

## **Addendum #1 Dec 24 2007 to: Monitoring Program #3 Big Falls Reservoir Tributary Access and Potential Stranding Monitoring, dated October 2006**

### Background

The original Terms of Reference for the fish stranding component of this monitoring program recommended a schedule where the stranding survey occurred as the reservoir dropped after the removal of flashboards, and in Year 2 of the monitoring program.

As a result of mechanical issues that were uncovered during operation of the flashboards that raised dam safety concerns at the Big Falls Dam during spring 2007, it will not be possible to install flashboards as per the schedule in the Falls River Water Use Plan (WUP) until mechanical upgrades can be completed. These upgrades are not scheduled to be completed for several years. A request for a Water Licence variance for the operations of the flashboards was submitted to the Comptroller of Water Rights on Sept 27, 2007 via e-mail from Peter McCann, BC Hydro Operations Planner.

In light of this new schedule, the timing for this monitoring program will be delayed until flashboard operations resume, which is estimated to be in Year 6 (2012). If the flashboards are slated for installation prior to this, this study will take place earlier.

**Table A4-1: Estimated Budget for the Big Falls Reservoir Tributary Access and Potential Stranding Monitoring**

	Year 6	Total Cost
<b>Total</b>	\$19,395	\$19,395

Note: Shaded cells represent cost adjustments since previous cost estimate (Oct 2006).