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Hi Tiwanis,

The approach to conducting this assessment looks good.

Our main difficulty, as always, is capacity.

We lack time both time and money, and could use more independent and trusted expertise.

July is a bad time of year to hold the scoping hearing, as many people are busy with their families trying to enjoy the short summer period when children are free from school. It is also the time when most field work needs to be done. One month is pretty short when you have to squeeze one more large project into an already huge workload. It does not even give time for funding applications to be submitted or approved, or to do the recruiting and hiring and training of additional staff to cover the additional workload. We risk losing the trained staff we have if they are not allowed a few days off during the all too brief summer. September, after school resumes, would be a better time to conduct the scoping hearing.

I understand that funding is available for Environmental Impact Reviews, but not for Environmental Assessments, and that the deciding factor is the "likely" test for significant environmental impacts or public concerns. The sad part of this is that without funding, the scoping is not likely to be done in a rigorous manner. The funding really needs to be available up front, when first looking at a project proposal. There was no funding for the GMCA and NSMA participation has been sporadic and ineffective, and it did not attempt to serve the purpose of Crown Consultation anyways. The scope was far too limited. Aboriginal rights and title were not addressed, issues of Consultation or accommodation, etc. all of which

are primary concerns to our People.

On page 9, last row in table, it says that the REA or Panel Report would be due in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007, I think it probably should be 2009.

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