

Federal Authority Advice Record

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ATCO Salt Cavern Storage Expansion Project – ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd.

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1. Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed?

If yes, specify the Act of Parliament and that power, duty or function.

Based on the information provided, it is not likely that Fisheries and Oceans Canada may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty of function to allow this project to proceed.

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2. Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?

Specify as appropriate.

DFO is not in possession of specialist or expert information related to this project, as proposed.

A Fisheries Act paragraph 35(2)(b) Authorization will be required if the project is likely to cause the harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction to fish habitat and/or a Fisheries Act paragraph 34.4(2)(b) Authorization if the project is likely to result in the death of fish. The proponent should submit a Request for Review for DFO which outlines the specific impacts of the project on fish and fish habitat for review under the Fisheries Act.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada also reviews projects for effects to listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals in a manner which is prohibited under sections 32, 33 and subsection 58(1) of the Species at Risk Act.

Guidance on requesting a review from Fisheries and Oceans can be found at: <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/reviews-revues/request-review-demande-d-examen-001-eng.html>

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3. Has your department or agency considered the Project; exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?

Specify as appropriate.

No.

4. Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project? (for example, enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the project)

Provide an overview of the information or advice exchanged.

No previous contact.

5. Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge not specified, above?

Specify as appropriate.

No.

6. From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, what are the issues that should be addressed in the impact assessment of the Project, should the Agency determine that an impact assessment is required?

For each issue discussed, provide a concise, plain-language summary that is appropriate for inclusion in the Summary of Issues.

As proposed, it is our understanding that there will be no in-water works related to this project. Should works be proposed that may impact fish and fish habitat, we recommend that this information be provided to DFO. For example, water crossings that may be required to access the site.

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