

# Water Engagement Initiative Main Table videoconference Meeting 19

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

9:00 am to 12:00 pm



# Draft Agenda

- Agenda review
- Meeting summary comment review
- Action items from Meeting 18
- WEI Element Update
  - Communication improvements
  - Reservoir Working Group (Southside Working Group)
  - Related initiatives: Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative (NWSRI) (*shift to next meeting*)
  - Flow-related activities, including TWG summary

# Draft Agenda (2)

- Conceptual schedule review
- **Objectives: Continuation of Main Table discussion**
- Adjourn

# Suggested Meeting Summary 18 revisions

- Draft summary sent to meeting participants on Thursday, April 15
- No suggested revisions received by the deadline on Monday
- Final meeting summary is posted on Get Involved Nechako website:  
<https://www.getinvolvednechako.ca/wei>
- Discussion with Henry yesterday

# Meeting 17 Action Item

- **ACTION ITEM: AC will present monthly average flow data since 2000 to compare winter flow rates**

# Meeting 18 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** JK to follow up with Gary Blackwell regarding wetland, wildlife and fish-related interests.
- **Update:** Jayson to provide update

# Meeting 18 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM: Add time for questions or clarification of the pre-read package to Main Table meeting**
- **Update:**
  - No new pre-read for this meeting. Building off materials circulated ahead of last meeting
  - Will include a brief summary and time for questions in future meetings, when new pre-read materials are sent

# Meeting 18 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM: JK to add salmon as a First Nation sustainable food source as an interest**
- **Update: Jayson**



# Meeting 18 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** JK to incorporate Main Table edits and comments into the objectives and will provide the updated version to the Main Table for review.
- **Update:** Jayson

# WEI Elements

- Communication improvements
- Reservoir Working Group (Southside Working Group)
- Flow-related activities, including TWG summary

# **WEI Element Update:**

## **Communication improvements**

- WEI Table formed a Communication Working Group (CWG) to outline potential improvements
- The CWG met twice and suggested four types of communication improvements
- These were presented to the WEI Main Table at WEI Main Table Meeting 15 on December 9, 2020
- Devrie will update Rio Tinto efforts to advance the four communication improvements

# **WEI Element Update: Southside Working Group**

- Jason to provide update

# **WEI Element Update: Flow-related component update**

- Jayson to provide Technical Working Group (TWG) summary



# Flow-related interests

- Develop draft objectives and performance measures (January-July 2021)
- Present objectives and performance measures to Main Table (April-July 2021)
- Implement ready improvements (May-December 2021)
- Develop flow alternatives and tradeoff analysis (May-July 2021)

# Flow-related interests (2)

- Scope potential regulatory revisions (February-November 2021)
- Consider physical works or other non-flow options to meet objectives (April-September 2021)
- Draft flow scenario (August-September 2021)
- Engagement on draft flow scenario (August-December 2021)
- Finalize flow scenario (December 2021)



# Communication and Process

- Finalize communication improvements (April 2021)
- Implement communication improvements (February-December 2021)
- Review and adjust communication improvements as needed (February 2021-continual improvement)

# Reservoir/Southside efforts

- Southside additional information gathering / inventory (Completed in 2020)
- Present recommendations to the Main Table (February-August 2021)
- Integrate results into Flow, Communications, and Non-flow physical works improvement process, as needed (March-December 2021)

# Objective setting: continued

- Jayson

# Next meeting dates

- Proposed Main Table meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2021
- Proposed Main Table meeting: Wednesday, June 16, 2021
- Proposed Main Table meeting: Wednesday, July 14, 2021
- August

# Adjourn