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To: [Amisk \[CEAA\]](#); [Testart.Tawanis \[CEAA\]](#)
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Subject: Re: Sucker Creek First Nation comments to Notification of CEAA 2012 Screening - proposed Amisk Hydroelectric Project - AHP Development Corp.
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To: Tawanis Testart,

Mark Calliou, Director of Consultation, Sucker Creek First Nation (SCFN), has forwarded the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA) notification of CEAA 2012 Screening - proposed Amisk Hydroelectric Project - AHP Development Corp. to me for review.

On behalf of SCFN and its Consultation team, following are the comments the community has after reviewing the proposed Amisk Hydroelectric Project description - Executive Summary, and the opportunity to conduct a site visit of the proposed dam site via boating (offered by Amisk):

- SCFN does not have sufficient capacity and understanding of the project at this time to confidently provide a complete adequacy review of the proposed project. However, we seek to work with the project proponent, Alberta Environment and Park, and CEAA to ensure that the proposed project will not have any potentially direct or adverse impact to SCFN treaty rights and traditional uses.
- Section 1.5 does not address the inclusion of traditional environmental/ecological knowledge in the EIA methods;
- The proponent has conducted a site visit with SCFN by boat only. Unfortunately, Elders and community members participating in the site visit did not comprehend and were unable to visually see the overall proposed activity to be constructed in the Peace River nor were they able to see the vegetation that runs along the Peace River (the bed and shore of the river). As such, SCFN will require a terrestrial site visit to determine potential impacts to traditional use as there are many known traditional use sites surrounding the proposed project site. The traditional uses includes camp and plant harvesting for medicinal and food purpose.
- Does SCFN use the Peace River for navigation? The Navigation Protection Act is triggered, so Treaty rights may be affected (Section 2.1.2) and should be considered. In addition, we have known sites of traditional camp sites surrounding the proposed project site and does suggest that navigation of the Peace River may have be utilized by community members in the past.

tached is the CEAA form that was provided to SCFN as part of the CEAA letter for your review.

AHP Development Corporation – Amisk Hydroelectric Project
Agency File No.: 005521

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The Agency must determine whether a federal environmental assessment is required for this project. You can contribute to the decision-making process by providing the information available to your group at this time on the Project's anticipated environmental effects and impacts on your potential or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights. You may use this form or use another format of your choice.

5. Please identify any environmental effects of the Project that are of concern to your group or community. Also please identify environmental effects that are not listed in the project description.

impacts to traditional use plants (riparian vegetation) that may be flooded due to increased water levels.

- Impacts to migratory bird species, fish and wildlife. Reduction in habitat quality of fish. Pollutants such as mercury.
2. Please describe how the potential environmental effects of the Project could result in changes to your group or community's:

(a) health and socio-economic conditions (e.g. country foods, drinking water, logging or other commercial activities that rely on natural resources)

(b) physical and cultural heritage (e.g. ceremonial sites, burial sites, cultural landscapes)

There are many SCFN traditional use sites surrounding the Peace River. The traditional uses include Camps and plant harvesting for medicinal and food purposes.

(c) current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes (e.g. hunting, fishing, trapping)

Traditional use plants that are found within riparian area. Hunting and fishing

(d) structures, sites or things of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance (e.g. artifacts, important historic buildings or symbols)

3. If you expect the Project may impact your potential or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights, please describe how.

This project may adversely impact SCFN's ability to gather traditional use plants found in the area.

The project may impact migratory bird species and migratory mammals such as deer.

Mark Calliou
Print Name of responder

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Signature

Director of Consultation
Title of responder

NOV. 16, 2015
Date

Please respond to the above questions by November 16, 2015 via email at CEAA.Amisk.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca or fax at (780) 495-2876. Thank you.