

REASONS FOR DECISION

WATER USE APPLICATION RE07-022 Government of Yukon Little Atlin Lake Boat Launch, Km 3.8 on the Atlin Road

The Yukon Water Board (“the Board”) has concluded deliberations pertaining to Water Use Licence Application RE07-022 for a Type B Licence for a recreational undertaking.

The purpose of the application is to widen the boat launch into Little Atlin Lake at Km 3.8 on the Atlin Road. The existing ramp will be removed and a new ramp will be installed made of concrete pads.

Notice of this application was provided in accordance with the requirements of the *Waters Act*. There were no interventions received for this application.

In making licensing decisions pertaining to this application, the Board took into account the *Waters Act*, *Waters Regulation*, the application, the Board’s standard licence requirements, the Decision Document, Chapter 14 of the Umbrella Final Agreement and Board policies.

YESAA

An environmental assessment under the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* (YESAA), was completed for Upgrading the Atlin Road between Km6 - 11.8 and this project was included in that assessment. Prior to making licensing decisions, the Board reviewed the YESAA Decision Document that is included in the water use register. As per section 86 of YESAA, the Board is satisfied that the issuance of this licence is not contrary to the conditions included in the Decision Document. However, the Board noted that the Decision Document included many terms and Conditions that restricted the Board’s ability in making licensing decisions.

Chapter 14

The Board examined the proposed use of water as it relates to Chapter 14 of the Umbrella Final Agreement, as to quantity, quality, or rate of flow of water flowing on, through or adjacent to settlement land, including seasonal rate of flow, as follows:

Mining Claims Map 105D/8 is included in the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Final Agreement and was reviewed for settlement land. Map105D/8 indicates settlement land parcel R-41B is near the project location, located on the northerly shore of Little Atlin Lake.

The project activities include adding rip-rap and granular material into Little Atlin Lake. The applicant has not proposed to use water, therefore the quantity and rate of water will not be substantially altered.

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The conditions of the licence will minimize sediment inputs into Little Atlin Lake. The board determined that these conditions will ensure that the quality of water will not be substantially altered.

In review of the locations of site specific settlement land in comparison to the purpose of the project and the methodology to be used to carry out the upgrade of the boat launch, it can be concluded that this project will not substantially alter the quantity, quality or rate of flow of water flowing on, through or adjacent to settlement land, including seasonal rate of flow.

Original signed by chairperson

Chairperson
Yukon Water Board

June 19, 2007

Date