Peace Project Water Use Plan
Spill Protocol and Archaeology Management Plan

Monitoring Programs and Physical Works
Annual Report 2022

Implementation Period: September 2021 to August 2022

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1 Introduction

This document represents a summary of the status and the results of the Peace Project Spill Protocol and Archaeology Management Plan Water Use Plan (WUP) monitoring program and physical works projects to August 31, 2022, as per the Peace Order under the *Water Act,* dated August 9, 2007. This annual report includes those projects in Schedule D of the Order, as well as those under Clause 7 (Archaeological). There are eleven monitoring programs and one physical works.

2 Status

The following table outlines the dates that Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Spill Protocol and Archaeology Management Plan WUP monitoring programs and physical works were submitted to and approved by the Comptroller of Water Rights (CWR).

Table 2-1 Dates of Spill Protocol and Archaeology Management Plan WUP Submissions and Approvals by the Comptroller of Water Rights

Monitoring Program & Physical Works TOR	Order Clause	Original ToR Submission		Most Recent ToR Resubmission	
		Date Submitted	Date Approved	Date Submitted	Date Approved
GMSMON-3 PCR FISH STRANDING	Schedule D.3.a	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008	Dec 14, 2018	2019-07-09 CWR agrees to full cancellation
GMSMON-4 WACB ENTRAINMENT	Schedule D.3.b	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008	May 27, 2021	Jul 07, 2021
GMSMON-6 PCR RIPARIAN FLOODING	Schedule D.3.c	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008	Dec 14, 2018	2019-07-09 CWR agrees to full cancellation
GMSMON-8 PCR SIDE CHANNEL RESPONSE	Schedule D.3.d	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008	Dec 14, 2018	2019-07-09 CWR agrees to full cancellation
GMSMON-9 PCR SPILL HYDROLOGY	Schedule D.3.e	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008		
GMSMON-10 PCR SPILL PHOTOS	Schedule D.3.g	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008	Dec 14, 2018	2019-07-09 CWR agrees to full cancellation
GMSMON-11 PCR SPILL TGP/TEMP	Schedule D.3.f	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008	Nov 16, 2020	Feb 02, 2021
GMSMON-12 PCR WILDLIFE SURVEY	Schedule D.3.h	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008	Dec 14, 2018	2019-07-09 CWR agrees to full cancellation
GMSMON-13 WLL FISH INDEX	Schedule D.e.i	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008		
GMSMON-21A WLL ARCHAEOLOGICAL OVERVIEW ASSESSMENT	Clause 7.a	May 09, 2008	Jun 02, 2008	Aug 07, 2009	Jan 20, 2010
GMSMON-21B WLL EROSION MONITORING OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES	Clause 7.b	May 09, 2008	Jun 02, 2008	Apr 13, 2022	May 17, 2022
GMSWORKS-2 PCR BASELINE TGP/TEMP	Schedule D.1	Feb 07, 2008	Apr 02, 2008	May 31, 2019	Jun 28, 2019

3 Schedule

The following table outlines the current schedule for the monitoring programs and physical works being delivered for the Spill Protocol and Archaeology Management Plan WUP.

Table 3-1: Monitoring Programs and Physical Works Schedule as of August 31, 2022

Monitoring Programs and Physical Works	2008 WLR YR1	2009 WLR YR2	2010 WLR YR3	2011 WLR YR4	2012 WLR YR5	2013 WLR YR6	2014 WLR YR7	2015 WLR YR8	2016 WLR YR9	2017 WLR YR10	2018 WLR YR11	2019 WLR YR12	2020 WLR YR13	2021 WLR YR14	2022 WLR YR15	2023 WLR YR16	2024 WLR YR17	2025 WLR YR18	2026 WLR YR19	2027 WLR YR20
GMSMON-3: PCR Fish Stranding[1]					✓															
GMSMON-4: WACB Entrainment					✓								✓	✓		■	■	■	■	■
GMSMON-6: PCR Riparian Flooding[1]					✓															
GMSMON-8: PCR Side Channel Response[1]					✓															
GMSMON-9: PCR Spill Hydrology			✓		✓															
GMSMON-10: PCR Spill Photos[1]					✓															
GMSMON-11: PCR Spill TGP/Temperature					✓								✓	✓		■	■	■	■	■
GMSMON-12: PCR Wildlife Survey[1]		✓			✓															
GMSMON-13: WLR Fish Index	✓	✓**F**																		
GMSMON-21A: WLL Archaeological Overview Assessment		✓	✓**F**																	
GMSMON-21B: WLL Erosion Monitoring of Archaeological Resources		Del	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	u/w	■				
GMSWORKS-2: PCR Baseline TGP/Temperature	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	u/w	■	■	■	■	■

Legend

■	=	Project to be undertaken/initiated in identified year
■	=	Opportunistic Program may be undertaken in identified year
u/w	=	Project is under way
×	=	Project not undertaken as planned for this year
Del	=	Project is delayed for the year
✓	=	Project is completed for the year
✓**F**	=	All field work for this project is complete. No further field work is planned.

Footnotes:

1. CWR approved cancellation of project due to Site C

4 Monitoring Programs and Physical Works Terms of Reference

The monitoring programs and physical works being implemented under the Spill Protocol and Archaeology Management Plan WUP are described in Terms of Reference. These Terms of Reference and the reports for work completed to date can be found here:

https://www.bchydro.com/about/sustainability/conservation/water_use_planning/northern_interior/peace_river/spill-protocol-management-plan.html

5 Status of Monitoring Programs and Physical Works under Schedule D: Protocols in the event of Spills

5.1 GMSMON-3 Peace River Fish Stranding

The purpose of this project was to inform future spill strategies by assessing stranding downstream of Peace Canyon Dam (PCN). This opportunistic project is implemented in the event of a spill and was last triggered in 2012. However, as the area for this project is located in the future Site C inundation zone and the outcome of the project will not be applicable to a reservoir environment, this project has been canceled as per the CWR letter dated July 9, 2019.

5.2 GMSMON-4 WAC Bennett Dam Entrainment

The purpose of this project is to estimate fish entrainment through WAC Bennett Dam (GMS) Spillway and mortality rates of entrained fish. This opportunistic project is implemented in the event of a spill and was triggered in 2020. Entrainment monitoring was completed as per the project Terms of Reference. A Peace River Spill event in June 2021 triggered entrainment monitoring as per the revised Terms of Reference. The 2021 report is in draft and will be submitted with the 2023 Annual Report. There were no Peace River Spill events in 2022.

5.3 GMSMON-6 Peace River Riparian Flooding

The objective of this project was to inform revision of future spill strategies by assessing riparian flooding downstream of PCN. This opportunistic project is implemented in the event of a spill and was last triggered in 2012. However, as the area for this project is located in the future Site C inundation zone and the outcome of the project will not be applicable to a reservoir environment, this project has been canceled as per the CWR letter dated July 9, 2019.

5.4 GMSMON-8 Peace River Side Channel Response

The purpose of this project was to inform future spill strategies by measuring effects to side channel fish, downstream of PCN. This opportunistic project is implemented in the event of a spill and was last triggered in 2012. The sites monitored were based on the site selection process embedded in GMSWORKS-3 (Peace River Trial Side Channels). However, as the sites for the project are located in the future Site C inundation zone and the outcome of the project will not be applicable to a reservoir environment, this project has been canceled as per the CWR letter dated July 9, 2019.

5.5 GMSMON-9 Peace River Spill Hydrology

The purpose of this opportunistic work was collection and reporting of hydrological data required for reporting of companion spill projects (GMSMON-3, 4, 6, and 8 through 12). Assessment of the pre-spill data requirements were completed in June 2009. This project was triggered and completed in 2012.

The goal of the GMSMON-9 program was to evaluate data requirements for spill event monitoring programs and to supply data in the event of a spill. A review of the results of GMSMON-9 against the project purpose was completed in 2018 to determine if additional years of study and data from a future spill are required. It has been determined that data to inform the GMSMON-9 objective can be obtained from other BC Hydro sources and GMSWORKS-2 and no further implementation is planned. Based on this review, this project is complete.

5.6 GMSMON-10 Peace River Spill Photos

The objective of this project was to document PCN spill flow effect on the Peace River inundation of shoreline and riparian areas. Digital photography was acquired in 2012. However, as the area of the project is located in the future Site C inundation zone and the outcome of the project will not be applicable to a reservoir environment, this project has been canceled as per the CWR letter dated July 9, 2019.

5.7 GMSMON-11 Peace River Spill TGP and Temperature

The purpose of this project is to determine the PCN spill effects to Peace River temperature and total dissolved gas pressure levels. A portion of this study, downstream of Peace Canyon Dam, is within the future inundation zone of Site C and was suspended as per the CWR letter of September 8, 2015. On August 15, 2019, the CWR approved a Terms of Reference Addendum to extend the monitoring program until the end of 2027 and to remove the Site C inundation zone from the study area.

This opportunistic project is implemented in the event of a spill and was triggered in 2020. TGP monitoring was completed as per the project Terms of Reference. A Peace River Spill event in June 2021 triggered TGP monitoring as per the project Terms of Reference, and the 2021 report (dated January 2022) is attached. There were no Peace River Spill events in 2022.

5.8 GMSMON-12 Peace River Wildlife Stranding Survey

The purpose of this project was to determine the effects on wildlife below PCN resulting from spill effects. The pre-spill research component was conducted in May 2010. This opportunistic project is implemented in the event of a spill and was last triggered in 2012. However, as the area of the project is located in the future Site C inundation zone and the outcome of the project will not be applicable to a reservoir environment, this project has been canceled as per the CWR letter dated July 9, 2019.

5.9 GMSMON-13 WLL Fish Index

The objective of this project was to assess the fish species composition, abundance, and distribution in the pelagic area of the Peace Arm of Williston

Reservoir, to assist in assessing the impact of entrainment on fish populations during a spill. This project was a one-time survey completed in 2008.

A key assumption in this project was that the inter-variability in the index estimates and composition in the Williston Reservoir was not very large, and therefore, this index survey would serve as a pre-spill baseline collected under normal operating conditions. However, the composition of Williston Reservoir has changed over the past ~20 years, shifting from primarily Lake Whitefish in the pelagic zone to primarily Kokanee. This shift was first observed in early 2000, was continuing in 2012, and is likely still occurring as of 2018. As a result, any spill that occurs at W.A.C. Bennett Dam will require an updated index survey to reflect the current species composition and assessment of specific age classes and species in the reservoir and forebay. This project is completed.

Additional index surveys had been now included in the GMSMON-4 TOR Revision.

5.10 GMSWORKS-2 Peace River Baseline TGP and Temperature

The purpose of this project is to collect baseline total gas pressure (TGP) and water temperature data in the vicinity of GMS and PCN. A Terms of Reference Addendum was approved on June 28, 2019 extending this project until 2027.

The Year 11 report (dated April 1, 2021) and Year 12 report (dated March 1, 2022) reports are attached.

6 Status of Monitoring Programs under Order Clause 7

6.1 GMSMON-21A Heritage and Culture Information Plan: Archaeological Overview Assessment

The purpose of this project, undertaken in 2009, was a one-year archaeological overview assessment of the drawdown zones of the Williston and Dinosaur Reservoirs and the Peace River. The intent was to gather information on the number, location, elevation, condition, use, susceptibility to erosion and relative importance of heritage sites in the area, and to provide baseline information for GMSMON-21B (see section 6.2 below). This project is complete.

6.2 GMSMON-21B Peace River Erosion Monitoring – Archaeological Resources

The objective of this project is to collect quantitative measures of the magnitude, severity, rate of change and estimated duration of erosion effects caused by reservoir operations on selected heritage sites within the Williston and Dinosaur Reservoirs and the Peace River. This non-intrusive monitoring project commenced in the spring of 2010. After a review of this project was completed, a Terms of Reference Addendum approving a schedule extension and revised budget was approved on December 3, 2018.

Field work scheduled for 2020 was unable to be completed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, associated sensitivities with access of First Nations territories, and inter-provincial travel restrictions. The program schedule will be extended by one year to make up for the missed 2020 field season. Field work resumed in May 2021. All fieldwork for this project is now complete. The Year 8 (2018) report dated January 2021 is attached. The Year 9 and Year 10 reports are under review and will be submitted with the 2023 Annual Report.

7 Monitoring Programs and Physical Works Costs

The following table summarizes the Spill Protocol and Archaeology Management Plan WUP monitoring programs and physical works costs approved by the CWR and the Actual Costs to August 31, 2022.

Table 7-1: Spill Protocol and Archaeology Management Plan WUP Monitoring Programs and Physical Works Costs

Monitoring Programs	Costs approved by CWR	Life to Date Actuals (LTD)	Estimated to Complete (Forecast)	Total Forecast (LTD and Forecast)	Variance Total to Approved	Explanation	Corrective Action
GMS Prepare Annual Report	$56,321	$51,316	$1,392	$52,708	$3,613		
GMSM03A PCR Fish Stranding	$225,156	$144,306		$144,306	$80,850	Project cancelled	
GMSM03A PCR Fish Stranding - OR DM	$12,272	$13,703		$13,703	($1,431)		
GMSM03A PCR Fish Stranding - OR Imp	$212,884	$130,604		$130,604	$82,280		
GMSM04A GMS Entrainment	$1,399,137	$634,092	$465,047	$1,099,139	$299,998	Conditional program only triggered during Peace spill events	
GMSM04A GMS Entrainment - OR DM	$176,357	$119,307	$60,047	$179,354	($2,997)		
GMSM04A GMS Entrainment - OR Imp	$1,222,780	$514,785	$405,000	$919,785	$302,995		
GMSM06A PCR Riparian Flooding	$226,273	$4,332		$4,332	$221,942	Project cancelled	
GMSM06A PCR Riparian Flooding - OR DM	$31,213	$4,332		$4,332	$26,882		
GMSM06A PCR Riparian Flooding - OR Imp	$195,060				$195,060		
GMSM08A PCR Side Channel Resp	$138,752	$58,464		$58,464	$80,288	Project cancelled	
GMSM08A PCR Side Channel Resp - OR DM	$9,652	$8,066		$8,066	$1,586		
GMSM08A PCR Side Channel Resp - OR Imp	$129,100	$50,398		$50,398	$78,702		
GMSM09A PCR Spill Hydrology	$68,979	$47,737	$1,857	$49,593	$19,386	Project complete	
GMSM09A PCR Spill Hydrology - OR DM	$18,979	$21,049	$1,857	$22,906	($3,927)		
GMSM09A PCR Spill Hydrology - OR Imp	$50,000	$26,687		$26,687	$23,313		
GMSM10A PCR Spill Photos	$297,996	$125,455		$125,455	$172,541	Project cancelled	
GMSM10A PCR Spill Photos - OR DM	$10,951	$12,657		$12,657	($1,706)		
GMSM10A PCR Spill Photos - OR Imp	$287,045	$112,798		$112,798	$174,247		
GMSM11A PCR Spill TGP/Temp	$234,940	$152,700	$56,953	$209,654	$25,286	Conditional program only triggered during Peace spill events	
GMSM11A PCR Spill TGP/Temp - OR DM	$48,441	$33,350	$22,953	$56,303	($7,862)		
GMSM11A PCR Spill TGP/Temp - OR Imp	$186,499	$119,350	$34,000	$153,350	$33,149		
GMSM12A PCR Wildlife Survey	$339,669	$142,037		$142,037	$197,632	Project cancelled	
GMSM12A PCR Wildlife Survey - OR DM	$18,231	$18,200		$18,200	$31		
GMSM12A PCR Wildlife Survey - OR Imp	$321,438	$123,838		$123,838	$197,600		
GMSM13A WLL Fish Index	$124,909	$81,088	$1,857	$82,945	$41,964	Project complete	
GMSM13A WLL Fish Index - OR DM	$14,296	$19,582	$1,857	$21,439	($7,143)		
GMSM13A WLL Fish Index - OR Imp	$110,613	$61,506		$61,506	$49,107		
GMSM21A WLL Arch Overview	$113,614	$113,343		$113,343	$271	Project complete	
GMSM21A WLL Arch Overview - OR DM	$16,186	$20,123		$20,123	($3,937)		
GMSM21A WLL Arch Overview - OR Imp	$97,428	$93,220		$93,220	$4,208		
GMSM21B B WLL Arch Monitor	$848,598	$777,760	$69,598	$847,358	$1,240		
GMSM21B B WLL Arch Monitor - OR DM	$63,634	$47,416	$15,840	$63,256	$378		
GMSM21B B WLL Arch Monitor - OR Imp	$784,964	$730,344	$53,758	$784,102	$862		
GMSW02A Baseline TGP Temp	$412,388	$253,235	$90,487	$343,722	$68,666		
GMSW02A Baseline TGP Temp - OR DM	$57,362	$38,156	$8,733	$46,889	$10,473		
GMSW02A Baseline TGP Temp - OR Imp	$355,026	$215,079	$81,754	$296,833	$58,193		

OR - Ordered Remissible
ONR - Ordered Non-Remissible

*** Red values in parentheses denote overage.**