

Rio Tinto Water Engagement Initiative Table Teleconference

Wednesday, March 18, 2020



Agenda

- **9:15 am:** Welcome, introductions, and action items
- **9:30 am:** Components of a healthy river: presentation (Dan Sneep), with WEI participant discussion
- **10:45 am:** New Day agreement update (Cheslatta Carrier Nation and Rio Tinto)
- **11:00 am:** Confirmation of topics, information needs, and suggested specialists for next meeting
- **11:15 am:** Next meeting dates

Meeting 7 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Rahul to update the Structured Decision Making (SDM) process diagram to include Collecting Baseline Information.
- **Update:**
 - Access to reliable information is a cornerstone of effective SDM.
 - The updated image will be on the wall at the next WEI Main Table meeting.

Meeting 7 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Danielle to provide an update on Communication Working Group progress at the next meeting in March.
- **Update:**
 - The Communication Working Group (CWG) met on Thursday, March 5, 2020.
 - CWG meeting summary was included in the reading package.
 - Proposed improvements/areas to explore identified.

Meeting 7 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Rahul to distribute information on how to subscribe to Rio Tinto's Flow Facts.
- **Update:**
 - Information on project website: Get Involved Nechako website.
 - Send email to:
nechakoreservoirupdates@riotinto.com

Meeting 7 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Justus to provide link to live temperature stations.
- **Update:**
 - Information provided to WEI participants by email by Justus in a February 13, 2020 email.

Meeting 7 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Rahul to add communication protocol for ice jams to the CWG agenda.
- **Update:**
 - Will be included as part of the Rio Tinto Flood Emergency Plan to be developed.

Meeting 7 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** TWG to look into the impacts of backflow from the Nechako on Fraser Lake, as well as the influence of the Nautley on the Nechako River.
- **Update:**
 - Investigations ongoing.

Meeting 7 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Danielle to upload overflight photos the Get Involved Nechako website.
- **Update:**

Meeting 7 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** TWG to investigate sedimentation in the Nechako River at Vanderhoof.
- **Update:**

Meeting 7 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Dan Sneep to provide a presentation on the list of issues/characteristics considered to provide for a healthy river.
- **Update:**
 - List distributed and to be presented at the March 18, 2020 teleconference.

A healthy river

- ***Supporting background material: Healthy Watershed: typical hydroelectric dam and diversion effects on aquatic ecosystems***
- Presentation and discussion: components of a healthy river

Next discussion topics

- Topics that were planned for the March 18, 2020 in-person meeting were:
 - Chinook salmon
 - Whitefish
 - Kokanee, and
 - burbot
- Sturgeon?

Next meeting dates

- If COVID-19 risk does not subside before the next meeting, what is the preferred meeting approach?
- If the risk does subside,
 - Scheduled: Wednesday, April 15, 2020: Vanderhoof
 - Proposed: Wednesday, May 13, 2020: Location?
 - Proposed: Wednesday, June 10, 2020: Location?

Thank you!



GET INVOLVED NECHAKO