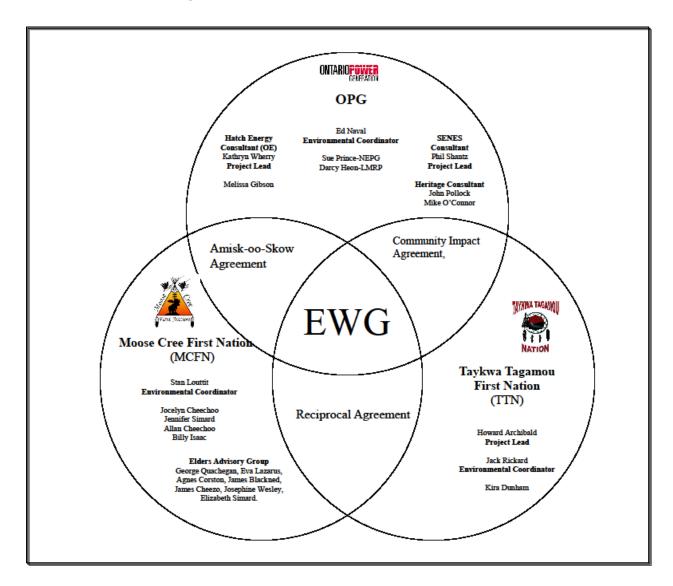


## **Environmental Working Group**

## **Monthly Report**

**June 2011** 

# **ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP**Relationship Organizational Chart



#### **ACTIONS COMPLETED**

- Weekly Environmental Working Group (EWG) and EWG/Kiewit Alarie, a Partnership (KAP) meetings.
  - > The EWG review its Action Items that include priority permit reviews, and deliverables to the Mattagami Extensions Coordinating Committee (MECC).
  - > KAP gives EWG a construction up date every week and discusses any upcoming issues and/or urgent permit reviews.
  - > Specific items that were discussed are below.
- Preparation for Environmental Effects Monitoring Workshop Continuing coordination of logistics for workshop and confirmation of presenters/EWG attendee list. Revision of the EEM Workshop Framework and Plan to update and reflect EWG comments and most recent information.
- Discussions and review of Smoky Falls Fish Habitat Compensation Plan Revision with KAP regarding KAP's proposed changes to the current fish habitat compensation plan. Reviewing Fish Habitat Compensation.
- Ongoing review and compilation of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) for the Lower Mattagami River Project.
- Determination of Project Environmental Reporting review schedule for EWG and presentation of the Reports to the MECC.
- Review of Project Environmental Reports required for the month of July 2011 (Operations Overview report) .
- Further discussion of Project Environmental Report from month of May 2011 and June 2011, and Term and Condition #4.
- Environmental Lead Auditor accreditation training.

#### **ACTIONS TO BE COMPLETED FOR 2011**

|  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Draft of Traditional Ecological Knowledge in relation to the Lower |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Mattagami River Project.   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Environmental Effects Monitoring Workshop                          |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Environmental Assessment (EA) Variances – EWG Review and           |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Submission to MECC   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| EA Terms and Conditions Environmental Compliance Plan – EWG        |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Review and Submission to MECC.                                     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| EWG Terms of Reference (ToR) – Submission to MECC                  |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| EWG Work Plan – Submission to MECC                                 |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| EWG Environmental Due Diligence Audit #1                           |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| Environmental Audit – Accreditation Training                       |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| EWG presentation to the MECC the LMRP "Operations Report"          |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| (fulfills Condition 4(a) of EA T&Cs).                              |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |

|   | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec         |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------------|
| EWG present to the MECC "Fish Habitat Assessment Report", and           |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     | •    |     |     |             |
| "Baseline Fish Methyl Mercury Report" (fulfills Condition 4b. of EA     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| T&Cs).  |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| EWG present to the MECC "Cost Benefit Analysis of Mitigating and        |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| Reducing Adam Creek Spill" (fulfills Condition 4(c) and (e) of EA       |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| T&Cs).  |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     | <u> </u>    |
| EWG present to the MECC the methods and means of ensuring that          |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| restrictions on hunting and fishing (fulfills Condition 5(a) and (c) of |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| EA T&Cs).   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     | <u> </u>    |
| EWG present to the MECC "Terrestrial Habitat Restoration                |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| Downstream of Kipling GS" (fulfills Condition 4b. of EA T&Cs).          |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     | <u> </u>    |
| EWG present to the MECC a Public Information Program to                 |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| communicate the results of fish methyl mercury baseline reports         |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| (fulfills Condition 7(a) and (b) of EA T&Cs).                           |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     | <u> </u>    |
| EWG present to the MECC the cumulative effects data developed           |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| during the Federal EA process (fulfills Condition 8(a) and (b) of EA    |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| T&Cs).  |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| EWG present to the MECC the results and recommendations of              |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| periodic re-evaluations (fulfills Condition 10 of EA T&Cs).             |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| EWG present to the MECC "Hydroelectric Generating Facilities            |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     | TBD in 2012 |
| Decommissioning Plan" (fulfills Condition 11(a) of EA T&Cs).            |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |
| EWG present to the MECC "The Noise Protocol Plan" (fulfills             |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     | TBD in 2012 |
| Condition 18 of EA T&Cs).   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |             |

#### Construction

#### **General**

- Permanent Camp Phase 4 dormitory erection continued from last month. As of the end of June, 697 rooms were available on site, split between the permanent and temporary camps.
- Mould was discovered in some of the unoccupied dorms. Testing has confirmed that it is not
  on the list of hazardous moulds as identified by Health Canada. A cleaning campaign is under
  way.
- Batch Plant Electrical and mechanical issues with the ice plant are being addressed. A new transformer was installed to take the additional load from the ice plant compressor. The weigh scale was installed on its foundation and grading around the scale was completed.

• The megadome is being erected at the Smoky Falls site. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, twenty nine of thirty four frames are assembled, erected, anchored to concrete blocks and braced together (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Working on the Megadome construction

#### **Smoky Falls**

- Rock excavation and support is complete on the west side of the approach channel. Rock bolt grouting on the west side is outstanding.
- Stabilization of the rock face affected by the rock slide and other areas of concern continues using shotcrete and rock bolts (Figure 2).
- Excavation of Unit 3 is under way.
- The first two reinforced concrete pours at Smoky Falls have successfully been completed. The first pour occurred on June 18<sup>th</sup> and was 474 m<sup>3</sup> and the second pour occurred on June 29<sup>th</sup> and was 300 m<sup>3</sup>.



Figure 2: Installing the rockbolts on the East Wall in Zone 1

#### **Little Long**

- Drill and shoot operations at the bullnose area are ongoing and 14 blasts are complete for the bullnose and upper bench penstock areas (Figure 3).
- All small trees have been removed from the east wall and mechanical and hand scaling is complete. Wire mesh installation is proceeding.

- The penstock mud slab was poured on June 22<sup>nd</sup> (38 m<sup>3</sup>).
- Removal of logs and debris from the G3 intake continued, but was put on hold as of June 22<sup>nd</sup> to allow for the installation of the sectional gates.



Figure 3: Excavation operation in the Bull Nose area

#### Harmon

- A spillway test occurred on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was minor right bank erosion at the toe of the roadway when spilling at gate 1. The spill test was considered successful, and rip rap will be installed to protect the roadway.
- Cofferdam Cell #1 construction was completed with the completion of sand backfilling.
- The construction power transformer was temporarily relocated to repair some ground subsidence and returned to its original location once the repairs were completed.
- Work to prepare the shore-tie in template and begin installation is ongoing. The shore tie-in will be installed once cofferdam Cell #2 has its spud piles installed (Figure 4).
- Clamming for trash removal in the area of cofferdam Cell #2 is complete and the Cell #2 template is in position on a barge. Spud pile installation for Cell #2 is under way.

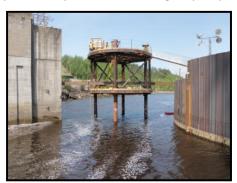


Figure 4: Harmon - Working on the Cell 2



Figure 5: Kipling Site – Tower Crane

#### **Kipling**

- The spillway test on June 2<sup>nd</sup> was considered successful, as it allowed 600 cms to be spilled at all the Lower Mattagami stations.
- On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, KAP environment representatives declared the official departure of the nesting birds from the intake hoist frame. The tower crane was erected and as of June 24<sup>th</sup> it was erected and final testing was under way (Figure 5).
- An office pad near the Kipling west powerhouse area has been cleared of all topsoil and
  grubbing material. The excavated area was backfilled and office trailers are being mobilized
  to the constructed pad. Fibre optic cables for communications have been brought to the site
  but are not yet connected to the office trailers.

### **Monthly Summary – June 2011**

| SPILLS   |                                       |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| No.  | of Spills:                            | 12; Spill Reports 125 breakdown). | 5 – 136 (see Figure 6 for LMRP spills                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clas   | sification of Spills:                 | Project Classification            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | Minor – 10 Moder                  | rate – 1 Major – 0 To Water - 1                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | MOE Classification                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | Non-reportable - 8                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | Reportable to MOE                 | Reportable to MOE                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | - Class C – 4                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | - Class B – 0                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | - Class A                         | <b>4</b> − 0   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rep  | Reportable Spills                     |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No.  | Quantity /Product Spilled             | Spill Site                        | Reason for being Reportable                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | 6 L/ Diesel Fuel                      | Smoky Falls Island (New           | Reportable on Land - spill came from                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | Tailrace Box Cut)                 | non-motorized vehicle                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | 1 L /Vegetable based hydraulic oil    | Harmon (Marine Pad)               | Reportable - spill came from non-<br>motorized vehicle |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | 10 m <sup>3</sup> /Sewage             | Smoky Falls Permanent             | Reportable in Water                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 16 m / Semage                         | Camp Waste Water                  | Reportable in Water                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | Treatment Plant                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | 30 L/Sewage                           | Smoky Falls –                     | Reportable on Land – due to quantity                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Powerhouse<br>Excavation              |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Droi   | Lect Classification (KAP)             | MOE Classification                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| _  | ect classification (KAP)<br>or: ≤ 10L |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | Non-reportable: < 100L            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moderate: Between 10L and 100L<br>Major: ≥100L |                                       |                                   | Reportable to MOE  • Class C - Less Serious            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                                       |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Vater: Any amount is report           | • Class B – Serious               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (See   | Figure 7: KAP Spills Respor           | Class A – Very Serious            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

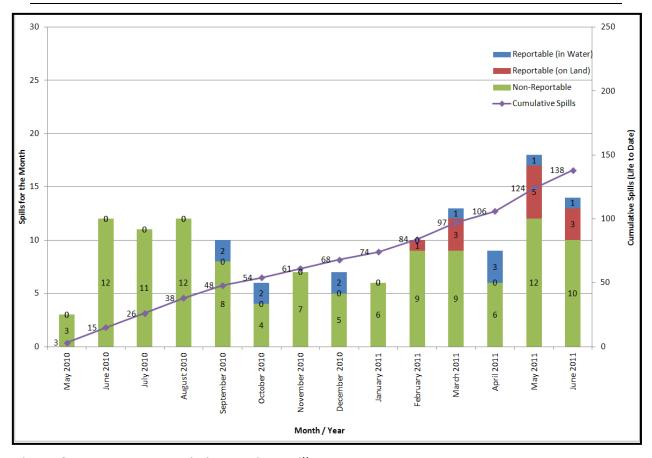


Figure 6: Lower Mattagami River Project spills

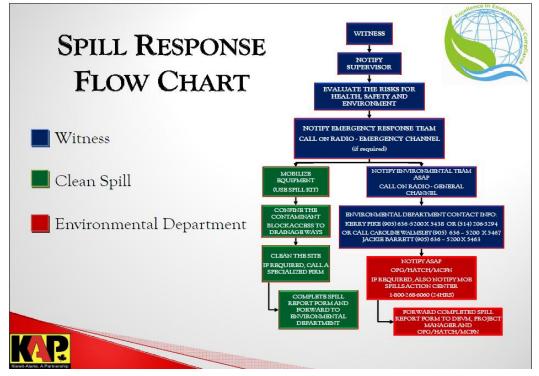
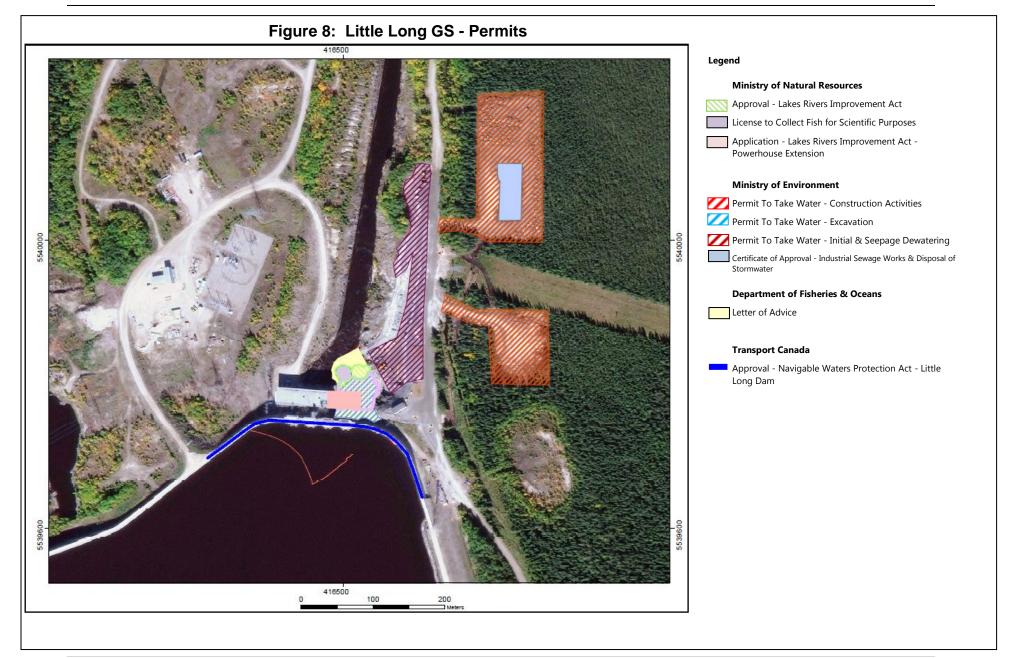
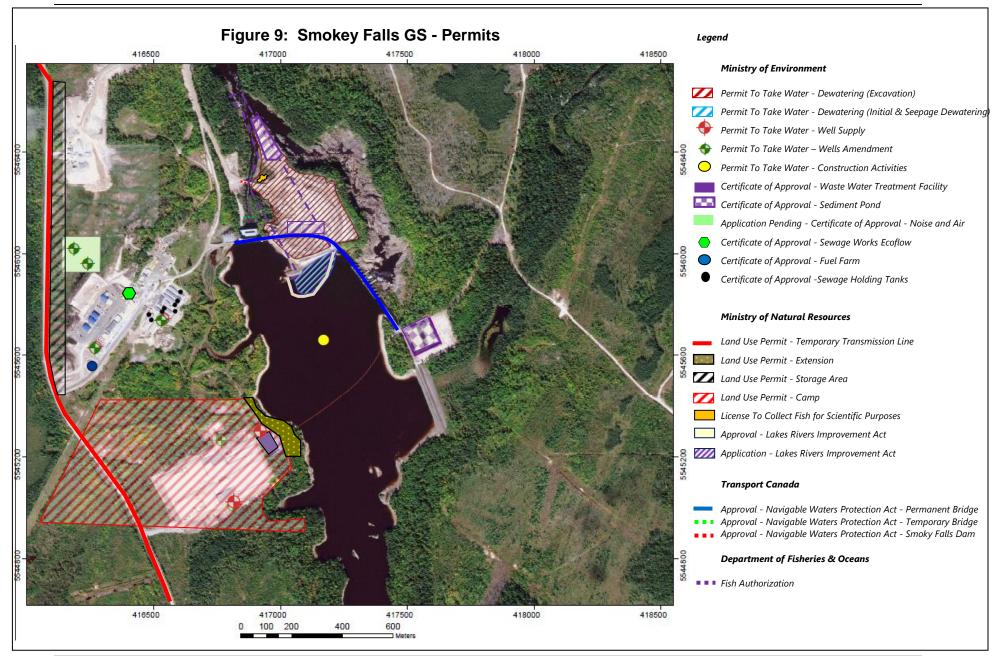


Figure 7: KAP Spills Response Flowchart

| DEDIATE AND ADDROVAL DEVENA  |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| PERMIT AND APPROVAL REVIEW   |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| No. Reviewed:  | 3 | List: | <ul> <li>Smoky Falls - Fish Habitat Compensation</li> </ul>        |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |       | <ul> <li>Harmon Generating Station (GS) Extension - MNR</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |       | Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA) Plans and                  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |       | Specifications Approval  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |       | Smoky Falls Powerhouse LRIA Approval                               |  |  |  |  |
| No. Sent to KAP:   | 2 | List: | Smoky Falls - Fish Habitat Compensation                            |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |       | <ul> <li>Harmon GS Extension - MNR LRIA Plans and</li> </ul>       |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |       | Specifications Approval  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |       | Smoky Falls Powerhouse LRIA Approval                               |  |  |  |  |
| REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (RFIs)  |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| No. Reviewed:  | 1 | List: | Smoky Falls-Proposed Permanent Bridge Approach                     |  |  |  |  |
| No. Sent to KAP:   | 0 | List: | N/A  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| See figures 8 to 11 below for site location of the permits that have been or are pending |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| approval.  |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |





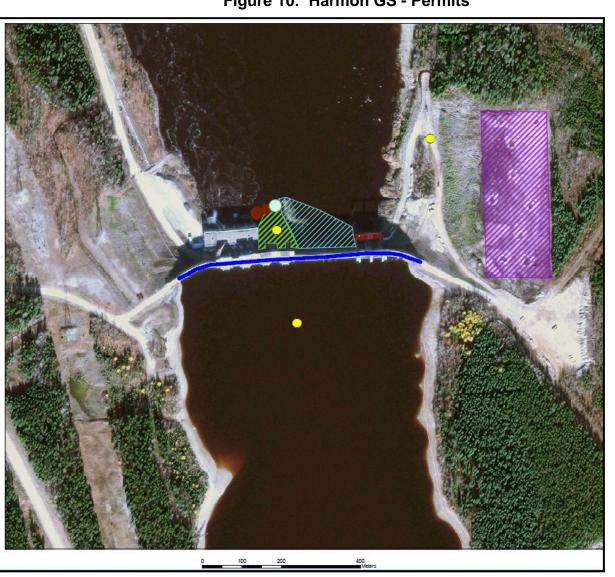


Figure 10: Harmon GS - Permits

#### Legend

#### **Ministry of Natural Resources**

Approval - Lakes Rivers Improvement Act

Lakes River Improvement Act - Phase IB – Cofferdam

License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes

#### Ministry of Environment

Application Pending - Certificate of Approval -

Sediment Pond

Permit To Take Water - Dewatering

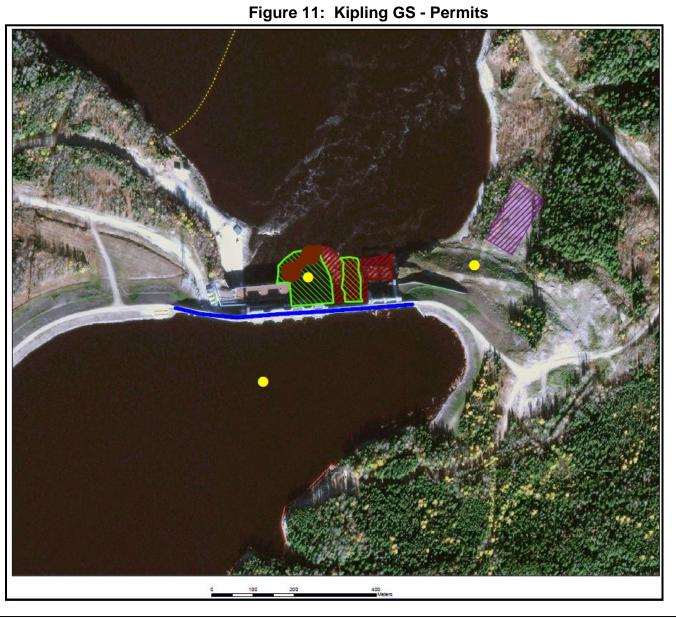
#### **Department of Fisheries & Oceans**

Letter of Advice

#### **Transport Canada**

Navigable Waters Protection Act

- · · Approval - Navigable Waters Protection Act - Temporary Bridge



Legend

#### **Ministry of Natural Resources**

Approval Phase 1A - Marine Access Pad

Application Pending - Lakes Rivers Improvement Act - Phase II

#### Department of Fisheries & Oceans

Letter of Advice

#### **Ministry of Environmental**

Application Pending for Certificate of Approval - Sediment Pond

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Permit To Take Water – Dewatering

#### **Transport Canada**

Approval - Navigable Waters Protection Act - Kipling Dam

#### **Issues and Concerns**

- Due to summer schedules, members of the EWG are having trouble discussing the technical reviews of reports related to the EA Terms and Conditions with their respective MECC members.
  - Action Required: MCFN members have been able to meet with their MECC member on a regular basis. The related members of the EWG and the MECC must continue to schedule time to discuss the technical reviews of the EA Term and Condition reports.
- Concerns were expressed during the EWG meetings that KAP was once again enquiring about using the walking trail within the Moose Cree heritage zone.
  - Action Required: The MCFN environmental coordinator will directly contact KAP (Dana Francis) on this issue. The MCFN will make a decision on whether or not the walking trail within the Moose Cree heritage zone can be used.