

YUKON WATER Board
REASONS FOR DECISION
Water Use Application PM09-646 , John, Diane and Buddy Gow
Amendment to Water Use Licence PM03-346

The Yukon Water Board (“the Board”) has made licensing decisions with respect to water use application PM09-646 for an amendment to Water Use Licence PM03-346.

The purpose of the application is to amend Effluent Quality Standard of the Licence to reflect the standard outlined in the New Fish Habitat Management Regime. The application area is categorized as Freshwater Fisheries Production Zone under the new Fish Habitat Management Regime.


Notice of the application was provided in accordance with the requirements of the *Waters Act* and the *Placer Mining Land Use Regulation*. In response, the Board did not receive any interventions.

This application did not require an environmental assessment under the YESAA as the application was to change a regulatory standard and no operational changes to the Original Licence that did undergo an environmental assessment through CEEA.

The Board considered information from DFO on the subject of changing to the new Effluent Quality Standard, in this case the change in the standard is only a change in the method of measuring the discharge. The original method was a measurement of suspended solids where as the new standard will measure the settleable solids. The 1.5ml/L settleable solid standard is equivalent to the original 1100 mg/L suspended solid standard.

Conclusion

The Board has relied on the representations, warranties and undertakings provided by the Licensee in the material filed in the application. The Board has approved the amendment to Water Use Licence PM03-346.



Chairperson
Yukon Water Board

November 25, 2009
Date