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MAYO B HYDRO PROJECT DRAFT SCREENING REPORT RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Executive Committee of the YESAB is set to release the Draft Screening Report for the Mayo B Hydro Expansion Project this Friday March 12, 2010. The Executive Committee has recommended that the project be allowed to proceed subject to specific terms and conditions that will mitigate the significant adverse effects identified.

The project, located five kilometers north of Mayo, is being proposed by the Yukon Energy Corporation. The proposed project will enhance the existing power generation capacity of the Mayo Hydro Dam from 5MW to 15 MW.

A number of environmental and socio-economic values have been identified and considered in the report. Stephen Mills, Executive Committee member of the YESAB says "The largest potential impacts of this project would likely be on fish and fish habitat, economy, and the effects on community structure and dynamics so we focused on these areas".

The report is available to the public on the YESAB Online Registry and at the YESAB offices in Mayo and Whitehorse and everyone is encouraged to review it. The release of the draft gives everyone an opportunity to review and comment on the report and the associated terms and conditions for 30 days before a final screening report is forward to the Decision Bodies.

Mills says, "We believe that the included terms and conditions will help ensure that this project proceeds in a manner that avoids significant adverse environmental and socio-economic effects".

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