

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

December 2012 – April 2015: Jackfish Lake Moose and Elk Monitoring Program

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 initiating a moose and elk monitoring study on the south bank of the Peace River, around the Jackfish Lake Road area, and in the area of the transmission right-of-way corridor. The first phase of the study will take place between winter 2012 and spring 2013, and will involve the capture and outfitting of 32 moose and elk with GPS collars. Net gun capture will be used to capture animals for collaring. Additional study animals may be captured during the winter of 2013 and early 2014 to replace those lost during the first year of study.

The second phase of the program will involve tracking collared animals for up to two years. Ground surveys will be used to investigate areas with high use as identified from the GPS data. Crews will conduct mortality investigations as required during the monitoring period.

The final phase of the study will involve removing the collars from the study animals following the two year monitoring period.

BC Hydro will obtain permissions prior to conducting work on private properties. Capture and collaring of study animals will not commence until a permit has been issued.

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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JACKFISH LAKE MOOSE AND ELK MONITORING PROGRAM December 2012 – April 2015

- BC Hydro is conducting a moose and elk monitoring study.
- Between winter 2012 and spring 2013, 32 GPS collars will be deployed on moose and elk.
- The study area is on the south bank of the Peace River, in the Jackfish Lake Road area.
- BC Hydro will seek permission before entering any private land.