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# SECTION 3

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND FIRST  
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### **3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT**

#### **3.1 Public Consultation**

From the outset, Bear Head LNG has implemented a comprehensive public consultation program to:

- ◆ Provide timely public notification of the Project;
- ◆ Communicate accurate information to the public and stakeholders; and,
- ◆ Receive feedback from the public and stakeholders on their views and concerns about the Project.

The consultation program is focused on reaching everyone with interests in the Strait of Canso area including First Nations, residents, businesses, business groups, community leaders, and users of the Point Tupper Industrial Park. The Project is also reaching out to individuals or groups that express a specific interest in the Project. Consultations to date have included:

- ◆ Public presentations;
- ◆ Direct consultations;
- ◆ Launch of a Project internet site;
- ◆ Creation of a Project bulletin; and
- ◆ Meetings with stakeholders.

Bear Head LNG officials will continue to hold consultations, reaching out directly and through media, the website and other means, to provide residents and stakeholders with updated project information.

##### **3.1.1 Preliminary Consultations**

An initial scan of stakeholders was conducted to identify individuals, organizations and businesses potentially affected by the Project. This scan identified representatives from First Nations, fishers, harbour and port authorities, port businesses, community leaders, elected officials, and environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGOS). During the Preliminary Consultation process, the Project proponent also asked stakeholders to identify other individuals, groups or organizations that may have an interest in the Project. These consultations formed the basis for the development of an extensive stakeholder database, which is also being used to track issues raised during the environmental assessment process.

### 3.1.2 Project Internet Site

In December 2014, Bear Head LNG posted an updated Project website. The website provides a wide range of information about the Project and its ownership profile, including:

- ◆ A description of the Bear Head LNG Project;
- ◆ Biographies of the Project team;
- ◆ News releases describing milestone achievements;
- ◆ A Project overview; and
- ◆ A synopsis of Project benefits.

The website will be updated as the Project proceeds. It now includes an e-mail address, telephone number, and mailing address. Those visiting the site are encouraged to contact Bear Head LNG with any comments or questions.

### 3.1.3 Stakeholder Meetings and Outreach

Bear Head LNG has made presentations to and met with a number of organizations, including public presentations to the Cape Breton Partnership annual Investor Summit (October 2, 2014), the Strait Area Chamber of Commerce (December 3, 2014) and the Strait of Canso Superport Days (July 10, 2014).

The Project Team has also met with members of municipal councils for the Municipality of the County of Richmond, the Municipality of the County of Inverness, the Town of Port Hawkesbury and the Strait Area Mayors and Wardens Committee which has representation from the Municipality of the County of Richmond, the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, the Municipality of the County of Inverness, the Town of Mulgrave, the Town of Antigonish and the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

Additional meetings have been held with labour organizations, First Nations representatives and others. A complete list of stakeholder meetings is presented in Table 3-1.

**Table 3-1: Stakeholder Organization Meetings**

	ORGANIZATION TYPE
First Nations Groups	Refer to Section 3.2
Cape Breton Labour Council	Labour
Strait Area District Labour Council	Labour
Cape Breton Partnership	Business-Government Coalition
Strait of Canso Superport	Shipping Interests
Richmond County	Municipal Government
Town of Port Hawkesbury	Municipal Government
Strait Area Mayors and Wardens	Municipal Government
Maritime Energy Association	Business
Strait Area Chamber of Commerce	Business
Minister of Economic Development	Provincial Government
Minister of Energy and officials	Provincial Government
Minister of Environment and officials	Provincial Government
MLA, Richmond	Provincial Government
Federal MP	Federal Government
Federal Cabinet Office	Federal Government
Transport Canada	Federal Government
Canadian Coast Guard (CCG)	Federal Government
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	Federal Government
Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC)	Educational Institution

### 3.1.4 Media Coverage

Bear Head LNG Corporation is committed to ongoing media relations with a key focus on local and Nova Scotian outlets and has taken a pro-active approach to media relations. To date, eight (8) news releases regarding the proposed facility have been distributed to over 140 media outlets globally, including 30 in Nova Scotia, major Canadian dailies and a number of wire services:

- ◆ 28/07/14 LNG Ltd to Acquire Bear Head LNG Project in Canada
- ◆ 30/07/14 A \$38.6 Million Capital Raising to Fund Bear Head LNG Project
- ◆ 27/08/14 LNG Ltd Finalizes Acquisition of Bear Head LNG Project
- ◆ 31/10/14 Bear Head LNG files modifications to existing construction

- ◆ 11/06/14 Bear Head LNG files export application
- ◆ 10/12/14 Bear Head LNG files for DOE export license
- ◆ 25/02/15 Bear Head LNG files for DOE export of LNG
- ◆ 14/03/15 Bear Head LNG Receives Permit to Construct

Since June 2014, media relations efforts have resulted in more than 400 news stories.

- ◆ Between June 2014 and November 2014, there were eleven (11) stories in the Port Hawkesbury Reporter, at least seven (7) on the Hawk 101.5, eight (8) in The Chronicle Herald and nineteen (19) at allNovaScotia.com. In addition, stories appeared in the Financial Post, Cape Breton Information Morning and CTV.
- ◆ Between December 2014 and March 2015, there were five (5) stories in The Port Hawkesbury Reporter, three (3) stories in the Cape Breton Post, four (4) stories in The Chronicle Herald and eight (8) stories in allNovaScotia.com. In addition, there was some coverage from the following outlets: CBC, CTV, Yahoo Finance, NGI, Proactive Investors Australia, Oil and Gas 360, LNG Industry News, ABN Newswire, Hydrocarbons-technology.com and Interfax Natural Gas Daily.

### 3.1.5 Ongoing Consultations

Bear Head LNG is committed to an approach that keeps stakeholders and the public informed on an ongoing basis. As development of the Project proceeds, Bear Head LNG Corporation will continue to consult through:

- ◆ Meetings and direct contact with stakeholders;
- ◆ Active identification of and contact with additional stakeholders;
- ◆ Updates to website;
- ◆ Media relations and stories; and,
- ◆ Additional community outreach as circumstances warrant and in response to invitations (presentations, meetings, mail-outs, etc.).

To ensure that residents and other interested parties have the opportunity to pose questions about what is planned and this environmental assessment process, Bear Head LNG has scheduled a public open house in Point Tupper in mid April, 2015. This event will be publically advertised.

### 3.1.6 Comments Received

The Bear Head LNG team has been open to all feedback and concerns throughout the consultation process. Many topics have been raised and questions posed, but overwhelmingly at local

meetings support has been expressed. This environmental assessment update provides the opportunity to address both the changes that have taken place in the project and the issues and concerns that have been articulated to date. Table 3-2 outlines the primary issues raised.

**Table 3-2: Comments Received During Public Consultation**

Issue Type	Details	Addressed in EA
<b>Risk</b>	Question asked by an industrial tenant: if the Risk Assessment was being updated and if there is any potential known risks to other facilities in the area	An updated Technological Risk Assessment was completed by SNC-Lavalin Inc. in 2015. The results are discussed in Section 2 of this report and in Appendix B
<b>Navigation</b>	In 2004, the issue of perceived exclusions zones was investigated; it was concluded that the concern had resulted from a misinterpretation of the turning radius of LNG carriers	Marine Navigation is discussed in Sections 4.5.3 and 6.4.3 of this report  The issue of marine navigation is also being addressed through updates to Transport Canada's TERMPOL review of the Project
<b>Fisheries</b>	Consultation with local fisheries representatives recommended that local fishers be updated on project status	Consultation with the Guysborough and Richmond County Fisheries associations is planned and preliminary meetings with representatives have been held. Fisheries are discussed in Sections 4.5.4 and 6.4.4
<b>Employment Opportunities</b>	Local contractors, Municipal representatives and others have asked when construction will commence to allow local trades people the opportunity to attain employment in their home province	The benefits of the Project to the local economy are discussed in Sections 2.9, 4.10.2, and 6.5



Issue Type	Details	Addressed in EA
<b>Gas Supply</b>	Participants at a number of stakeholder meetings asked about the source of gas supply	<p>Gas supply will be evaluated under separate documentation and is not the focus of this report</p> <p>Bear Head LNG has prepared a detailed project development and execution plan, which addresses gas supply. Bear Head LNG is making good progress on gas supply; these discussions, however, are still confidential in nature</p>

### **3.2 First Nations Engagement**

Bear Head LNG has from the outset of the Project been proactive in its intent to keep all interested parties including First Nations’ interests in Cape Breton and beyond, informed about the Project. More specifically this has involved information about the regulatory process and about the nature of the employment to be generated during Project construction and the plant’s subsequent operation. With the redefinition of the Project in the summer of 2014, senior members of the management team contacted a number of First Nations representatives, including representatives of the Waycobah First Nations and the Mi’kmaw Economic Benefits Office of Nova Scotia. Project information has also been provided to the Native Council of Nova Scotia and to Sipekne’katik. The process of engagement became more structured in the latter part of the year and during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015.

Table 3-3 identifies the engagement that occurred in this latter period when members of the study team arranged to provide information about the Project, the regulatory process and the additional studies that were being conducted to the primary representative groups and to pertinent provincial government parties.

In addition to the engagement described in Table 3-3, representatives of the project team met with the Economic Benefits Officer with Kwilmu’kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) in late January to initiate the formal benefits process and were subsequently invited to present the Project to the Benefits Committee of KMKNO at a meeting of that committee in mid-February. The Proponent stressed a commitment to work proactively with KMKNO to define and agree to a Benefits Agreement that will ensure the active involvement of First Nations in the development and operation of the Project. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by Bear Head LNG and KMK. Work will proceed to address the details of a Benefits Agreement between the parties. Bear Head LNG has also signed a security agreement with the Waycobah First Nation that enables the latter to provide the stipulated services at the Project site.



**Table 3-3: Engagement with First Nations**

Name	Organisation	Date	Engagement	Observations
Melissa Nevin	KMKNO	14/01/15  18/02/15	Phone call  Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of regulatory status of Project</li> <li>• Dimensions of interest: MEK, archaeological matters and fishery considerations</li> <li>• Provided Project Description</li> <li>• Discussed regulatory process – Class I provincial environmental assessment to address changes in Project since original authorizations;</li> <li>• MEK study update</li> <li>• Fisheries interests are beyond the vicinity of proposed wharf</li> <li>• KMKNO is not aware of any First Nations archaeological interest on project site</li> </ul>
Owen Fitzgerald & Alex Paul	Mi'kmaw Economic Benefits Office of Nova Scotia	20/01/15	Phone Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided update on Project details</li> <li>• Aware of some of the engagement that has occurred</li> <li>• Will become more directly involved when it comes time to implement a benefits agreement</li> </ul>
Justin Houston, Beata Dera, and Laurent Jonart	Nova Scotia Office of Aboriginal Affairs	11/02/15	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided update on the Project and the regulatory process</li> <li>• Outlined the steps that had been taken to engage with First Nations and keep them informed of the employment that might be generated</li> <li>• Discussed the work that was being done to update databases that would be of primary concern to First Nations</li> </ul>
Roger Hunka	Native Council of Nova Scotia	22/01/15	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided Project Description and discussed Project changes since the original approvals</li> <li>• Generally considered a good site for an undertaking of this nature</li> </ul>
Tanya Collier MacDonald	Memski Project Inc.	23/03/15	Phone Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided Project information</li> <li>• Discussed interest in collaboration</li> </ul>