

## **Appendix I: Other Crown Measures Related to West Coast Energy Infrastructure**

The West Coast Energy Initiative (WCEI) was implemented in 2014 to facilitate a coordinated federal presence on the West Coast and ensure that federal engagement with Indigenous communities is translated into concrete actions and investments. Through the Initiative, Major Projects Management Office-West was created as a way for Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to build relationships with Indigenous communities, and work across multiple federal departments to facilitate Indigenous engagement and participation in west coast energy infrastructure development.

In addition to NRCan, the following departments play a role in the WCEI, including on project development through the Initiative's three program components: Strategic Partnerships Initiative – West Coast Energy (SPI-WCE), Skills and Partnership Fund (SPF), and Cumulative Effects Monitoring Initiative (CEMI) pilot project:

- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD)
- Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)

### **Engagement**

Two of MPMO-West's primary objectives – relationship building and responding to Indigenous issues and priorities – are best addressed through its engagement activities on west coast energy.

Community priorities and issues are identified through meetings, workshops, correspondence and other engagement, with steps taken to address them where possible and appropriate through collaboration with other departments, project support, and pathfinding to existing programming. Although MPMO-West plays a key role in this activity, other federal departments are implicated, both in terms of identifying issues, as well as being active participants in exploring timely options and solutions.

With respect to Indigenous communities potentially impacted by the proposed Trans Mountain Expansion Project (Project), WCEI partner departments have engaged with a number of First Nations and Indigenous organizations outside of the formal Crown consultation process for the Project. This engagement is oriented around a range of priorities expressed by communities, and is not linked to any major project consultation or accommodation undertaking: the summary presented in this Annex should not be construed to reflect Indigenous views on the Project, nor to constitute accommodations.

Over the course of this engagement, departments have identified and taken steps to address a range of priorities in collaboration with Indigenous communities, including those related to:

- land use planning

- environmental remediation
- fisheries and fish habitat
- marine safety in the Burrard Inlet and incident / environmental response
- impacts of pipelines and pipeline safety
- revenue sharing and impact benefit agreements
- reconciliation and relationships
- training and employment
- impacts of pipelines
- capacity challenges, including the time and resources to engage effectively on environmental assessments of major projects
- cumulative effects of resource development

In addition to direct engagement with First Nations and Indigenous organizations, partner departments have also participated in and supported a variety of workshops led and requested by First Nations to facilitate dialogue on energy infrastructure and broader resource development issues and opportunities:

- An *Energy Transportation Workshop* in Chilliwack in June 2016. The workshop aimed to: 1) enhance community understanding of the transportation of petroleum products in their territory; 2) provide a forum for First Nations, different levels of government, and response organizations to discuss issues related to emergency response; and 3) develop a framework for future collaboration that increases First Nation involvement, builds capacity and addresses gaps in emergency preparedness and response.
- The *First Nations and Oil Pipeline Development Summit* in Kamloops in October 2015. The two-day event brought together over 200 participants including representatives from Kinder Morgan, Indigenous leadership and businesses, the provincial (B.C.) and federal governments, and companies operating within the supply chain for a focussed discussion on the pipeline expansion project. Canadian energy specialists shared information and experience related to oil pipeline projects. Other speakers discussed examples of Indigenous involvement in similar energy projects, and their related risks and opportunities. Government speakers addressed regulatory and safety regimes related to pipelines.
- A *Marine Safety Workshop* in November 2015 with First Nations in the Lower Mainland to 1) identify the problem areas in marine safety and habitat restoration caused by increased vessel traffic, and 2) determine recommendations and next steps to improve marine safety and habitat protection in First Nation Territories.
- A *Trans-boundary Oil Spill Response Workshop*, which provided the opportunity for the Canadian and United States Coast Guards to educate Canadian Indigenous communities and US Tribes on response, promote transparency, and provide a listening session to hear input and concerns, with respect to areas comprising the international boundary waters in the Salish Sea, including

the Strait of Juan de Fuca and seaward approaches, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass and Strait of Georgia.

- A *Marine Risk Reduction Summit* in March 2014, bringing together Vancouver Island First Nations and those working in areas of marine safety and habitat restoration and protection to discuss opportunities and risks related to increased resource development along British Columbia's coast. Workshop topic areas were habitat protection and restoration, the marine safety system, and job readiness related to energy infrastructure development.
- Transport Canada, in partnership with First Nations along BC's south coast, is planning a series of *Marine Safety Workshops*. An introductory workshop will be held in the Lower Mainland, to be followed by tailored workshops with First Nations along the marine shipping corridor from the Port of Vancouver through the Juan de Fuca Strait. The workshops will include presentations on Marine Safety 101, and the Area Response Planning Pilot Project. Other relevant presentations are to include status of scientific research, marine communications systems, incident command, vessel traffic monitoring systems, review of the Navigation Protection Act, and other topics.
- The Canadian Coast Guard will host a *Situational Awareness* workshop in Victoria, BC where First Nation staff involved in community emergency management/marine search and rescue will be able to discuss their marine incident management needs and learn what technology current exists. Companies and organisations (e.g. Oceans Network Canada) that specialise in enhancing marine domain awareness will be invited to participate to demonstrate what might be possible to provide to First Nation communities.

### **The Strategic Partnership Initiative – West Coast Energy (SPI-WCE)**

INAC's Strategic Partnerships Initiative (SPI) was launched in 2010 to increase Indigenous participation in complex economic opportunities, particularly in the natural resource sectors. The program provides a mechanism for federal partners to fund proposals from First Nations that cannot be supported through existing federal government programs. Federal partners work together to support projects based on existing and emerging opportunities in various sectors of the economy.

Building on SPI's initial success, the Government of Canada created SPI-WCE (INAC and MPMO-West) in 2014. The \$61M allocation (over five years) is dedicated to facilitating Indigenous participation in west coast energy developments and addressing environmental concerns, including fish habitat. SPI-WCE investments respond to requests made by Indigenous communities through the submission of project proposals. In its third year, SPI-WCE has to date approved \$9.7M in funding with nearly 40 First Nations along the Project corridor in the following four priority areas:

#### **Early and Ongoing Engagement**

- Projects focus on enhancing community understanding and awareness of energy infrastructure development, and facilitate informed decision making by Indigenous communities. Projects along the TMX corridor have included community-led workshops to facilitate dialogue and learning.
- Select past projects include community workshops to discuss issues related to energy infrastructure development, (e.g. marine vessel transportation, pipeline safety, emergency response issues).

### Creating Jobs and Growth

- Projects are intended to support Indigenous community and business ability to benefit from the range of employment and business development opportunities arising from west coast energy infrastructure development.
- Select past projects include:
  - Capacity funding to support activities to create jobs and growth and enhanced participation in economic development (e.g. business supply chain analyses, skills development related to west coast energy employment opportunities, business or individual certification requirements, business feasibility studies, or contract bidding best practices).
  - Support for land use planning activities.

### Environmental Action

- Projects are intended to improve understanding of impacts from energy development, support Indigenous participation in environmental stewardship, and address Indigenous environmental priorities and issues.
- Select past projects include:
  - Environmental stewardship centre feasibility study
  - Collaborative initiative between First Nations and the BC government to develop water quality objectives

### Fish Habitat Restoration

- Projects are intended to support Indigenous community undertaking of and participation in projects to preserve, protect and restore local fish habitats.
- Select past projects include:
  - Addressing barriers to fish passage
  - Water quality monitoring
  - Feasibility and project design
  - Development and implementation of restoration projects
  - Small stream restoration