August 16 morning

- Effects to communities
- Cultural resources including archaeological sites
- Traditional harvesting



Taking Stock

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Adjournment

Have a safe trip home

