

Application to Amend Environmental Assessment Certificate, #E13-04, for the Narrows Inlet Hydro Project

Invitation to Comment

Narrows Inlet Hydro Holdings Corporation (Certificate Holder) submitted an application for an amendment of the Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) #E13-04 for the Narrows Inlet Hydro project (Project), issued on January 15, 2014, under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Project is located approximately 50 km north of Sechelt, BC. The Project is made up of three hydroelectric facilities located at Chickwat Creek, Upper Ramona Creek and Lower Ramona Creek, in the Tzoonie river valley and Narrows Inlet.

The application for amendment is focused on design changes of the Chickwat Creek hydroelectric facility, and addressing inconsistencies and errors in the two Schedules of the EAC. The following changes are proposed:

- Project design changes at Chickwat Creek
 - a. intake fish screen;
 - b. headpond size;
 - c. powerhouse location; and
 - d. tailrace location.
- Revision to the Project boundary to encompass a proposed realignment of the road access to the Lower Ramona Creek powerhouse;
- Addition of a temporary floating camp (0.2 Ha) to house additional construction personnel; and
- Certified Project Description (CPD) and Table of Conditions (TOC) (specifically Conditions #11, #12 and #22) to improve language clarity to better support EAC compliance and enforcement.

The public comment period is 14-days. During this period, the public is invited to submit concerns regarding *new* or *additional* adverse impacts that might result from the proposed amendment.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed changes are identified for consideration as part of the amendment process.

The comment period will begin on November 27, 2015, and conclude on December 11, 2015. All comments within the scope of the application for amendment will be considered as part of EAO's review.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form at**
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>
- **By Mail:**
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An electronic copy of the Certificate Holder's application for amendment is available at:

EAO website:

https://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_project_doc_list_313_k_ama.html.

Certificate Holder website:

www.bluearth.ca/narrowsinlet.

NOTE: All submissions received by the EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Amendment are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.

