

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

May – November 2012: Peace, Pine, Moberly and Halfway River Fish Movement

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.

Building on the 2010 and 2011 studies, the 2012 study will build understanding of the movement of fish in the Peace River and its tributaries. The study will also document the abundance and timing of movement of fish that move downstream from the Pine, Halfway and Moberly rivers into the Peace River, and downstream in the Peace River past the proposed Site C dam site during the open water period. The study will further describe the biological characteristics and relative abundance of fish collected by the rotary screw traps.

There will be five rotary screw traps placed in the rivers this summer. The study area includes the lower sections of the Pine River, Halfway River and Moberly River (one kilometre upstream from the confluence with Peace River), and the Peace River in the immediate vicinity of the Moberly River confluence.

The rotary screw trap will be operated from May through October. Daily sampling will occur seven days per week. Access to the sites will be by boat.

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Photo of a rotary screw trap in operation

PEACE, MOBERLY, AND HALFWAY RIVERS FISH MOVEMENT May – November 2012

- BC Hydro is conducting fish movement studies in the Peace, Pine, Halfway and Moberly Rivers
- Five rotary screw traps will be placed in the Peace and its tributaries
- Mainstream Aquatics is leading the work