



Keeyask Generation Project
Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Monitoring Plan

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War Lake First Nation (War Lake) made the decision to proceed with an Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) Monitoring Program independently in 2016. Previously, War Lake had been working with Tataskweyak Cree Nation to develop a joint program. This decision resulted in the development of an ATK Monitoring Program designed specifically for War Lake Members and to meet the reporting requirements committed to during the regulatory review of the Keeyask Project.

In 2016, War Lake continued to work with its Partners in the KHLP to finalize a comprehensive, multi-year monitoring program for the duration of Project construction. War Lake's ATK Monitoring Program has been developed to promote the participation of a diverse group of War Lake Members in ongoing monitoring activities, including Elders, youth, resource users, and other interested Members.

War Lake is in the process of hiring a Coordinator to assist in organizing and implementing Program activities and to participate on the Monitoring Advisory Committee (MAC). Once hired, the Coordinator will work to organize a Monitoring Trip Site Selection Roundtable with Elders, resource users, and other knowledgeable Members, to select sites of cultural and environmental importance for future observation. Once the sites have been selected, the Coordinator will organize a Community Meeting to introduce the Program to Community Members.

Once the Community Meeting has taken place, War Lake anticipates the first Monitoring Trip will occur in the summer/fall of 2017.

War Lake Monitoring activities are anticipated to include trips to the Keeyask site to experience firsthand the effects of construction on the immediate environment. Additional monitoring activities will be focused on the Keeyask Project Area (outside of the construction zone) and within War Lake's Traditional Use Area.

It is also anticipated that, in the upcoming year, War Lake will begin to meet with the other Partner First Nations' Monitoring staff to discuss activities and results from each Community's Program and to identify areas of common interest for future observation.

Some of the activities described above are subject to change in future years based on the experience and suggestion of participants in War Lake's ATK Monitoring Program.



War Lake First Nation Members on Site Tour