

What is up for Review?

Environmental
Assessment
Processes

Fish Habitat
Protection

National
Energy Board
Modernization

Navigation
Protection

There are four laws and processes currently under consideration. Although these are connected, there are four separate, but parallel processes:

- The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities is reviewing the Navigation Protection Act. Written submissions are due November 9th (<http://www.parl.gc.ca/Committees/en/TRAN/StudyActivity?studyActivityId=9081071>)
- The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans is reviewing Fish Habitat Protection. As part of that review, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans launched a portal: <http://letstalkfishhabitat.ca>
- An independent panel will consider modernizing the National Energy Board. The panel has not yet been appointed.
- An independent panel is reviewing the federal environmental assessment process (<http://eareview-examenee.ca/>) The panel will be in Winnipeg November 16-17.

For more information see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/assessments/environmental-reviews.html>

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How would you protect our environment?
Our parks, lakes wildlife and communities...
Your voice matters now.

Canada's environmental laws are up for review. These laws determine how pipelines, hydro dams, mines and drainage project get approved. The stakes have never been higher to get this right.

Now is the time for you to join the discussion on how the federal government makes decisions about the environment.

Join the Discussion!

The Federal Government is Reviewing Important Environmental Legislation

How can I participate?

There are a number of different ways to have your say both in person and on-line:

- **Public presentations:** formal hearing sessions held during the day. Presenters have 10 to 15 minutes. Spots are limited, so registering in advance is important, but not required.
- **Public workshops:** Round-table, facilitated workshops. Usually begins with a presentation by the panel, followed by group discussions.
- **Indigenous presentations:** Formal sessions held during the day.
- **Indigenous Open Dialogue Sessions:** Generally unstructured circle sessions that run for 3 hours, with participants and Panel members seated in an open circle.
- **Written Submissions:** You can email a written submission to the panel until Dec. 18, 2016 (EAreview_participation@canada.ca). West Coast Environmental Law has developed letter writing tool that that you can modify to reflect your own input (see http://www.envirolawsmatter.ca/share_your_views)
- **Choice book:** The panel launched a choicebook which asks you to consider (i) what do you think federal EA should achieve? and (ii) how do we make federal EA work better? Access the work-book at <http://eareview-examenee.ca/choicebook/>
- **Webinars:** The panel will be hosting issue-specific webinars. Themes and times are TBA.

See: <http://eareview-examenee.ca/participate/> for more information

See the following website by West Coast Environmental Law for further information on participation:

<http://wcel.org/resources/environmental-law-alert/review-review-reviews-participants-guide-federal-ea-review>

Participation Opportunities in MB

November 9, 2016

Town Hall [6:30-8:30] at Eckhardt Grammate Hall

Speakers:

Anna Johnston is staff counsel at West Coast Environmental Law, where she focuses on federal environmental law reform. Anna is Co-Chair of the national Environmental Planning and Assessment Caucus and sits on the Multi-Interest Advisory Committee assisting with the federal review of environmental assessment processes.

Dr. Patricia Fitzpatrick is an Associate Professor (Geography) and an Instructor in the Master's of Development Practice (Indigenous focus) at the University of Winnipeg. Her research surrounds resource development and the Canadian environment, with an emphasis on the mining and energy sectors. She has been involved in 11 environmental assessments.

Elder Florence Paynter is from Sandy Bay First Nation and a band member of Norway House Cree Nation. She is a third degree Mide Anishinabekwe and holds a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Manitoba. Florence speaks Anishinabe fluently and has been involved in many language and cultural initiatives and ceremonies. She strongly believes "we have to stand up for Mother Earth and give her voice."

November 16, 2016

Winnipeg, MB

- **Panel Presentations [1:00-5:00pm]**
- **Public Workshop [6:30-10:00pm]**

November 17, 2016

Winnipeg, MB

- **Indigenous Presentations [9:00am-5:00pm]**
- **Indigenous Open Dialogue Session [6:30-8:30pm]**

See <http://eareview-examenee.ca/> for more information about these events and how to register.

November 18, 2016

Elders and Knowledge Keepers Gathering

9:30am-4:00pm at Turtle Lodge (Anishnabe Mikinack Kinamakamik), Sagkeeng First Nation

The purpose of the Gathering is to begin a series of conversations about Indigenous worldviews and laws.

Environmental Assessment (EA)

What should EA look like?

In May, 2016 experts from across Canada gathered at the federal EA Reform Summit. They identified twelve interconnected pillars of next-generation environmental assessment:

1. Sustainability as a core objective
2. Integrated, tiered assessments starting at the strategic and regional levels
3. Cumulative effects assessments done regionally
4. Collaboration and harmonization amongst different jurisdictions
5. Co-governance with Indigenous Nations
6. Climate assessments to achieve Canada's climate goals
7. Credibility, transparency and accountability throughout
8. Participation for the people
9. Transparent and accessible information flows
10. Robust follow-up and monitoring with clear provisions for enforcement
11. Consideration of the best option from a range of alternatives
12. Emphasis on learning

For more information see:
<http://wcel.org/EASummit>