

Water Engagement Initiative Main Table videoconference Meeting 25

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

9:00 am to 12:00 pm



Draft Agenda

- Agenda, meeting summary, and action item update
- Court case discussion
- Rio Tinto operations update
 - Smelter operations
 - T2
 - Potential 2022 operations

Draft Agenda (2)

- Updates (proposed reordering)
 - Nechako River Lidar/bathymetry
 - Indigenous community engagement
 - Southside Working Group
 - Technical Working Group
 - Climate change modeling
 - Sturgeon
 - Performance Measure (PM) development
- Review and discussion of technical memos
 - Wetlands
 - Wildlife
 - Caribou

Draft Agenda (3)

- Structured Decision Making (SDM) process path
- Next Steps and meeting dates
- Meeting adjourned

Main Table Meeting 24 summary

- **Wayne:** Incredible notes! Kenny Dam is spelt Kenney Dam
- **Donna:** Very comprehensive meeting summary Rahul, much appreciated.
- **Tim:** A suggested rework of the comments listed on page 22 made by me. "TP added that the community at large has a different flavor in its mouth as to how Alcan used to be and how Rio Tinto is today.
- ***change to:*** "The community at large still has a sour flavor in its mouth as to how Alcan used to be and don't know the reality of how Rio Tinto is today."

Meeting 24 Action Items

- **ACTION ITEM:** Andy will touch base with John Rex and his team about their ongoing work
- **Update:** Andy

Meeting 24 Action Items

- **ACTION ITEM:** AC will provide RR with the most recent joint communications from Rio Tinto and the Union, and RR will send this to the Main Table members.
- **Update:** I emailed the joint press releases from Unifor and Rio Tinto on October 5, 2021. These are the most recent external communications

Meeting 24 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** JK and DSn to provide the number of spawning Chinook salmon in the Upper Nechako for this year
- **Status:** Results from 1975 to 2020 provided as part of the pre-read package sent on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Dan to confirm the 2021 number.
- From Dan: “I’ve asked Stock Assessment for the 2021 chinook escapement estimate, though I expect it might not be ready quite yet. Will let you know either way.”

Court case discussion (2)

- What are the implications for the WEI?

Rio Tinto operations update

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Updates

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Southside Working Group

- Southside Working Group (SWG) met for the fourth time on January 11, 2022
- Discussion topics included:
 - Wisteria dock
 - Navigation buoys
 - Navigation channels
- Intent to advance options
- All recommendations will flow through the Main Table

Southside Working Group (2)

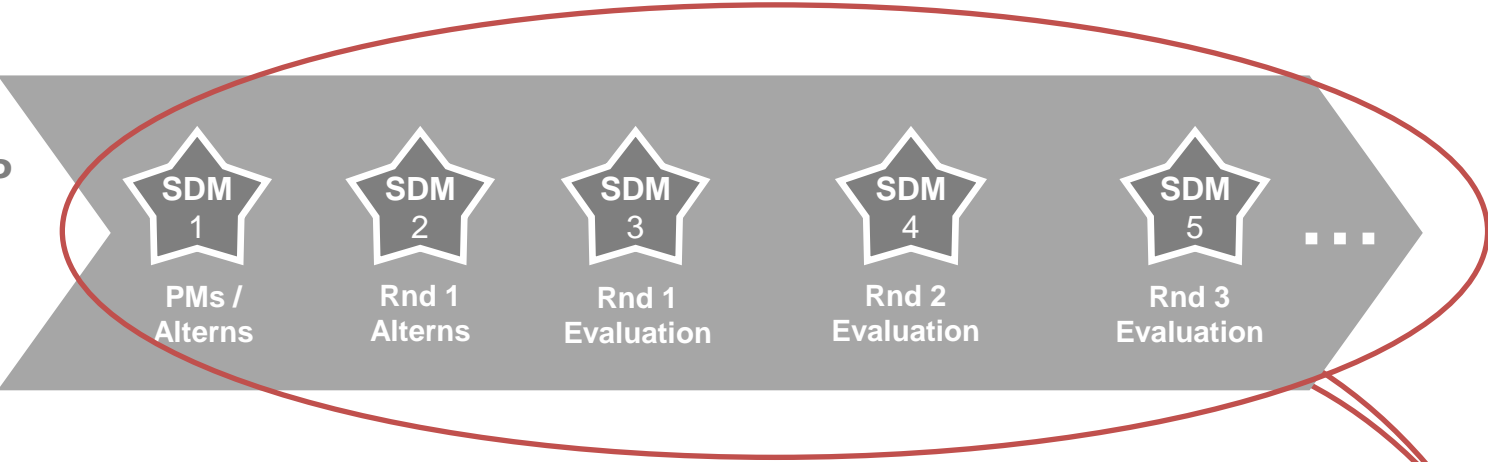
- Community update
- Review comments

Technical memos

- Wetlands
- Wildlife
- Caribou

Nechako WEI Work Planning

Old WEI WUP Workplan
(WEI Main Table SDM Meetings)



Proposed WEI Workplan



Proposed Meeting Schedule – Fall / Winter

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

Next meeting dates

Main Table meetings:

- Wednesday, April 6, 2022

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 as soon as you can after a meeting

Adjourn