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Sediment Management Plan for In-stream Construction

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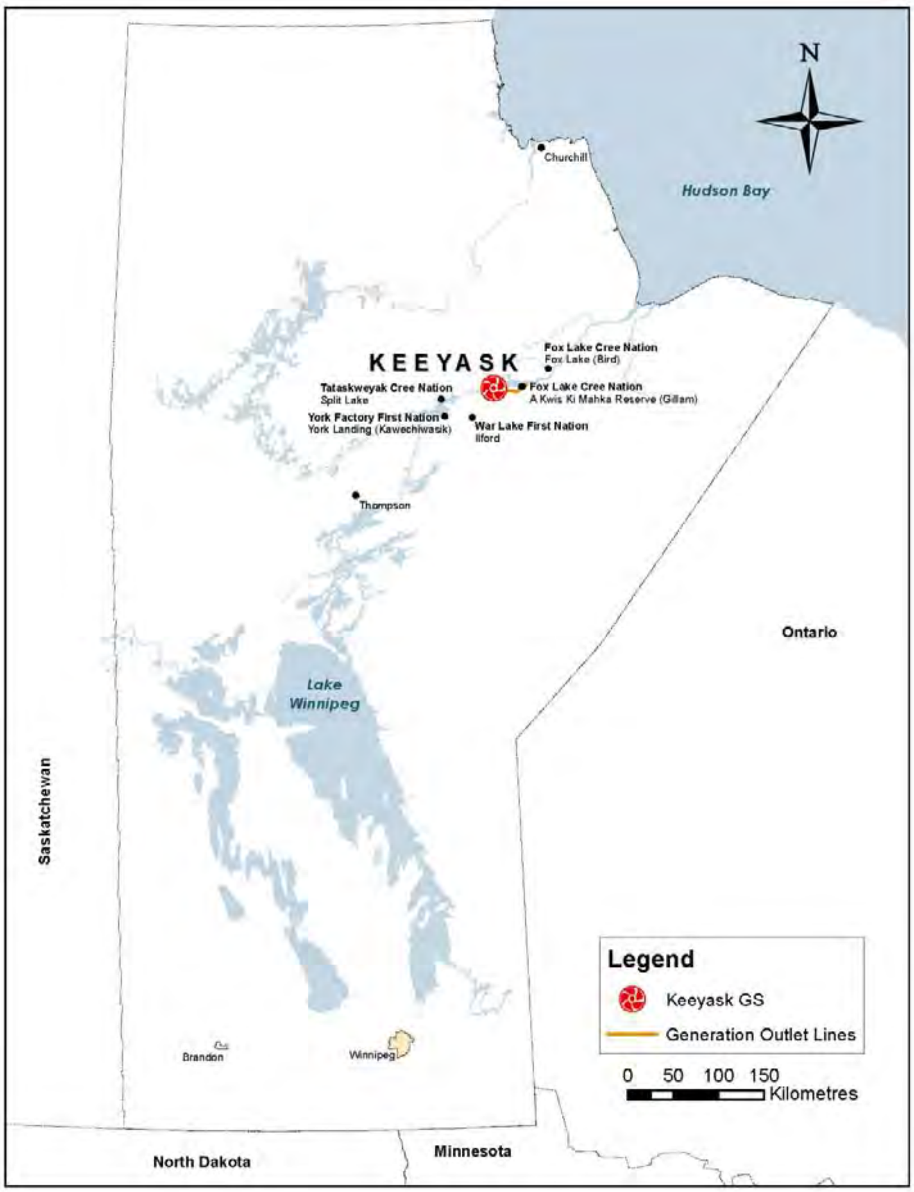
PREFACE

KEEYASK ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM

An Environmental Protection Program (the Program) has been developed to mitigate, manage and monitor potential environmental effects described in the *Keeyask Generation Project: Response to EIS Guidelines* during the construction and operation phases of the Keeyask Generation Project (the Project) shown on Map 1. The Program includes a collection of plans grouped in the following categories: Environmental Protection Plans, Environmental Management Plans, and Environmental Monitoring Plans.



Map1: Location of Keeyask Generation Project

Chart 1 lists all of the plans included in the Program. It also demonstrates how the Program will be managed. The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) has delegated authority to Manitoba Hydro to manage construction and operation of the Project including implementation of the Program. The organizational structure of the Partnership for this aspect of the Project includes a Monitoring Advisory Committee (MAC), which includes participants from each of the Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNs) and Manitoba Hydro. Manitoba Hydro will be guided on the implementation of the Program by the MAC, the Partnership Board of Directors and ongoing discussion with Regulators.

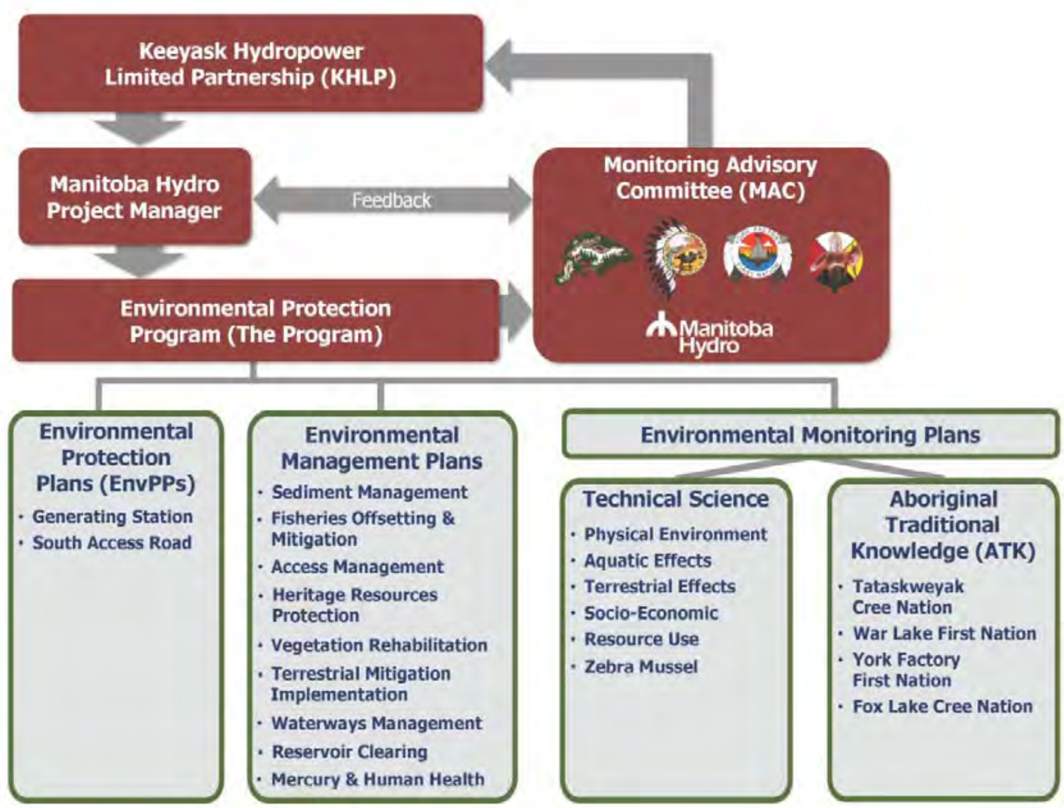


Chart 1: Environmental Protection Program

The Environmental Protection Plans (EnvPPs) provide detailed, site-specific environmental protection measures to be implemented by the contractors and construction staff to minimize environmental effects from construction of the generating station and south access road. They are designed for use as reference documents providing the best management practices to meet or exceed regulatory requirements. EnvPPs are organized by construction activity, highlighting measures to reduce the impact of a specific work activity (e.g., tree clearing or material placement in water). Contractors' compliance with the EnvPPs is a contractual obligation. Under Manitoba Hydro's construction site management, a Site Environmental Lead will be responsible for monitoring compliance and determining when corrective actions are required.

The Environmental Management Plans focus on minimizing effects on specific environmental parameters. They outline specific actions that must be taken during construction and in some cases into the operational phase to mitigate Project effects. The management plans include monitoring to determine success of the actions taken and to determine other actions that need to be undertaken (adaptive management). Implementation of these plans will involve Manitoba Hydro's staff, the KCNs, specialized consultants and contractors under the direction of the Project Manager.

The Environmental Monitoring Plans are designed to measure the actual effects of the Project, test predictions or identify unanticipated effects. During the course of the environmental assessment, numerous requirements for monitoring were identified. There will be both technical science monitoring and Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) monitoring undertaken. The technical science monitoring will be conducted by Manitoba Hydro and specialized consultants contracted by Manitoba Hydro, who will in turn hire members of the KCNs to work with them to fulfil the monitoring activities. Manitoba Hydro will also have contracts with each of the KCNs to undertake ATK monitoring of the project.

The activities that occur and the results generated from the Environmental Protection Program will be discussed at MAC meetings. The MAC is an advisory committee to the Partnership Board of Directors and will review outcomes of the programs and, if appropriate provide advice and recommendations to the Partnership on additional monitoring or alternative mitigation measures that may be required. The MAC will provide a forum for collaboration among all partners. On behalf of the Partnership, the MAC will also ensure that the outcomes of the Environmental Protection Program are communicated more broadly on an annual basis to Members of the KCNs, regulators and the general public.

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GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

DFO	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
EnvPP	Environmental Protection Plan
GS	Generating Station
KHLP	Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership
m	Metre
mg/L	milligrams per liter
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
SMP	Sediment Management Plan
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
Tu	Turbidity

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

This Sediment Management Plan (SMP) has been developed for the construction phase of the Keeyask Generation Project (the Project), to minimize the impacts of in-stream sediment from construction activities in the Nelson River. It outlines the monitoring and management of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) inputs into the waterway that may occur as a result of shoreline erosion, in-stream construction, river management, and commissioning of the Spillway and the Powerhouse. The introduction of excessive amounts of sediment load could change the water quality and be harmful to fish and fish habitat. The SMP is a fundamental component of the Project's overall Environmental Protection Program.

This SMP describes the works that may cause increases to TSS concentration and the method that Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (KHLP), will use to oversee and manage the contractors' in-stream construction activities. Appendix A provides an overview of the mitigation measures that may be used by the contractors during in-stream work. Meeting the targets outlined in Section 4.1 is a contractual obligation of the contractor.

Manitoba Hydro's on-site Construction Manager will be accountable for environmental protection compliance. The Construction Manager together with the Site Environmental Lead will verify that the actual work carried out complies with this document.

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Keeyask Generation Project is a 695 megawatt (MW) hydroelectric generating station and associated facilities at Gull Rapids on the lower Nelson River in northern Manitoba immediately upstream of Stephens lake. The Project will be located entirely within the Split Lake Resource Management Area. The Project is approximately 725 kilometres (km) northeast of Winnipeg, 35 km upstream of the existing Kettle Generating Station, where Gull Lake flows into Stephens Lake, 60 km east of the community of Split Lake, 180 km east-northeast of Thompson and 30 km west of Gillam (Figure 1).

The general arrangement and supporting infrastructure of the Project are shown in Figure 2. The principal structures of the Keeyask GS are:

- North and South Dykes,
- North, Central and South Dams,
- Powerhouse complex including the intake and tailrace channels, and
- Spillway including an approach channel and discharge channel.

The Project construction sequence and river management are depicted in Figure 3, and a full description of the Project and construction sequence may be found in the Keeyask Generation Project Response to Guidelines [Ref 1].

2.0 POTENTIAL SOURCES OF SEDIMENT AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

2.1 GENERAL

Various alternatives have been considered in the planning, design, scheduling of work, and proposed construction methods for the Project with the objective of reducing the amount of suspended sediment added to the Nelson River. All in-stream work will be conducted to meet the requirements of this sediment management plan. The in-stream works that may increase TSS concentrations and the mitigation strategies (primary and secondary) that are associated with these works are outlined in this section.

2.2 IN-STREAM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Construction of the Project will require management of river flows through the construction of supporting infrastructure that includes two rock groins and 10 cofferdams (Figures 2 and 3). Cofferdams are required to isolate areas so they can be dewatered, which allows construction of principal structures to occur "in-the-dry". There are, however, several Project components that require in-stream construction activities that are expected to result in sediment increases in the Nelson River due to erosion of river shorelines or through the introduction of fine sediment from the placement and removal of construction materials in the river. In-stream work and incidental activities that could potentially increase TSS levels are summarized in Table 1, which also indicates the type of construction, required removal and type of removal. The planned sequencing of Project phases, staging and main activities during the construction of the Project are illustrated in Figure 3.

2.3 PREDICTED SEDIMENT LOAD FROM IN-STREAM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Construction activities during river management will introduce additional sediment into the Nelson River due to shoreline erosion, construction and removal of cofferdams, and commissioning of the Spillway and the Powerhouse. Several numerical and empirical methods were used to predict increases in TSS concentration.

Figure 5 summarizes the predicted 24-hour average TSS concentrations in the proximity of site SMP-2 (Figure 4) for all in-stream activities that would release sediment into the Nelson River during the construction of the Keeyask GS. In preparation of this figure, an existing sediment background of 20 mg/L was assumed for the Nelson River during the construction. The 20 mg/L represents the existing typical conditions of TSS on the Nelson River. This existing sediment background is selected based on the field data collected in the open-water months during the years 2001 to 2007. The TSS concentration in the Keeyask area generally lies within the range of 5 to 30 mg/L [Ref 2].

The schedule indicated on Figure 5 is based on the preliminary construction schedule where work begins in 2014 and is completed in 2022, as described in The Keeyask Generation Project Response to EIS Guidelines [Ref 1] and the Project Description Supporting Volume (PDSV) [Ref 3]. It should be noted that the contractors may propose innovative changes to the design and methods of construction that may alter schedule duration. Changes in construction schedule would not substantially alter predicted estimates of TSS increases due to in-stream construction.

Sections 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 are a summary of the predictions for TSS levels (24-hour average, unless otherwise stated) in the proximity of the monitoring site SMP-2. Site SMP-2 is located within the mixing zone downstream of the construction site.

2.3.1 Cofferdam Construction and Removal

In relation to cofferdam construction and removal, the predicted maximum increases in TSS concentrations are as follows:

- TSS concentration due to the Spillway Stage I Cofferdam construction is predicted to increase by up to approximately 8 mg/L, primarily due to anticipated shoreline erosion within Gull Rapids,
- Construction of the South Dam Stage II Upstream Cofferdam is predicted to increase TSS by up to 15 mg/L, again primarily due to shoreline erosion within Gull Rapids as the south channel of the river is closed off,
- Construction of other cofferdams is predicted to increase TSS levels by less than 5 mg/L, and
- Increases due to cofferdam removals range from approximately 3 mg/L (Powerhouse Cofferdam removal) to 7 mg/L (Tailrace Cofferdam removal).

The increase in peak sediment concentration during Stage I and Stage II cofferdam construction is predicted to occur within the first few days of the construction activity and then taper off gradually over the following weeks. The increases due to cofferdam removal are expected to be uniform during the periods of removal, which last for periods of about four weeks (Figure 5).

Table 1: Supporting Infrastructure Required for River Management

Structure	Type of Construction	Required Removal	Type of Removal
Quarry Cofferdam	mostly in-the-wet	No removal required	–
North Channel Rock Groin	mostly in-the-wet	Lowered to elev. 153.0 m*	in-the-dry & in-the-

			wet
North Channel Stage I Cofferdam	mostly in-the-wet	Lowered to elev. 152.5 m*	in-the-dry & in-the-wet
Powerhouse Stage I Cofferdam	in-the-dry & in-the-wet	Partial removal of eastern leg; Portion of the south leg will be incorporated into the Transmission Tower Spur.	in-the-dry
Spillway Stage I Cofferdam	in-the-dry & in-the-wet	Partial removal of approach and discharge channels	in-the-dry & in-the-wet
Central Dam Stage I Cofferdam	mostly in-the-wet	No removal required – incorporated into the central dam	–
Central Dam Rock Groin	mostly in-the-wet	No removal required	–
Stage I Island Cofferdam	in-the-dry	Lowered to elev. 152.0 m*	mostly in the dry
Tailrace Summer Level Cofferdam	mostly in-the-wet	Complete removal to riverbed	in-the-dry & in-the-wet
South Dam Stage II Upstream Cofferdam	mostly in-the-wet	No removal required – incorporated into the south dam	–
South Dam Stage II Downstream Cofferdam	mostly in-the-wet	No removal required – incorporated into the south dam	–
Stage II Island Cofferdam	in-the-dry	Lowered to elev. 151.0 m*	in-the-dry

* Studies are ongoing to determine the extent to which these structures will be removed.

2.3.2 First Flows Through Spillway and Powerhouse

Based on the TSS assessments and Manitoba Hydro's recent experience during the construction of the Wuskwatim GS, the maximum increases in TSS are expected to occur when water is first passed through the Spillway and the Powerhouse, which activities do not occur at the same time. The maximum increases in TSS are predicted to occur when water is first passed through the Spillway. For a scenario with all seven Spillway bays each open 1 m (worst case scenario), the downstream instantaneous TSS in the proximity of site SMP-2 is predicted to increase sharply to a maximum peak of up to 250 mg/L and then drop rapidly, with elevated TSS persisting for about 25 minutes. Subsequent increases in flow through the

Spillway bays (with gates open more than 1 m) would result in sharp peaks that rapidly attenuate. It is predicted that each subsequent peak will be progressively lower in magnitude. The increase in daily average TSS is predicted to range between 1 and 25 mg/L (Figure 5) for scenarios with one Spillway bay open 1 m and seven Spillway bays each open 1 m, respectively [Ref 4]. It should be noted that the opening seven Spillway bays was modeled to gain an understanding of the potential sediment load for the worst case scenario, but it does not represent how the Spillway will be commissioned. During the first flow through the Spillway, the Spillway gates will be actively managed to control and maintain the TSS level within the limits described in Section 4.

During the testing of the Powerhouse units, the TSS level is predicted to increase by 41 mg/L at the initial start-up of Unit 1 for about 5 minutes. The TSS concentrations are predicted to decrease with each subsequent incremental increase of flow through this unit. Less effect on TSS level is expected when testing the subsequent Powerhouse's units. The predicted increase in daily average TSS is predicted to be less than 1 mg/L (Figure 5) during the testing of the Powerhouse units [Ref 4].

2.4 PRIMARY MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Primary mitigation strategies were reviewed and incorporated into the preliminary design, and these will be utilized to reduce potential sediment releases during in-stream construction. They have been determined based on Project site characteristics and the construction activities taking place and include the following:

- managing the river to direct flows away from in-stream construction works, where possible;
- constructing the cofferdams with cross-sections that have the least potential for erosion;
- incorporating measures, such as deflector groins, to reduce flow velocities across the face of cofferdams where and when required;
- carefully controlling in-stream work to minimize riverbank and bed disturbance;
- working in-the-dry, where possible; and
- developing construction sequences that will provide tranquil water areas, where possible, for placement of granular and impervious fill for the cofferdams.

A summary of the primary mitigation strategies for the in-stream construction activities associated with the Project components are presented in Appendix A.

2.5 SECONDARY MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Sedimentation estimates are based on engineering judgment, numerical and empirical modeling results, and best construction practices and are considered as worst case scenarios. Uncertainties exist in prediction of shoreline sediment that may be eroded and the amount of fine material that may be washed away from the impervious fill, granular transition fill, and rockfill during cofferdam placement/removal in-the-wet. Due to these uncertainties, secondary mitigation strategies have been developed for in-stream construction activities to further mitigate sediment releases into the watercourse, should the need arise.

The secondary mitigation strategies developed for the Keeyask GS that could be implemented if required consist of slowing down or temporarily stopping the construction activities to reduce the rate of sediment entrainment in the water, which would reduce TSS concentrations. In addition, stockpiles of rockfill materials may be placed strategically around the site for use as secondary mitigation measures. These materials could be used as riprap for shoreline armoring or constructing deflector groins, if required. The selection of the most practical secondary mitigation strategy will depend on the type of site characteristics, construction activity, when and where erosion is occurring, and the local water conditions in the area of the activity.

3.0 SEDIMENT REAL-TIME MONITORING PROGRAM

A detailed in-stream real-time TSS monitoring program will be implemented by the Manitoba Hydro construction management team throughout the course of construction to monitor the magnitude, spatial, and temporal changes in TSS increases in the Nelson River during in-stream construction activities. The monitoring program design is based on the modeling of construction effects on the sedimentation regime in the river, and recent experience by Manitoba Hydro on other hydroelectric construction projects. Overall, the design is based on an upstream and downstream approach to capture effects in the initial mixing zone as well as the effects downstream in the fully mixed area.

The construction management team will include a Site Environmental Lead position whose role includes facilitating environmental compliance, as well as overseeing the sediment monitoring program. The Site Environmental Lead will also be integral in implementing the *Adaptive Action Plan* and the *Spillway and Powerhouse Commissioning Management Plan,* described later in Section 4.0, should TSS concentration increases exceed the water quality target levels identified in Section 4.1 of this document.

3.1 OBJECTIVES

The sediment monitoring program is intended to document the spatial and temporal characteristics of TSS and the magnitude of the increases in the Nelson River during in-stream construction activities. In addition, the program has been designed to facilitate responses to pre-determined action levels described in Section 4.1.

3.2 MONITORING PARAMETERS

The main parameter being monitored is TSS; however, TSS cannot be measured in real time but must be determined in a laboratory using a sample of the river water. Turbidity (Tu) will be measured as a surrogate using automated turbidity loggers that can measure and report turbidity on a real time basis. The following relationship between TSS and Tu has been developed by Manitoba Hydro to facilitate the use of turbidity as a surrogate of TSS (Figure 6).

TSS (mg/L) = 0.79 * Tu (NTU) - 2.86

This relationship was develop utilizing turbidity data (collected by YSI sensors) and water samples collected at a depth of 2 m in the Nelson River during both open-water and ice-covered seasons between 2007 and 2009 at various monitoring sites located from the exit of Clark Lake to upstream of the Kettle GS [Ref 5].

Using real time, in-situ turbidity measurements, the real time TSS concentrations at monitoring sites will be estimated during construction. The Site Environmental Lead can then determine if in-stream construction activities are causing TSS increases that exceed specific action thresholds so that corrective actions can be implemented in a timely manner.

During in-stream work, samples of water at the monitoring stations will be periodically collected and analyzed for TSS to confirm or adjust the Tu-TSS relationship, as required.

3.3 MONITORING LOCATIONS

Project activities that may affect TSS are located in the vicinity of Gull Rapids. TSS and turbidity will be monitored through deployment of *in-situ* turbidity loggers at three transect locations as shown in Figure 4 and described as follows:

- SMP-1 will be located upstream of all construction activities in the centre of the river channel to monitor ongoing background conditions.
- SMP-2 will be located approximately 1.5 km downstream of the future powerhouse, or approximately 0.7 km to 3 km downstream of sediment sources from the Project due to in-stream construction depending on which structure is being constructed. This is a near-field location within the mixing zone prior to fully mixed conditions. Loggers will be installed at two sites (SMP-2L and SMP-2R) located across the channel width to monitor for sediment plumes that may be located closer to one shoreline.
- SMP-3 will be located approximately 9 km downstream of the construction site in the fully mixed zone of the primary flow channel along the thalweg (deepest part) of the river. This location was chosen because the majority of the flow will pass through this south channel and it will be where any increases in TSS are most likely to be observed within the fully mixed zone. Loggers will be installed at two sites (SMP-3L and SMP-3R) located across the width of the south channel of the river to monitor for sediment plumes that may travel along the thalweg of the channel.

The locations of the left and right loggers at sites SMP-2 and SMP-3 were selected based on the prediction of sediment plume's shape and its extent across the river and from upstream to downstream. This ensures that these loggers will detect the changes in TSS concentrations due to in-stream construction activities. Manual transect measurements will be performed during specific in-stream construction activities at site SMP-2 to confirm the logger locations at this site (see Section 3.4).

The loggers will be installed approximately 2 m above the riverbed and 2 m below the water surface. Loggers have been considered at multiple depths in case TSS concentrations vary through the water column.

The monitoring locations are consistent with the baseline monitoring sites that were used in the Keeyask GS environmental assessment studies. While it is intended that monitoring be undertaken at these locations, the actual locations may be adjusted in the field based on consideration of factors such as safety of personnel and equipment, accessibility, and ambient conditions (e.g., high river flow or water velocity, unsafe ice).

3.4 MONITORING METHODOLOGY

Real-time turbidity data from the in-situ YSI turbidity loggers installed at monitoring sites will be remotely transmitted to a central computer at the construction site at a pre-determined interval (every 15 minutes) so monitoring results can be evaluated as soon as possible.

The computer program will automatically convert the turbidity reading into a TSS reading using the Tu-TSS relationship presented in Section 3.2. The TSS change between SMP-1 and SMP-2 will be determined by comparing the baseline TSS calculated at SMP-1 with the calculated TSS at SMP-2. The increases in TSS concentration at SMP-3 will be calculated the same way, except it will be converted into a 24-hour rolling average. The information will be displayed graphically so it can be easily seen if measurements meet or exceed the target levels at SMP-2 and SMP-3.

The schedule for checking measurements from the SMP sites to assess construction effects will depend on the specific construction activities occurring at a particular time. When in-stream work is occurring, the data from the SMP sites will be monitored continuously so that corrective actions can be taken as soon as possible should the TSS target levels be exceeded. Depending on the activity taking place and the presence or absence of an effect, the need for continuous monitoring of incoming data can be evaluated and potentially reduced to regular verification of monitoring data (e.g., hourly). To confirm that high TSS conditions are recorded and assessed, the monitoring system will include an automated messaging system that will notify the Site Environment Lead of high TSS conditions that may require a corrective action.

To ensure that the SMP-2 loggers (i.e., left and right locations) are adequately positioned to measure TSS concentration increases (if detectable) in the sediment plume passing the site, manual transect measurements will be performed over one to several days at certain appropriate times in the construction schedule. This will involve measuring Tu using a logger towed behind a boat across the river at a cross-section at the SMP-2 site. Transect measurements will be obtained at the beginning of construction when the first in-stream work occurs. It will also be done at the start of in-stream work activities that may cause TSS increases of more than 5 mg/L (fully mixed, 24-hour average, Figure 5): that is, at the start of Spillway Stage I and II cofferdam construction, Spillway commissioning and Tailrace Summer Level cofferdam removal. It is anticipated that this transect monitoring will confirm that the selected locations for the loggers at SMP-2 are appropriate to detect sediment plumes from the in-stream construction activities. Data will be reviewed by the site Environmental Lead and Manitoba Hydro's sediment experts as soon as possible. Results from the transect monitoring will be reviewed in conjunction with data from SMP sites to determine if adaptive actions are required. Adaptive actions would be taken if any changes to the location of in-situ loggers were required based on this monitoring, which could include moving of one of the loggers to a new location or adding another logger at the SMP-2 transect. Additions or reductions in this transect monitoring will be reviewed and discussed with regulators as the data is collected and analyzed.

In-situ turbidity logger data will be supplemented through manual monitoring of turbidity using handheld loggers and collecting water samples. At each location, water samples will also be collected for analysis of TSS to confirm or improve the Tu-TSS relationship. Manual sampling will consist of the collection of turbidity measurements and water sampling at near surface, mid-depth, and near-bottom depths in the water column along a river cross section in the vicinity of the turbidity loggers (SMP sites). Manual sampling will be performed when routine and ad-hoc maintenance visits occur (see Sec. 3.4.2) and will be collected only if it is safe to do so.

Visual inspections will be conducted in the immediate vicinity of the construction activities during major construction events to document activities that may cause large, obvious increases in TSS in order to supplement real-time monitoring.

3.4.1 Winter Monitoring

The preliminary construction schedule does not include plans for in-stream work during the winter or during the freeze-up and ice break-up periods. However, this section describes methods for SMP monitoring in case in-stream work should occur during these periods.

If in-stream work extends to winter seasons, the open-water monitoring methodology will require some modifications to accommodate both safety and accessibility to the monitoring sites while still meeting the SMP objectives. Modification to the monitoring program is required for two periods: 1) during winter when a stable ice-cover is formed upstream and downstream of the Project, 2) shoulder seasons during ice formation and ice break-up.

Monitoring during periods with a stable ice-cover is challenging but feasible. The ice cover provides a relatively safe platform so that turbidity loggers can be installed through the ice. Turbidity loggers will be installed upstream and downstream of the project at sites SMP-1, SMP-2, and SMP-3. However, a solid ice cover might not form at site SMP-2 for the entire winter period because of the flow conditions at this site (faster flow) and its proximity to Gull Rapids. Where and when a stable ice cover is formed, the loggers will be installed under the ice from holes drilled through the ice cover. Similar to the open-water monitoring program, real-time turbidity data from the monitoring sites will be remotely transmitted to a central computer at the construction site at a pre-determined interval (every 15 minutes) so monitoring results can be evaluated as soon as possible. The same procedures will be followed to convert the turbidity data to TSS, which will be compared with TSS concentration action and target levels. As with open-water monitoring, routine and ad-hoc maintenance will also be performed. In-situ turbidity logger data will be supplemented through manual monitoring of turbidity using handheld loggers when maintenance occurs. At each location, water samples will also be collected for analysis of TSS to confirm or improve the Tu-TSS relationship developed for the purpose of the monitoring program.

During the shoulder seasons (fall freeze-up and spring break-up periods), some in-stream activities may occur. Since it is anticipated that a safe ice condition would not form in the Nelson River until possibly January, and the river may not be ice-free before June, a shoulder season monitoring program for the period of November to January and April to June may need to be implemented. Monitoring during the shoulder seasons is significantly more challenging compared to the open-water and winter monitoring programs. Additionally, for a period of time during shoulder seasons, the accessibility to monitoring sites to perform maintenance will not be possible due to unsafe conditions for workers. To overcome this difficulty, a submersible monitoring system will be deployed at SMP sites before freeze-up. The submersible monitoring system consists of two turbidity sensors installed above the river bottom and below the water surface, using an anchor and a buoy, and a communication cable to transmit Tu readings to a data logger located at the shore. Similar to the open-water monitoring program, real-time turbidity data from monitoring sites will be remotely transmitted to a central computer at the construction site at a pre-determined interval (every 15 minutes) so monitoring results can be evaluated as soon as possible. The same procedures will be followed to convert the turbidity data to TSS, which will be compared with TSS concentration action and targets levels.

Once installed, these loggers will not be accessible for maintenance during ice freeze-up and break-up periods due to safety issues. If any of these loggers failed for any reason, the monitoring program would rely on the remaining loggers and additional turbidity data collected with handheld loggers near to the construction site where it is safe to do so.

When a safe and stable ice-cover is formed upstream and downstream of the construction sites, and turbidity loggers are installed under the ice (as explained above), the submersible loggers will no longer be required until the ice break-up period. However, if installed, they could remain in place as a form of redundancy during the open-water and stable ice-cover periods.

3.4.2 Controlling Interference and Logger Maintenance

The YSI turbidity loggers that will be used for the Project are equipped with self-cleaning optical sensors with integrated wipers to remove deposits from the sensor's glass and maintain high data accuracy. However, the loggers will be visited every two weeks to maintain and clean the monitoring system (and free them of algae and vegetation debris) to avoid erratic spikes in data. In addition to planned routine maintenance, an in-situ logger will also be inspected and maintained as soon as practicable if the real-time readings indicate a potential problem with the logger (e.g., a logger stops working; erratic readings are obtained).

During each maintenance visit, turbidity will be measured using handheld loggers, and water samples will be collected for laboratory analysis of TSS to confirm or improve the Tu-TSS relationship. Manual sampling will be performed at near surface, mid-depth, and near-bottom depths in the water column at each site.

The Tu readings using the handheld loggers will be included in the daily reports along with the real-time data. The water samples will be tested in the lab for TSS concentrations and the results will be reported in the annual summary reports.

4.0 ADAPTIVE ACTION PLANS

4.1 TARGET LEVELS

Management of TSS levels during construction will incorporate two action levels measured in the mixing zone at SMP-2:

1. four consecutive 15-minute averaged measurements over 25 mg/L above background TSS at monitoring site SMP-1, and
2. a 200 mg/L increase of above background TSS at monitoring site SMP-1.

Both proposed action levels (i.e., 25 mg/L and 200 mg/L above background) are below acutely lethal thresholds of suspended sediment for freshwater fish, which range from the hundreds to hundreds of thousands mg/L [Ref 6]. Exceedence of these action levels will initiate an action plan to identify the source of the TSS and secondary mitigation strategies for unanticipated events and/or a modification to the Spillway and Powerhouse commissioning procedures.

4.2 ADAPTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR UNANTICIPATED EVENTS

The *Adaptive Action Plan* for responding to TSS levels will be implemented as soon as possible in response to these results as follows:

When the displayed TSS output is less than 25 mg/L above background at SMP-2 and SMP-3 results will continue to be monitored and no action will be taken.

When the TSS at SMP-2 is equal to or greater than 25 mg/L above background for four consecutive, 15-minute averaged readings, but less than 200 mg/L, the Construction Manager and Site Environmental Lead will:

a) Confirm the results are accurate (i.e. rule out logger malfunction);

b) If possible, take a handheld turbidity reading to confirm the result;

c) **Take Action**, which includes investigating to try and identify the activity resulting in the recorded TSS increase and if it is still underway, implement mitigation, if possible. Mitigation may include advising the contractor of the need to modify work activities, such as (but not limited to):

    - Temporary suspension of work activity,
    - Modifying the rate of material placement or removal,
    - Modifying the sequence of material placement or removal,
    - Installing additional erosion and sediment control measures,
    - Verifying the quality of the material being used is appropriate, and

- o Temporarily moving to a new work area,

d) Record the event in the daily report.

When the TSS at SMP-2 is equal to or greater than 200 mg/L above background (one 15-minute average reading) the Construction Engineer and Site Environmental Lead will:

a) Ensure the results are accurate (i.e. rule out logger malfunction);

b) If possible, take a handheld turbidity reading to confirm the result;

c) Discuss the exceedence with the Construction Manager;

d) Take Action, which in this case should be carried out by the Construction Manager after he/she evaluates whether the construction activity that resulted in high TSS is still underway. If so, the following measures may be required of the contractor;

   - o Temporary work stoppage,
   - o Installation of sediment containment, and
   - o Other modifications to construction practices.

e) Notify Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO); and

f) Record the event in the daily report.

When the TSS at SMP-3 is equal to or greater than 25 mg/L above background (measured as a 24-hour rolling average) the Construction Manager and Site Environmental Lead will:

a) Ensure the results are accurate (i.e. rule out logger malfunction);

b) Discuss the exceedence with the Construction Manager ;

c) **Take Action**, which includes investigating to try and identify the activity resulting in the recorded TSS increase and if it is still underway, mitigation may need to be implemented. This may include advising the contractor of the need to modify work activities, such as (but not limited to);

   - o Temporary suspension of work activity,
   - o Modifying the rate of material placement or removal,
   - o Modifying the sequence of material placement or removal,
   - o Installing additional erosion and sediment control measures,
   - o Verifying the quality of the material being used is appropriate, and
   - o Temporarily moving to a new work area, and

d) Record the event in the daily report;

If the exceedance at SMP-3 continues for 3 days in a row, the Construction Manager and Site Environmental Lead will:

a) take further action, which in this case should be carried out by the Construction Manager . The following measures may be required of the contractor;

   - o Temporary work stoppage,
   - o Installation of sediment containment

b) Notify DFO.

4.3 SPILLWAY AND POWERHOUSE COMMISSIONING MANAGEMENT PLAN

Once the principle structures area complete, commissioning of the Spillways and the Powerhouse are activities that have the potential to cause excess sediment to be transported downstream. When water first passes through the powerhouse, intake channel, tailrace channel, spillway, spillway approach channel and spillway discharge channel, it will flow over residual materials that will have been left behind on the river bottom after the cofferdams are removed. Although every effort will be taken to remove residual material, inevitably some will be left behind and some will get flushed downstream when water first passes through these structures. To allow a gradual flush of this material, the following steps will be taken for commissioning of these structures.

4.3.1 Spillway

- When the spillway gates are first used near the end of Stage I Diversion, the gates will be opened slowly, one at a time, in small increments to prevent a large concentration of sediment from being washed downstream;
- Gate opening activities will be closely monitored using the real-time sediment monitoring information to prevent exceedences of target levels;
- Systematic opening and closing of the gates will be undertaken to prevent exceedence of target levels; and
- The staged approach to gate opening will continue until real-time output clearly illustrates there is no excess sediment being generated.

4.3.2 Powerhouse

- Powerhouse units will be tested one at a time. Each turbine will be operated at speed-no-load for around 4 to 6 hours with the flow through the unit estimated to be approximately 233 m^3/s.
- Following the completion of initial testing, the units will be stepped up to the rated flow capacity for each unit (approximately 571 m^3/s) over a period of 1 or 2 days, with the flow through the unit being increased by approximately 15 m^3/s per hour.
- Monitoring of the TSS generated from the testing of the units will continue until the real-time output clearly illustrates there is no excess sediment being generated.

This procedure is a technical requirement for testing of the Powerhouse units, which also prevents large concentrations of sediment from being washed downstream.

5.0 REPORTING

For each day there is in-stream construction activity, a report on the monitoring results will be prepared and submitted daily to DFO one to two days after the Sediment Monitoring Program results are collected and analyzed. The report will contain the following types of information:

- A brief statement of major construction activities taking place that day;
- Any construction issues that arose that may have impacted TSS in the river;
- Any exceedence of target levels;
- A brief description of the incident that led to the exceedence (if known);
- Adaptive management carried out to correct the exceedence; and
- Data for the 24-hour result period and time stamped photographs of the day of construction activities, any incidents, and corrective action taken.

Annual summary reports of the SMP activities will also be prepared for submission to both DFO and Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship and will be posted on http://keeyask.com

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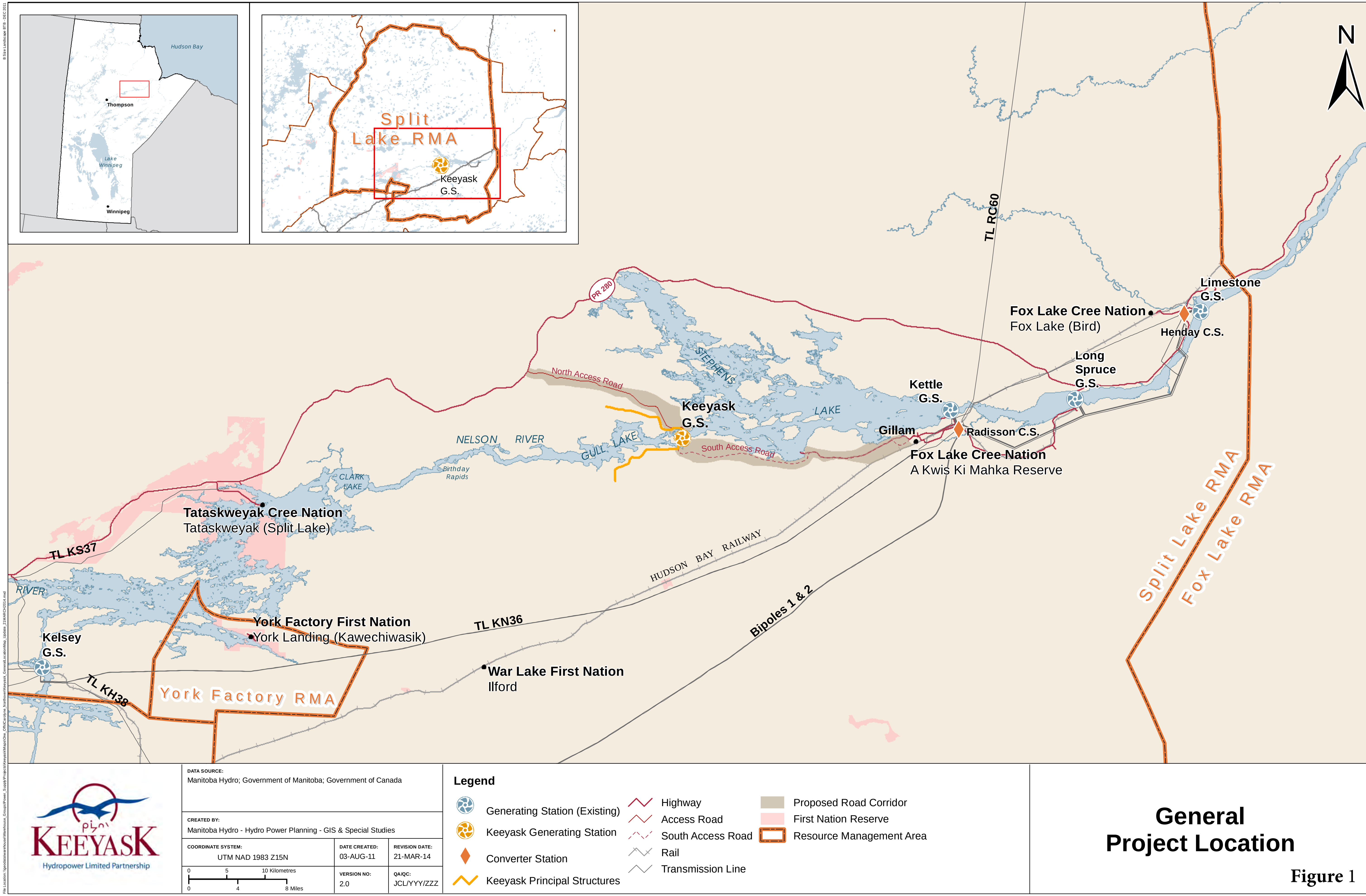

General Project Location

Figure 1

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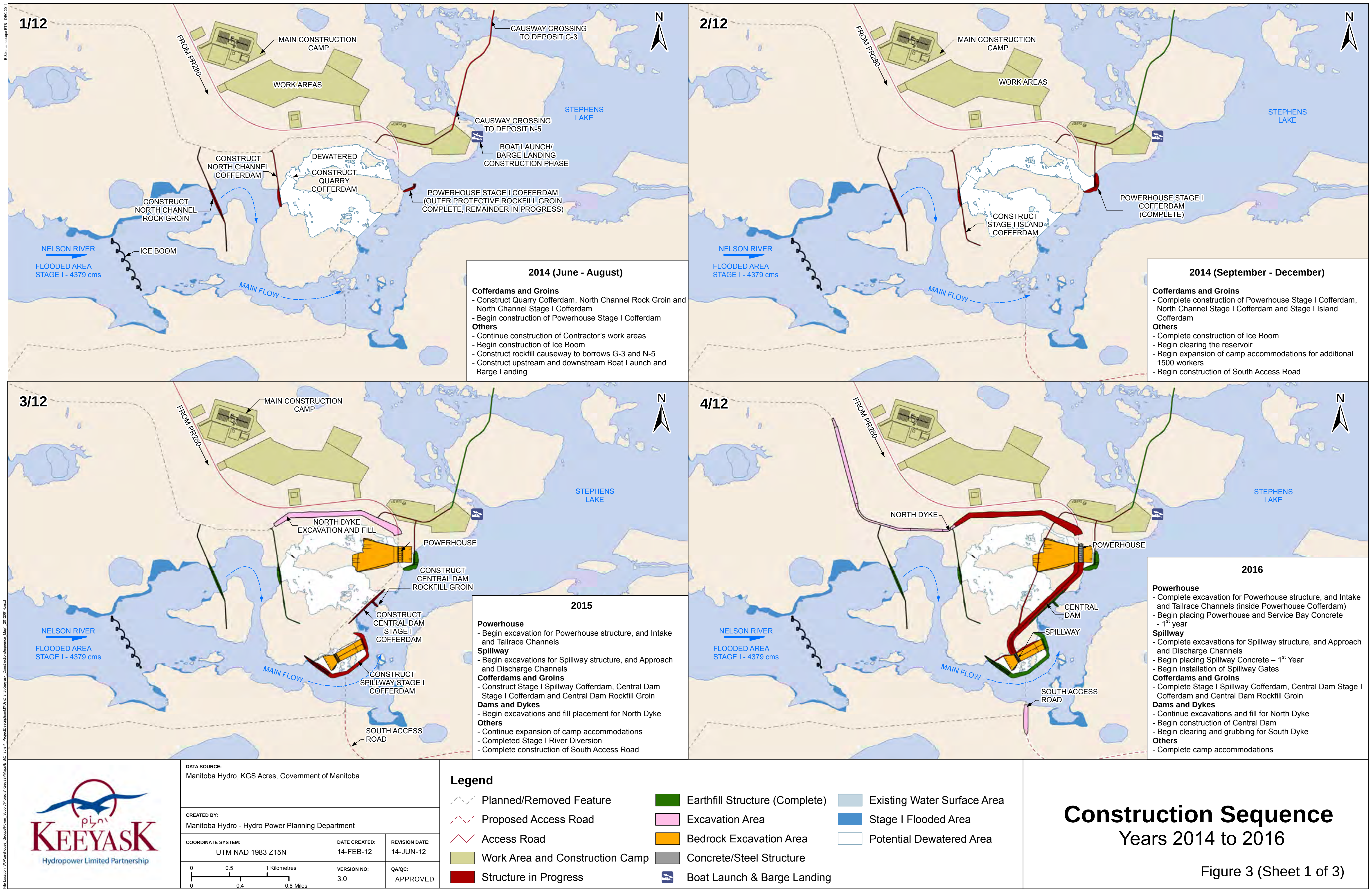
Legend

- Initial Flooded Area (Forebay Level = 159 m)
- Infrastructure
- Proposed Access Road
- Access Road
- Boat Launch (Barge Landing)
- Portage Route
- Boat Launch Access Trail
- Potential Barge Landing Location

Supporting Infrastructure

Figure 2



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MAIN CONSTRUCTION CAMP
FROM PR280
WORK AREAS
CAUSWAY CROSSING TO DEPOSIT G-3
CAUSWAY CROSSING TO DEPOSIT N-5
STEPHENS LAKE
BOAT LAUNCH/ BARGE LANDING CONSTRUCTION PHASE
DEWATERED
CONSTRUCT QUARRY COFFERDAM
CONSTRUCT NORTH CHANNEL COFFERDAM
CONSTRUCT NORTH CHANNEL ROCK GROIN
POWERHOUSE STAGE I COFFERDAM (OUTER PROTECTIVE ROCKFILL GROIN COMPLETE, REMAINDER IN PROGRESS)
ICE BOOM
NELSON RIVER
FLOODED AREA STAGE I - 4379 cms
MAIN FLOW
N
2014 (June - August)
Cofferdams and Groins
- Construct Quarry Cofferdam, North Channel Rock Groin and North Channel Stage I Cofferdam
- Begin construction of Powerhouse Stage I Cofferdam
Others
- Continue construction of Contractor's work areas
- Begin construction of Ice Boom
- Construct rockfill causeway to borrows G-3 and N-5
- Construct upstream and downstream Boat Launch and Barge Landing
2/12
MAIN CONSTRUCTION CAMP
FROM PR280
WORK AREAS
STEPHENS LAKE
POWERHOUSE STAGE I COFFERDAM (COMPLETE)
CONSTRUCT STAGE I ISLAND COFFERDAM
NELSON RIVER
FLOODED AREA STAGE I - 4379 cms
MAIN FLOW
N
2014 (September - December)
Cofferdams and Groins
- Complete construction of Powerhouse Stage I Cofferdam, North Channel Stage I Cofferdam and Stage I Island Cofferdam
Others
- Complete construction of Ice Boom
- Begin clearing the reservoir
- Begin expansion of camp accommodations for additional 1500 workers
- Begin construction of South Access Road
3/12
MAIN CONSTRUCTION CAMP
FROM PR280
STEPHENS LAKE
NORTH DYKE EXCAVATION AND FILL
POWERHOUSE
CONSTRUCT CENTRAL DAM ROCKFILL GROIN
CONSTRUCT CENTRAL DAM STAGE I COFFERDAM
CONSTRUCT SPILLWAY STAGE I COFFERDAM
SOUTH ACCESS ROAD
NELSON RIVER
FLOODED AREA STAGE I - 4379 cms
MAIN FLOW
N
2015
Powerhouse
- Begin excavation for Powerhouse structure, and Intake and Tailrace Channels
Spillway
- Begin excavations for Spillway structure, and Approach and Discharge Channels
Cofferdams and Groins
- Construct Stage I Spillway Cofferdam, Central Dam Stage I Cofferdam and Central Dam Rockfill Groin
Dams and Dykes
- Begin excavations and fill placement for North Dyke
Others
- Continue expansion of camp accommodations
- Completed Stage I River Diversion
- Complete construction of South Access Road
4/12
FROM PR280
STEPHENS LAKE
NORTH DYKE
POWERHOUSE
CENTRAL DAM
SPILLWAY
SOUTH ACCESS ROAD
NELSON RIVER
FLOODED AREA STAGE I - 4379 cms
MAIN FLOW
N
2016
Powerhouse
- Complete excavation for Powerhouse structure, and Intake and Tailrace Channels (inside Powerhouse Cofferdam)
- Begin placing Powerhouse and Service Bay Concrete - 1st year
Spillway
- Complete excavations for Spillway structure, and Approach and Discharge Channels
- Begin placing Spillway Concrete – 1st Year
- Begin installation of Spillway Gates
Cofferdams and Groins
- Complete Stage I Spillway Cofferdam, Central Dam Stage I Cofferdam and Central Dam Rockfill Groin
Dams and Dykes
- Continue excavations and fill for North Dyke
- Begin construction of Central Dam
- Begin clearing and grubbing for South Dyke
Others
- Complete camp accommodations
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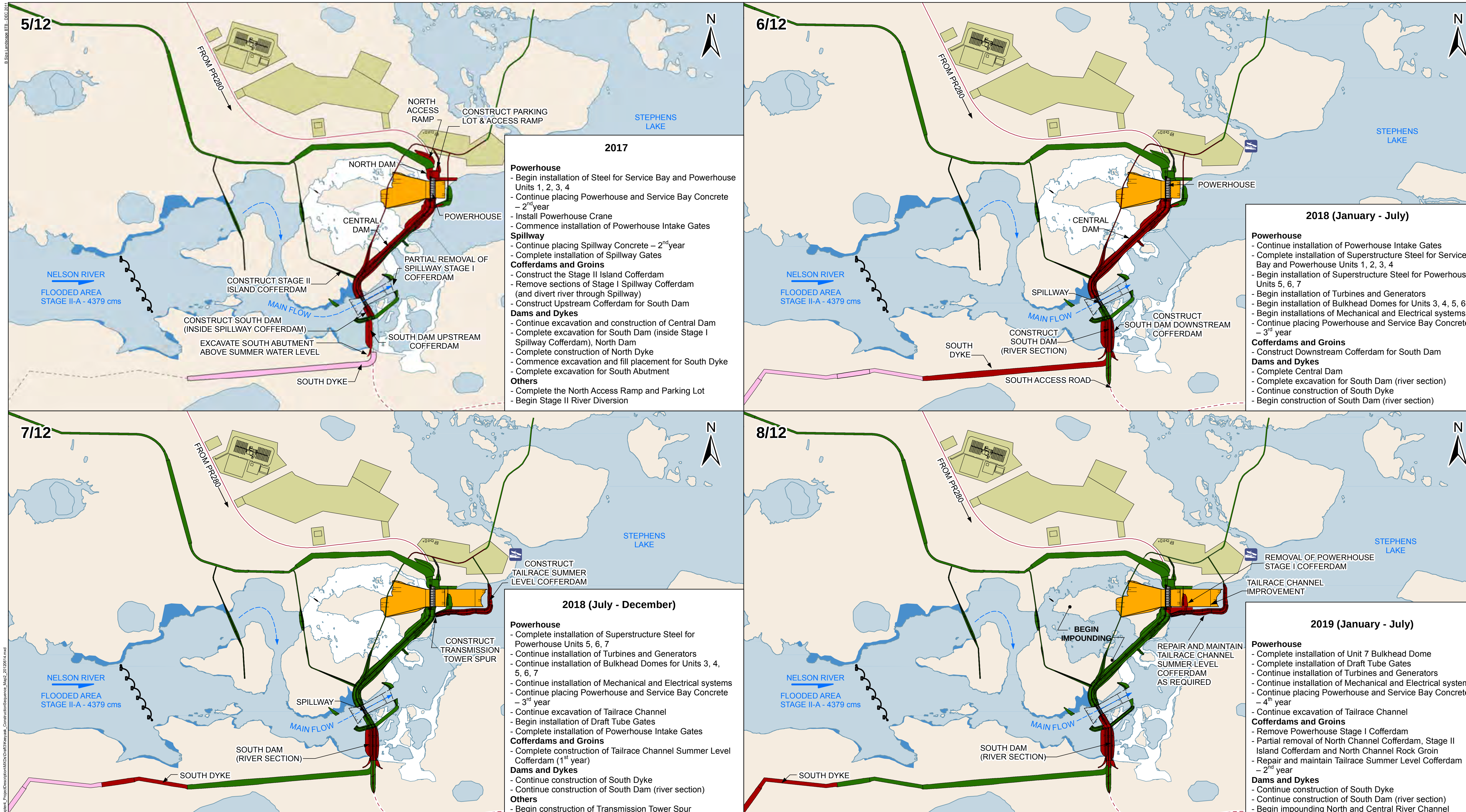
Legend
Planned/Removed Feature
Proposed Access Road
Access Road
Work Area and Construction Camp
Structure in Progress
Earthfill Structure (Complete)
Excavation Area
Bedrock Excavation Area
Concrete/Steel Structure
Boat Launch & Barge Landing
Existing Water Surface Area
Stage I Flooded Area
Potential Dewatered Area
Construction Sequence
Years 2014 to 2016
Figure 3 (Sheet 1 of 3)



2017

Powerhouse
- Begin installation of Steel for Service Bay and Powerhouse Units 1, 2, 3, 4
- Continue placing Powerhouse and Service Bay Concrete – 2nd year
- Install Powerhouse Crane
- Commence installation of Powerhouse Intake Gates

Spillway
- Continue placing Spillway Concrete – 2nd year
- Complete installation of Spillway Gates

Cofferdams and Groins
- Construct the Stage II Island Cofferdam
- Remove sections of Stage I Spillway Cofferdam (and divert river through Spillway)
- Construct Upstream Cofferdam for South Dam

Dams and Dykes
- Continue excavation and construction of Central Dam
- Complete excavation for South Dam (inside Stage I Spillway Cofferdam), North Dam
- Complete construction of North Dyke
- Commence excavation and fill placement for South Dyke
- Complete excavation for South Abutment

Others
- Complete the North Access Ramp and Parking Lot
- Begin Stage II River Diversion

2018 (January - July)

Powerhouse
- Continue installation of Powerhouse Intake Gates
- Complete installation of Superstructure Steel for Service Bay and Powerhouse Units 1, 2, 3, 4
- Begin installation of Superstructure Steel for Powerhouse Units 5, 6, 7
- Begin installation of Turbines and Generators
- Begin installation of Bulkhead Domes for Units 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
- Begin installations of Mechanical and Electrical systems
- Continue placing Powerhouse and Service Bay Concrete – 3rd year

Cofferdams and Groins
- Construct Downstream Cofferdam for South Dam

Dams and Dykes
- Complete Central Dam
- Complete excavation for South Dam (river section)
- Continue construction of South Dyke
- Begin construction of South Dam (river section)

2018 (July - December)

Powerhouse
- Complete installation of Superstructure Steel for Powerhouse Units 5, 6, 7
- Continue installation of Turbines and Generators
- Continue installation of Bulkhead Domes for Units 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
- Continue installation of Mechanical and Electrical systems
- Continue placing Powerhouse and Service Bay Concrete – 3rd year
- Continue excavation of Tailrace Channel
- Begin installation of Draft Tube Gates
- Complete installation of Powerhouse Intake Gates

Cofferdams and Groins
- Complete construction of Tailrace Channel Summer Level Cofferdam (1st year)

Dams and Dykes
- Continue construction of South Dyke
- Continue construction of South Dam (river section)

Others
- Begin construction of Transmission Tower Spur

2019 (January - July)

Powerhouse
- Complete installation of Unit 7 Bulkhead Dome
- Complete installation of Draft Tube Gates
- Continue installation of Turbines and Generators
- Continue installation of Mechanical and Electrical systems
- Continue placing Powerhouse and Service Bay Concrete – 4th year
- Continue excavation of Tailrace Channel

Cofferdams and Groins
- Remove Powerhouse Stage I Cofferdam
- Partial removal of North Channel Cofferdam, Stage II Island Cofferdam and North Channel Rock Groin
- Repair and maintain Tailrace Summer Level Cofferdam – 2nd year

Dams and Dykes
- Continue construction of South Dyke
- Continue construction of South Dam (river section)
- Begin impounding North and Central River Channel

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Legend
- Planned/Removed Feature
- Proposed Access Road
- Access Road
- Work Area and Construction Camp
- Structure in Progress
- Earthfill Structure (Complete)
- Excavation Area
- Bedrock Excavation Area
- Concrete/Steel Structure
- Boat Launch & Barge Landing
- Existing Water Surface Area
- Stage II Flooded Area
- Potential Dewatered Area

Construction Sequence
Years 2017 to 2019

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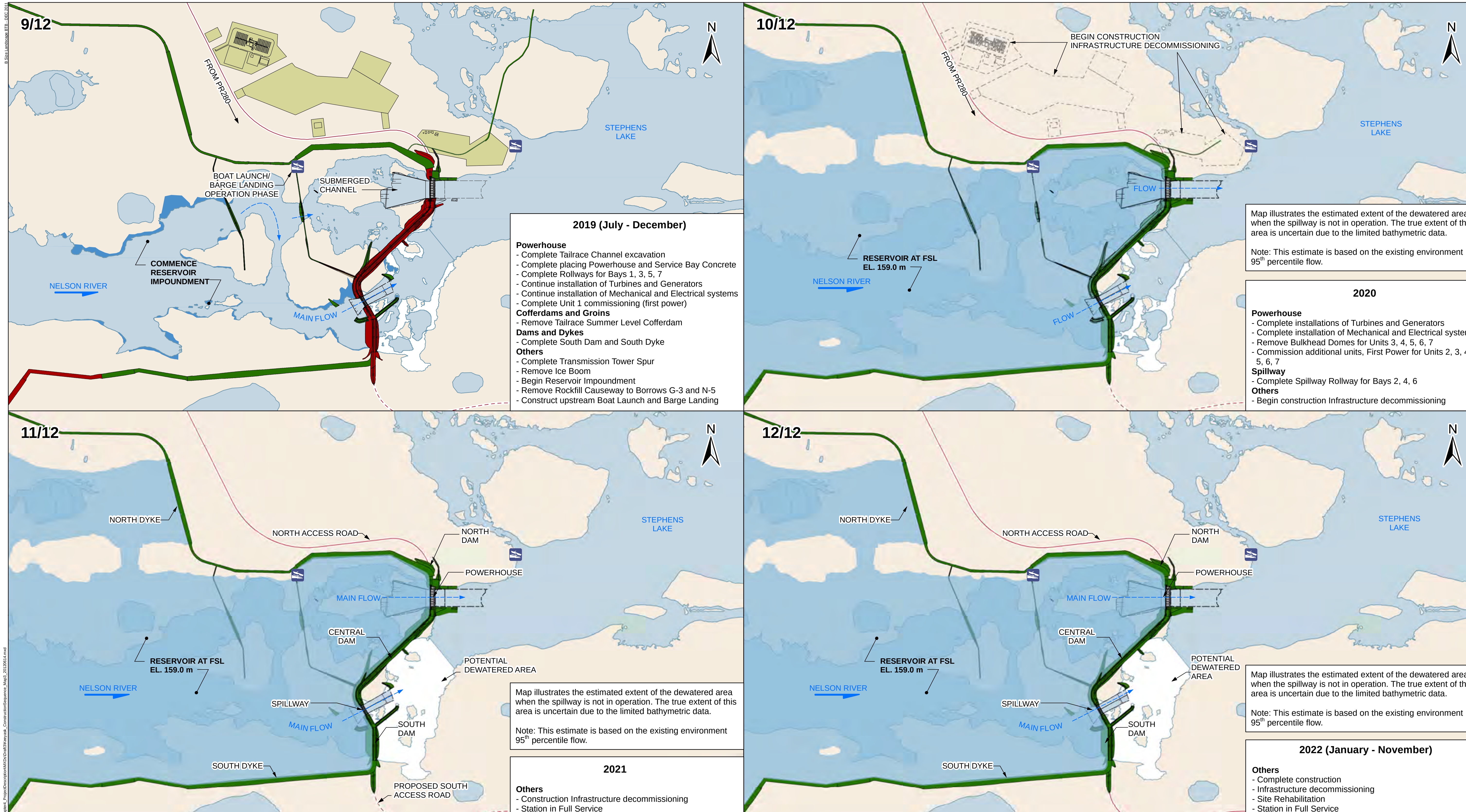

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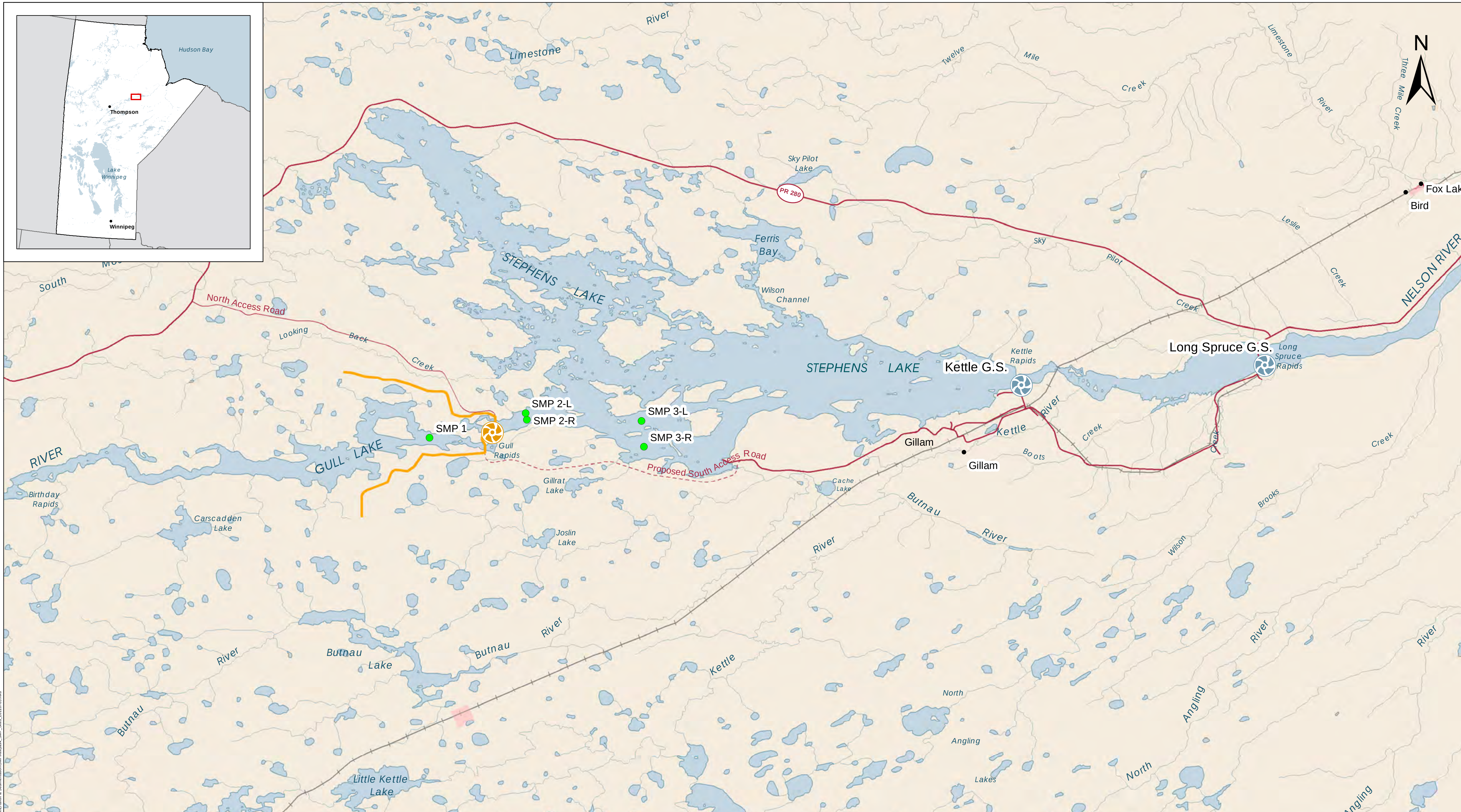
Legend

- Planned/Removed Feature
- Proposed Access Road
- Access Road
- Work Area and Construction Camp
- Structure in Progress
- Earthfill Structure (Complete)
- Excavation Area
- Bedrock Excavation Area
- Concrete/Steel Structure
- Boat Launch & Barge Landing
- Existing Water Surface Area
- Stage II Flooded Area
- Initial Reservoir Area (159 m)
- Potential Dewatered Area

Construction Sequence
Years 2019 to 2022

Figure 3 (Sheet 3 of 3)



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Legend

- Proposed_Generating_Stations
- Existing Generating Stations
- Towns
- Sediment Monitoring Locations

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0 1.75 3.5 7 Miles

Keeyask Sediment Monitoring Locations

Figure 4

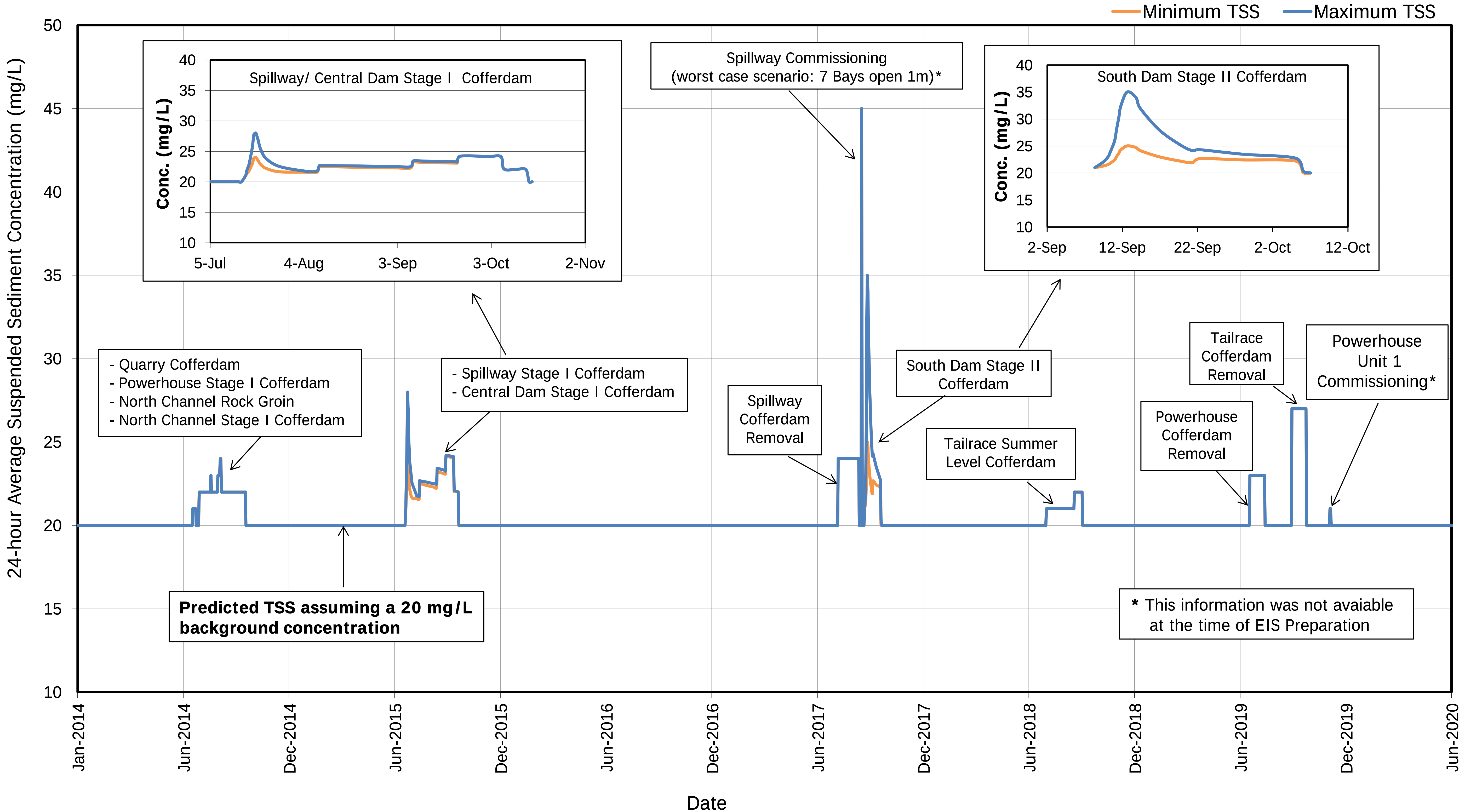

Figure 5 24-hour average TSS concentration predicted in the proximity of site SMP-2 (mixing zone) during construction of Keeyask GS

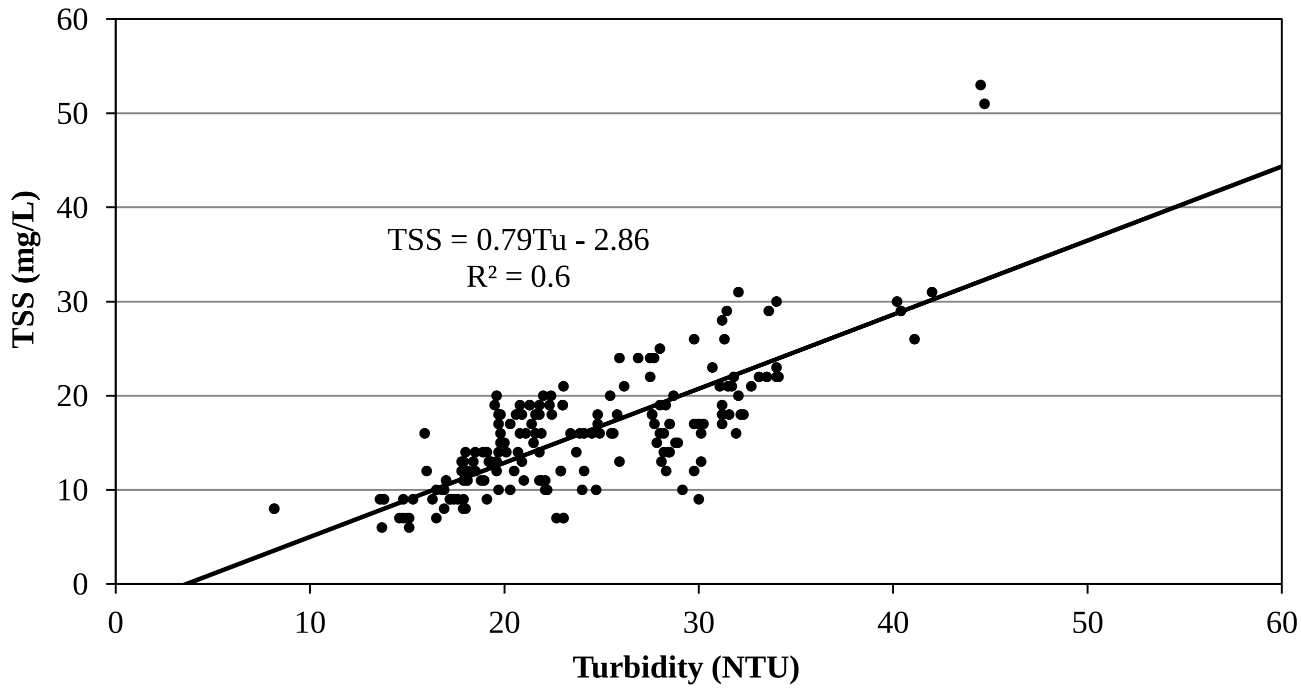

Figure 6 TSS-Turbidity Relationship for the Nelson River at Keeyask

APPENDIX A

SUMMARY OF IN-STREAM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, THEIR POTENTIAL EFFECTS AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATION

<table>
<tr><th>Potential Sediment Problem</th><th>Mitigation Techniques</th></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Placement of rockfill and riprap</td></tr>
<tr><td>Potential source of sediment that may enter the river is the washing of fine grain size material due to flow through and along the face of the rockfill used for:
• quarry cofferdam,
• north channel rock groin,
• north channel stage I cofferdam,
• powerhouse stage I cofferdam (inner & outer),
• spillway stage I cofferdam (inner & outer),
• central dam stage I cofferdam and rock groin,
• tailrace summer level cofferdam (inner & outer),
• south dam stage II upstream cofferdam,
• south dam stage II downstream cofferdam.</td><td>The rockfill materials will consist of clean blast rock or boulders having a low fines content obtained from a quarry excavation. The Class C fill will consist of rock fragments of sufficient size to resist being carried downstream by the current.
If monitoring identifies a sediment concern the following mitigation could be applied:
• rock will be screened to reduce the content of fines.
• larger Class D fill will be placed on the flow side and advanced ahead of the Class C fill to provide protection from the flow.
• installation of a turbidity curtain where flow conditions permit, to isolate the construction area and control the release of sediment.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Placement of transition fill</td></tr>
<tr><td>Potential source of sediment that may enter the river is the washing of the finer grain size material from the transition fill required for:
• north channel rock groin,
• north channel stage I cofferdam,
• powerhouse stage I cofferdam (inner& outer),
• spillway stage I cofferdam (inner & outer),
• central dam stage I cofferdam ,
• tailrace summer level cofferdam (inner & outer),
• south dam stage II upstream cofferdam,
• south dam stage II downstream cofferdam
Initially, a small portion of the coarse grained material may be washed through the rockfill, with the size of the particles being washed gradually reducing until essentially no washing occurs.</td><td>The granular transition fill (Class B) will consist of low silt content gravelly sand or gravel.
Placement of granular fill will be sheltered with flow impeded due to the prior cofferdam rockfill advancement minimizing mobilization of sediments.
If monitoring identifies a sediment concern then the following additional mitigation could be applied:
• transition fill will be placed on top of the transition fill that has already been placed and pushed into the water so that it will enter the water as a sliding mass.
• the transition fill zone will be constructed to a level that is slightly above the water level as it is advanced and subsequently be raised to final elevations in the dry.</td></tr>
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Potential Sediment Problem	Mitigation Techniques
Placement of impervious fill	
Potential source of sediment that may enter the river is the washing of fine grain size material by water seeping through the cofferdam and from velocities along the surface of impervious fill used for: • quarry cofferdam, • north channel stage I cofferdam, • powerhouse stage I cofferdam (inner & outer), • spillway stage I cofferdam (inner & outer) • central dam stage I cofferdam, • tailrace summer level cofferdam (inner & outer), • south dam stage II upstream cofferdam, • south dam stage II downstream cofferdam. The only potential source of sediment that may enter the river is: • washing of silt size material contained in the impervious material of single groins that is exposed to the water as the mass of fill slides into the water, • the impervious fill of inner & outer groins that may be exposed to minor flow resulting from seepage through the outer rock groin.	The impervious fill (Class A) will consist of well-graded, silty sand/sandy till that will form a homogeneous impervious mass. Placement of impervious fill will be sheltered with flow impeded due to the prior advancement of the rockfill and transition zones of the cofferdam minimizing mobilization of sediments. If monitoring identifies a sediment concern then the following additional mitigation could be applied: • impervious fill will be placed on top of the impervious fill that has already been placed and pushed into the water so that it will enter the water as a sliding mass. • the impervious fill zone will be constructed to a level that is slightly above the water level as it is advanced and subsequently be raised to final elevations in the dry.
Dewatering cofferdams	
Water trapped within the cofferdam (rainfall, snowmelt, seepage) may contain suspended sediment due to sediments trapped in the area when the cofferdam is closed or due to fine sediment from the fill materials.	Water trapped within cofferdams during construction will be discharged to the Nelson River if it meets regulatory requirements (TSS<25 mg/L). If sediment levels exceed the regulatory requirements, it will be allowed to settle in-situ if possible until it meets the requirement and can then be pumped to the river. If settling in-situ is not feasible, the water will be pumped to a settling pond prior to being discharged to the surface water system.

Potential Sediment Problem	Mitigation Techniques
Rock excavation and removal of rockfill	
A potential source of sediment that may enter the river is the washing of the finer grain size material during excavation and removal of the blasted spillway approach and discharge channel rock and removal of rockfill used for cofferdams. The finer grain material in the rock will consist of material that was washed from the granular or impervious fill into the rockfill during construction.	Where inner and outer groins are used, the inner rockfill groin of cofferdams will be removed as much as possible using the outer groin for protection from the bulk of the flow minimizing mobilization of sediments. Installation of a turbidity curtain, where flow conditions permit, to isolate the construction area and control the release of sediment.
Removal of transition and impervious fill	
A potential source of sediment that may enter the river is the washing of the finer grain size material being removed during removal of the granular and impervious fill used for the cofferdams.	Where inner and outer groins are used, the granular and/or impervious fill used in cofferdams will be removed as much as possible using the outer groin for protection from the bulk of the flow minimizing mobilization of sediments. Installation of a turbidity curtain, where flow conditions permit, to isolate the construction area and control the release of sediment.
First flow through Spillway	
Sediment generated within the Spillway's approach and discharge channels during construction will be mobilized and transported downstream during commissioning of the Spillway. Erosion of cofferdam remnants left behind after cofferdam removal will be mobilized and transported downstream.	Construction areas with work completed in the dry will be cleaned as much as practical prior to commissioning. Sequenced commissioning of the Spillway's gates to control the timing and volume of flow released to minimize TSS increases.
First flow through Powerhouse	
Sediment generated within the Powerhouse's intake and tailrace channels during construction will be mobilized and transported downstream during testing the Powerhouse units. Erosion of cofferdam remnants left behind after cofferdam removal will be mobilized and transported downstream.	Construction areas with work completed in the dry will be cleaned as much as practical prior to commissioning. Sequence testing of the Powerhouse units to control the timing and volume of flow released to minimize TSS increases.

Shoreline upstream of cofferdams

Construction of the north channel rock groin, quarry cofferdam, north channel stage I cofferdam, and south dam stage II upstream cofferdam will require advancement of Class C material across an actively flowing channel. As the Class C material is advanced across the channel, the flow becomes constricted, upstream water levels rise and flow velocities between the advancing face and the closing shore increase. Increased water levels and velocities along the upstream shoreline have the potential to cause erosion of materials from the shoreline before closure is achieved, which could result in increased TSS concentrations downstream.

For the remaining cofferdams and rock groins, advancement on the closing shoreline does not cause increases in velocities along the shorelines because there is no flow between the advancing face and the shore.

Stockpiles of rockfill materials will be placed strategically around the site for use as secondary mitigation measures. These materials will be used as either riprap for shoreline armoring or for use as rock groins to direct the flow and reduce the potential for erosion of materials from the shorelines.