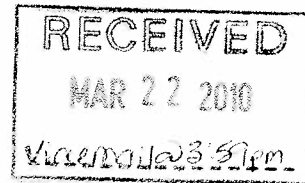




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MS09-287
YG Highways & Public Works

Yukon Water Board
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Attn: Kelly Boutilier
Licencing Officer

Re: Intervention for Type B Water Licence Application MS09-287, Yukon Highways and Public Works, Atlin Road Realignment and Haunka Creek Bridge Replacement

Yukon Department of Environment has completed its review of this Type B water licence application. We are not requesting that the Board convene a hearing for this application, but will attend should the Board choose to hold a hearing.

The H&PW road alignment will be intersecting and crossing an unnamed creek in the vicinity of km 12 on the Atlin Road. Based on the watercourse and water crossing/road construction information made available, it appears that the proponent will not require a water licence for the construction activity on the unnamed creek at km 12.

During a recent field trip, Water Resources Branch observed that a 3" black hose waterline is situated on the creek. The waterline outlet extends from a cluster of residential lots situated at km 12 to the water inlet situated at a significantly higher elevation. It appears that local residents are using freshwater from the creek for domestic use.

H&PW will be installing a culvert on the creek as part of the realignment construction project. H&PW is aware of the waterline and has recently been in contact with land occupants/water users. From observations and information contained in the YOR 2009-0179 project description, Water Resources Branch recommends to the Yukon Water Board that H&PW employ the following mitigations prior to and during highway construction at the km 12 unnamed creek:

- 1) Default to the standard mitigations contained in Haunka Creek Water Licence;
- 2) Provide details and advanced notice to the users of the waterline regarding construction period and scheduled interruptions of waterline use;
- 3) Use best environmental practices for installing a culvert and working in and around a stream.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the application. A copy of this intervention has been mailed to the applicant at the address provided in Schedule IV of the application.

Regards,



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Environmental Affairs

cc Rob Walker
Manager, Environmental Affairs
Highways and Public Works