

Field Studies Information Sheet

PEACE RIVER SITE C HYDRO PROJECT

BC Hydro conducting an angler and river-based recreation use survey in the Peace River area between Hudson's Hope and the B.C.-Alberta border.

BC Hydro is commencing a monthly angler and river-based recreation use survey along the Peace River and tributaries between Peace Canyon Dam and the B.C.–Alberta border. The survey will be used to develop baseline information as part of Stage 2 studies on the potential Site C Project.

This study will result in a detailed survey of current angler and recreational use and valid estimates of total angler effort and catch each year. Estimates of angler effort will be made using flyovers of the study area in fixed-wing aircraft. The average catch will be estimated from shore-based interviews at boat landing or fishing sites. Flyovers and interviews will be conducted on a monthly basis through 2008 and into 2009.

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 engineering, environmental studies, and other technical work.

No decision has been made to build Site C. BC Hydro is taking a stage-by-stage approach to the evaluation of the potential project 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.

Land access is required over public and private land. BC Hydro will obtain permission from landowners and leaseholders before accessing private property.

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

ANGLER AND RECREATION MONTHLY SURVEY – COMMENCING MAY 2008

Survey interviews are designed to capture relevant information. Examples of question topics include:

Angler Survey:

- Name of community where angler resides
- Total fishing time
- Total number of each species retained and released
- Type of fishing (shoreline or boat)

Recreation Use Survey:

- Access point (boat or foot access)
- Activity (motorized/non-motorized boat, hiking, camping)
- Party size
- Recreation user demographics

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