



Aishihik re-licensing: What matters to you?

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Yukon Energy’s water use license for the Aishihik hydro facility expires at the end of 2019. The license, along with a Fisheries Act Authorization, sets out the rules for how the facility can operate. The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) and Yukon Energy are taking a new, more collaborative approach with regard to the 2019 water license renewal. Both parties acknowledge historic challenges between CAFN and Yukon Energy, and want to improve relationships, in part, by establishing a formal framework to collaborate on the renewal of the Aishihik water license. We have signed a protocol agreement to co-manage the license renewal process.

What does co-management mean and what is in the protocol agreement?

The protocol agreement sets out a process that involves input from a technical advisory group and a CAFN community-based advisory group. Through the agreement, Yukon Energy and CAFN promise to respect the CAFN Final Agreement, its purposes and objectives. The protocol agreement ensures that CAFN is to be fully engaged on the license renewal as a Yukon First Nation, stakeholder, and potential proponent and investor. CAFN retains the right to participate freely in the regulatory review and may oppose any or all parts of the proposal.

How will my values and interests be considered?

Yukoners’ interests and values will be taken into account when determining the potential impacts of the Aishihik re-licensing. Please let us know what matters to you, so it can be considered during this process.

Values include, but are not limited to:

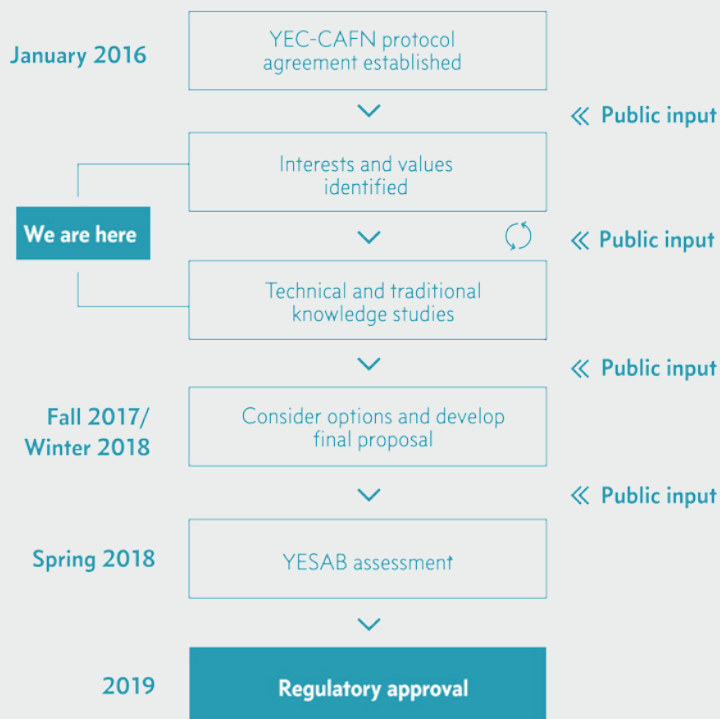
Socio-Economic	Environmental
Heritage resources	Fish and fish habitat
Community identity and well-being	Birds and other wildlife
Traditional/wage economy	Wetland health
Public safety	Wildlife movement and access
Electricity rates	Shoreline stability
Recreation	Water quality

What studies will be done? Will you consider traditional knowledge?

CAFN traditional knowledge will play a significant role in informing and making decisions about the project. CAFN is leading the traditional knowledge research. Studies/research are being done by a team of consultants directed by both CAFN and Yukon Energy.

Examples of Studies	
Muskrat	Downstream icing
Waterfowl/waterbird survey	Downstream erosion
Lake shoreline erosion	Hydrology/water quality
Heritage impact assessment	Fish and fish habitat
Lake Whitefish population survey	Wildlife and wildlife habitat
Socio-economic studies	Power benefits modeling

Timeline



Next Steps

- Complete studies by late this year
- Hold more public information sessions later this year/early in 2018
- Submit project proposal to YESAB in Spring 2018
- Submit license application to Yukon Water Board in 2019

There will be opportunities for you to provide input throughout this process.