

Site C: Indigenous Led Beaver Harvest

Planned for 15th to 19th April 2023

Based on input and direction through the Site C Environmental Forum, a Beaver Movement study was implemented from August 2020 to April 2021 to determine the impacts of changing water levels on beavers in the Peace River near Site C Dam. The results of the study suggest that fluctuating headpond water levels (water upstream of the dam) may lower the survival rates of beavers. Given the study findings and input from Indigenous Nations through the Site C Environmental Forum, a decision was made by interested Nations to proceed with proactively trapping beaver for traditional purposes. As reservoir filling is planned for as early as Fall 2023, the interested Nations have provided the guidance that the beaver harvest would be most effective in early spring 2023.

Supported traditional beaver harvest for Blueberry members

Timing: Saturday 15th April to Wednesday 19th April 2023

- Indigenous led with BC Hydro support
- upto **5 days** of supported traditional beaver harvest in the Site C reservoir
- funding to support participation for each day upto **5 band members**
i.e \$450 / per person
- Additional funding to support expenses i.e. accommodation (if required), mileage and per diem
- jet boat transportation provided
- daily meeting location planned to be **Halfway River Boat Launch**
- harvest area includes the future Site C reservoir e.g. downstream of Hudson Hope to upstream of Site C Dam
- safety protocols will need to be reviewed and discussed daily during safety tailboard meeting
- **Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) will be required** for those wishing to use firearms for harvest



If interested or if you would like additional information please contact Blueberry Lands Department or council family rep.

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