

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Kokish River Hydroelectric Project

Open Houses *and* Invitation to Comment

Kwagis Power Limited Partnership (Proponent) is proposing to develop a run-of-river hydroelectric facility on the Kokish River located approximately 15 kilometres east of Port McNeill, BC (proposed Project). The proposed Project would have a nameplate capacity of 45 megawatts of electricity.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act), and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Proponent has now submitted an application to obtain an environmental assessment certificate (Application) which is required before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project.

In order to provide information to the public about the Application, and to receive comments from the public, the Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) invites the public to attend **Open Houses** to be held:

at: **Alert Bay Fire Hall (359 Fir St, Alert Bay, BC)**
on: **October 5, 2010; and**
at: **Black Bear Resort (1812 Campbell Way, Port McNeill, BC)**
on: **October 7, 2010**
from: **4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

At **6:00 p.m.** there will be a presentation by the EAO and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on the process with an opportunity to ask questions about the process. A second presentation will also be given by the Proponent on the proposed Project.

There are 45 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the Application. The comment period will begin on **October 4, 2010** and end at midnight on **November 18, 2010**. All comments received during this comment period will be considered.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed Project are

identified for consideration as part of the assessment process.

The EAO accepts public comments in the following ways:

- **By Online Form at**
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>
- **By Mail:**
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- **By Fax:**
Fax: 250-356-6448

An electronic copy of the Application and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Copies of the Application are also available for viewing at these locations:

- Alert Bay Public Library and Museum
(118 Fir St, Alert Bay, BC)
- Vancouver Island Regional Library
(4-1584 Broughton Blvd, Port McNeill, BC)
- Port McNeill Town Hall
(1775 Grenville Pl, Port McNeill, BC)

The Proponent has requested that the following provincial permits be reviewed concurrently under the Act:

- Approval under section 9 of the *Water Act* for Work In and Around Kokish River;
- Water Licence under the *Water Act*;
- Lease, Licence or Right of Way under the *Land Act*;

These applications are also available on the EAO's website at www.eao.gov.bc.ca and at the above locations. Comments on these may also be submitted to the EAO during the comment period as described above.

NOTE: All submissions received by the EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.



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