

REASONS FOR DECISION

WATER USE APPLICATION RE04-019 YUKON ENERGY CORPORATION NORTH AISHIHIK LAKE

The Yukon Water Board (the board) has concluded deliberations pertaining to Water Use Licence Application RE04-019 for a Type B Licence for a recreational undertaking.

The purpose of the application is to construct a boat launch at the north end of Aishihik Lake near Aishihik Village.

Notice of this application was provided in accordance with the requirements of the *Waters Act*. In response, the board received interventions from the following parties:

Government of Yukon-Environment and
Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The board did not receive a request for a public hearing. The applicant did respond to the interventions and provided revised design drawings and rationale for the project location. The applicant's response was circulated to the interveners and to the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations for comment resulting in a 2nd letter of intervention from Government of Yukon.

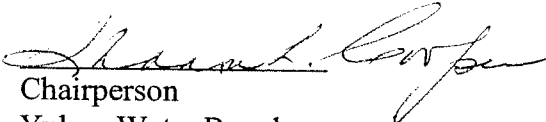
Prior to making licensing decisions, the board undertook an integrated environmental assessment of this project, pursuant to the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Government of Yukon-Land Use as Responsible Authorities. The board is satisfied that any known adverse effects that may be caused by the project are insignificant or can be mitigated with known technology or reasonable work practices.

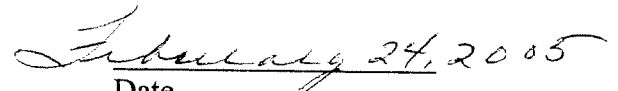
In making licensing decisions pertaining to this application, the board took into account the application itself, the integrated screening report, the recommendations of interveners, the board's standard licence requirements, Territorial Resources Base Map 115H/11 and 115H/12 and Board policies.

The board determined that the licence will include an expiry date of July 1, 2029 as proposed by Yukon Energy Corporation.

In regards to the construction and maintenance of the proposed boat launch, dredge channel, mooring facility and access via the existing berm, the Board determined that Yukon Energy Corporation provided sufficient detail to authorize a water use licence for the works for the duration of the water use licence. The licence includes mitigation to prevent sedimentation including the use of sediment fences to sedimentation of the lake during construction activities.

To ensure that the boat launch is maintained, the board determined that the licence will permit Yukon Energy Corporation to re-dredge the bed of Aishihik Lake in order to remove any build-up of sediment.


Chairperson
Yukon Water Board


Date