

Water Engagement Initiative Main Table videoconference Meeting 23

Monday, September 27,
9:00 am to 2:00 pm



Draft Agenda

- Agenda, meeting summary, action item update
- Rio Tinto update (Andrew)
- Strategic process considerations (Rahul/Michael)
(reversed with below)
- Technical Working Group (TWG) update (Jayson)
- Brief HydroViz demonstration (Clayton)
- Rio Tinto Operations 2021/2022 (Andrew)
- Next steps and meeting dates (Rahul)
- Meeting adjourned

Proposed meeting agenda additions

- WEI efforts on World Rivers Day
- Get Involved Nechako website format
- Southside update, including Mike Robertson, update on the Umam netting project

Main Table Meeting 22 summary

- One comment: “Great effort in capturing the overall meeting and discussion.”
- No suggested revisions to the meeting summary
- Final meeting summary posted on the Get Involved Nechako website:
<https://www.getinvolvednechako.ca/7037/widgets/27362/documents/62673>

Meeting 22 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Kevin Moutray to take additional photos of the Vanderhoof trails if they become flooded again during the STMP period.
- **Update:** Kevin reports no flooding during STMP

Meeting 22 Action Items

- **ACTION ITEM:** JK will continue to attempt to talk to the City of Prince George to find out if there are concerns of ice jams and flooding, possibly near Cottonwood Park, and its relation to operations.
- **Update:** Jayson

Meeting 22 Action Items

- **ACTION ITEM: Andy Lecuyer to provide an update on the Boat Tour.**
- **Update: Rio Tinto to provide update**

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- **ACTION ITEM:** Andy Lecuyer will provide an update on the Ootsa Lake Forestry Camp campsites.
- **Update:** Rio Tinto to provide update

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- **ACTION ITEM:** Andy Lecuyer to provide an update on the Fire Smarting of the Rio Tinto properties.
- **Update:** Rio Tinto to provide update

Meeting 22 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Andy to organize reservoir boat tour to see the effects of high water
- **Update:** Rio Tinto to provide update

WEI efforts on World Rivers Day

- WEI World Rivers Day Working Group (WG) formed from volunteers identified last WEI Main Table meeting
- Summary

Rio Tinto Update (Andrew)

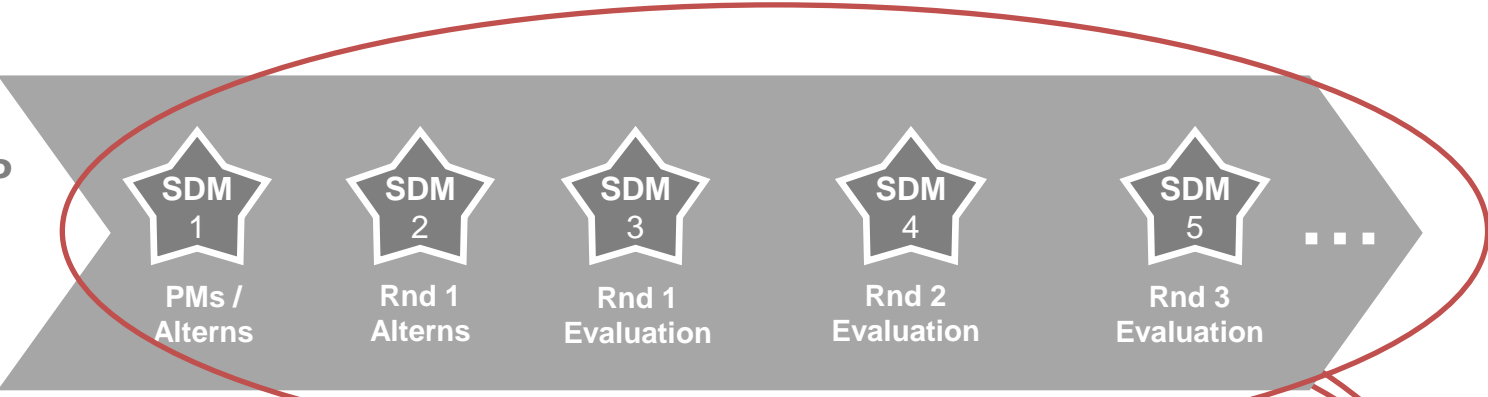
- Labour strike update
- Operational update
- High level update on First Nation discussions
- Other updates

Strategic process considerations (Rahul/Michael)

- Overview of exploring a long term flow option
- Rationale for re-focusing of priorities for this fall (i.e., exploring some shorter interim decisions, Southside WG Actions)
- Rationale for re-focus:
 - ongoing climate studies/modeling
 - further alignment with surgeon recovery team
 - explore technical information sharing with First Nations

Nechako WEI Work Planning

Old WEI WUP Workplan
(WEI Main Table SDM Meetings)



Proposed WEI Workplan



Revised conceptual schedule

- **Meeting 23: September 27, 2021**
- Topics:
 - Update and fall re-focus
 - Objective scoping and Performance Measure update
 - Rio Tinto operations 2021/2022
 - HydroViz Demo

Proposed Meeting Schedule – Fall / Winter

- Meeting 24: Mid-November
- Meeting 25: January 2022
- Meeting 26: March 2022

Proposed Workplan Topics / Objectives

- Other short term operational options 2022
- Scoping longer term water flow operational boundaries
- Updates:
 - Southside Action Plan updates
 - Ongoing draft Performance Measures/issues scoping updates
 - Technical Team progress updates
 - Sturgeon Recovery alignment
 - Broader First Nation engagement / info sharing

Proposed Meeting Schedule – Spring / Summer

- Meeting 27: May, 2022
- Meetings 28-31: June to December 2022

Proposed Workplan Topics / Objectives

- Re-start Water Use Planning: Long-term flow alternatives
 - Climate modelling updates
 - Issues scoping
 - Objectives and draft PMs
 - Bookend alternatives
 - 3 rounds of alternatives and assessment
- Monitoring and implementation considerations

Rio Tinto operations 2021/2022

(Andrew)

- Retrospective of operations of 2021
- Role of WEI interests
- Overview of short-term, interim opportunities (6 months)
- Pros and cons

Technical Working Group (Jayson)

- TWG update
- Status of scoping/screening of draft objectives/performance measures
- Discussion of proposed approaches for addressing specific topics (e.g. sturgeon, topics with limited information, uncertainties)

Southside

- Mike Robertson, update on the Umam netting project
- Southside Working Group: continue work where we left off
- Working group meeting in October
- Known issues: Navigation issues, erosion

Reservoir (Southside Working Group)

- Key actions:
 - Boat tour (Rio Tinto, Southsiders)
 - Navigation coordinator
 - Ootsa Lake Forestry Camp campsites
 - Rio Tinto making their properties fire smart
 - Continuous improvement: proposed reservoir advisory group

Get Involved Nechako website

- The format of the Get Involved Nechako website is being updated
- What should be on the website?
- How can the website support the WEI now?
- Into the future?

Next meeting dates

- Main Table meeting:
 - Propose November 24

Meeting per diems and preparation funding

- Funding is available for your time at meetings
- Funding is also available for your meeting preparation time
- Please send completed forms to Jason Collier

Adjourn