

March 10, 2020

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST HEARING RE: PLACER MINING IN
WETLANDS**

The Yukon Water Board (the “Board”) has determined there is a genuine interest and concern respecting placer mining activities occurring in wetlands, and thus, will be holding a public interest hearing pursuant to section 19(1) of the *Waters Act*. This public hearing is not related to specific water licence applications. Rather, it is related to the broader issue of placer mining activities occurring in wetlands.

The public hearing will take place at the Coast High Country Inn in Whitehorse from April 15 to April 17, 2020 and at the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture in Dawson City from April 21 to April 22, 2020.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information to further develop the Board’s *Wetland Information Guidelines* and to hear views about placer mining activities occurring in wetlands.

The Board is specifically inviting perspectives on the following questions:

1. What information should be required to support a water licence application related to placer mining activities in wetland areas?
2. What should the wetland conservation, development and utilization objectives be for a watershed and how can they be balanced on an application by application basis?
3. What wetland reclamation objectives should be considered during the water licensing process?

The Board requests that intentions to make a representation at the hearing do so by **March 27, 2020 at 4:30 pm** via email at ywb@yukonwaterboard.ca, by phone, or in person at the Water Boards’ office. A preliminary agenda for the hearing accompanies this notice.

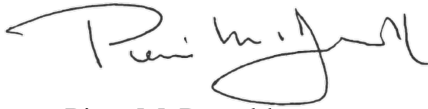
Parties or individuals unable to attend in person are welcome to provide written submissions to the Water Board until April 22, 2020 at 4:30 pm. Written submissions may be made via email to ywb@yukonwaterboard.ca or by submitting comments using WATERLINE under Application File No. PM20-018.

Additional public hearing details will be posted to WATERLINE under

Application File No. PM20-018, including the preliminary agenda and reference documents including the *Wetland Information Guidelines*. A notification of the hearing is on our website at www.yukonwaterboard.ca.

The proceedings of the hearing will be live-broadcast via web-stream for those unable to attend all or part of the hearings.

Sincerely,

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Piers McDonald
Chair, Yukon Water Board

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(March 9, 2020)

PLACER MINING IN WETLANDS PUBLIC INTEREST HEARING

April 15 to April 17, 2020 (Whitehorse)

April 21 to April 22, 2020 (Dawson, agenda to be confirmed)

1. Welcoming Comments and Opening Prayer
2. Roundtable Introductions
3. Opening Statement – Yukon Water Board
4. Hearing Process/Procedures – Yukon Water Board
5. Invited Presentations
6. Representations from Participants
7. Participants Closing Remarks
8. Closing Statement – Yukon Water Board
9. Closing Prayer