

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

April – September 2012: Bat Surveys

The Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) is now in Stage 3, the environmental and regulatory review phase, which will include an independent environmental assessment. Stage 3 work includes conducting environmental and engineering field studies on and around the Peace River between the Williston Reservoir and the Alberta border. Site C is in the early stages of a cooperative environmental assessment process by federal and provincial regulatory agencies, which includes a joint review panel.

BC Hydro is currently conducting bat surveys. Surveys will occur within and adjacent to sites that will be directly affected by the proposed project, within the broader Peace Region between April and September 2012. The surveys are being conducted to determine species presence and assess the potential for summer roost sites and hibernacula.

The surveys will be conducted by a professional biologist and field technician. Detector installation will be in May and detectors may be used until the end of August. The detectors are equipped with solar panels and microphones with long cables, and placed in secure, waterproof housing.

Accessing properties for the field studies will be ground based (foot and vehicle).

Field study updates are available at www.bchydro.com/sitec and in the Community Consultation offices in Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope.

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BAT SURVEYS April - September 2012

- BC Hydro is conducting a bat hibernacula study in the Peace Region
- Aerial and ground surveys and acoustic monitoring will take place between the location of the proposed Site C Dam and the Alberta border
- BC Hydro will obtain permissions before land is accessed and work is performed
- Keystone Wildlife Research is leading the work