

Field Studies Information Sheet

PEACE RIVER SITE C HYDRO PROJECT

BC Hydro to Conduct Helicopter and Airplane Surveys of Field Study Areas around the Peace River

BC Hydro will begin conducting aerial surveys for environmental field studies over the Peace River in the Fort St. John area beginning the week of March 31. The surveys will be conducted bi-monthly from the week of March 31 to the fall of 2008. The purpose of these aerial surveys is to determine the locations and movements of radio tagged fish in the Peace River mainstem and in the Peace River tributaries. This information will be used to develop baseline information for Stage 2 studies on the potential Site C project.

Because much of the information currently known about the potential Site C project is almost 25 years old, information from new field studies is required to update the engineering, environmental studies, and other technical work BC Hydro needs to complete before a decision on Site C can be made.

No decision has been made to build Site C. BC Hydro is taking a staged approach to the evaluation of Site C, and is currently in Stage 2 – Project Definition and Consultation. This stage involves further project definition, including environmental, engineering and socio-economic studies, as well as public consultation.

BC Hydro will post monthly information sheets that outline the nature and timing of field studies in the Fort St. John area. Information sheets are available on the website at www.bchydro.com/sitec and in the Community Consultation Office: 9948 100th Avenue, Fort St. John.

SITE C FIELD STUDIES

FISH MOVEMENT TRACKING PROGRAM

WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2008 TO FALL 2008

Helicopter and airplane flyovers of the Peace River area to be conducted bi-monthly on:

- Peace River mainstem from the Peace Canyon Dam downstream to the B.C.-Alberta border and potentially as far as Peace River, AB.
- Halfway River from the mouth to the upper headwater tributaries
- Pine River to the upper extent of the Sukunka and Burnt rivers, and the Murray River to Kinuseo Falls
- Beaton River to the Doig River confluence

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