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BRIEFING NOTES

Date: September 10, 2015

Re: SSN Project Assessment Media Release notes,

Background notes:

- Tsilhqotin Quotes from Decision:
 - “The right to control the land conferred by Aboriginal title means that governments and others seeking to use the land must obtain the consent of the Aboriginal title holders.”
 - “Aboriginal title confers on the group that holds it the exclusive right to decide how the land is used and the right to benefit from those uses, subject to one carve-out — that the uses must be consistent with the group nature of the interest and the enjoyment of the land by future generations.”
 - “Governments and individuals proposing to use or exploit land, whether before or after a declaration of Aboriginal title, can avoid a charge of infringement or failure to adequately consult by obtaining the consent of the interested Aboriginal group”
- Pre-declaration stage = newly defined stage from Tsilhqotin just before Nation establishes Title where appropriate care must be taken to preserve the Aboriginal Interest pending final resolution of claim
- SSN Process Objective: “Facilitate informed decision making by the SSN Communities in a manner which is consistent with our laws, traditions, and customs and assesses project impacts in a way that respects our knowledge and perspectives”
- SSN Project Assessment Components: SSN Review Panel, SSN Assessments, SSN Review Panel Hearing, SSN Decision Package, Ministers meeting.
- SSN Project Assessments (5):
 - (1) Indiginomics = economics is more than money, traditional economic principles of Secwepemc of sharing the wealth, assessing if there is a Net Benefit to the territory, Memorial to Laurier
 - (2) Cultural Respect, Preservation & Restoration=
 - (a) Cultural keystone area and respecting Trout Children Telling “Story” area and laws and principles (interconnectedness, water people, sky world etc)
 - (b) X7ensq't “land and sky will turn on you” and assessment of the impacts if area is disrespected (increase in extreme weather events)



- (c) Ceremonies and customs during entire process and within families (e.g. sweats before Panel hearing)
- (d) Legacy of Wrongs- cultural impacts felt in the area for
- (3) Timcw- all things are interconnected through time and space, need for cumulative assessments that respect that interconnectedness, the need for involvement of SSN in land and resource management, restoration of the Aboriginal Trout Fishery at Jacko NOT loss of another fishery
- (4) K'wséltkten /Families- involvement of the families and respecting the families and their voices and knowledge in the process
- (5) Integrity- Governments- assessing the honour of the Crown, KGHM- assessing if they are good corporate citizens and will be good partners in the territory
- SSN Review Panel
 - Chief and Councils, Family appointed representatives, Elders, Youth, Knowledge Keepers
 - Involved throughout process and during hearing, deliberation and decision making
 - Will be consensus based
- Panel Hearing
 - Will be one week long around Day 90 of the EA processes 180 day review (could be as early as February 2016)
 - Panel will hear oral testimony from assessment coordinators, experts, knowledge keepers, other Secwepemc communities, Proponent, government and others as needed
- Deliberation- panel will go back to families and communities to discuss decisions
- Decision Week- Panel reconvenes to make decisions on project
 - Examples:
 - Broad decisions- what is the appropriate use on the land and in that area?
 - Specific decisions- can the project divert 4km of Peterson Creek and end the Aboriginal Trout Fishery? Can it dewater Jacko Lake? Can it use 1500m³ / hour of water from Kamloops Lake?
- Decision Package- prepared based on decisions with supporting documents and reports
 - Will be submitted to EAO for inclusion in their Assessment report
 - Will be presented & discussed with Ministers during their 45 day review of the assessment reports

