

GCT Deltaport Expansion – Berth Four Project

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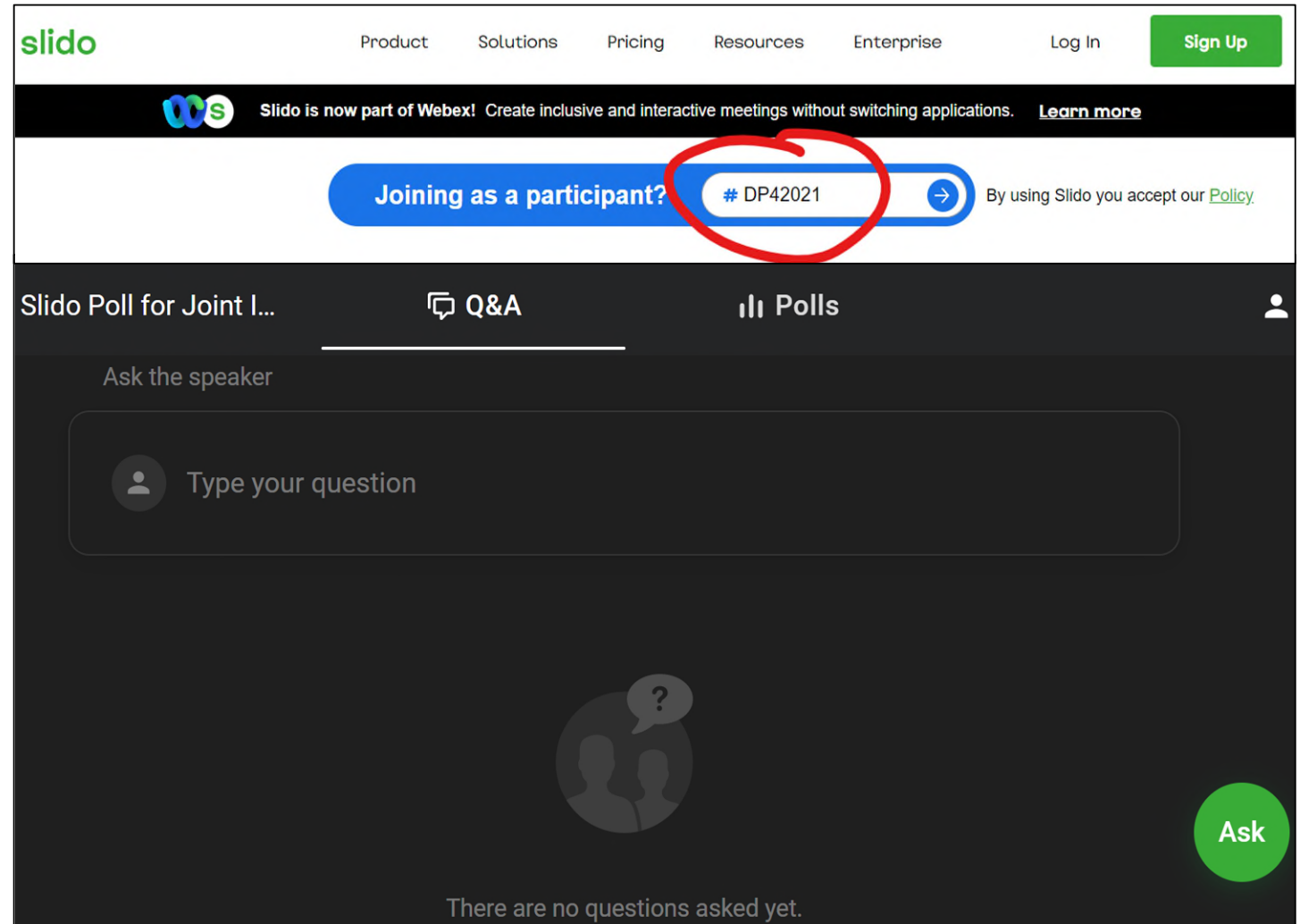


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INTRODUCTION TO FEDERAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS



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Federal Impact Assessments

- **Impact assessments** are planning, and decision-making tools used to assess the potential positive and negative effects of proposed projects.
- Federal assessments consider a **wide-range of factors** including environmental, health and socio-economic effects of the project and impacts on the rights of Indigenous people, need and purpose of the project, alternative means of carrying out the project, accidents and malfunctions, cumulative effects.
- Impact assessments are led by the **Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency)** or **independent review panels**. They can also be led collaboratively with other jurisdictions or federal regulators such as the Canada Energy Regulator.



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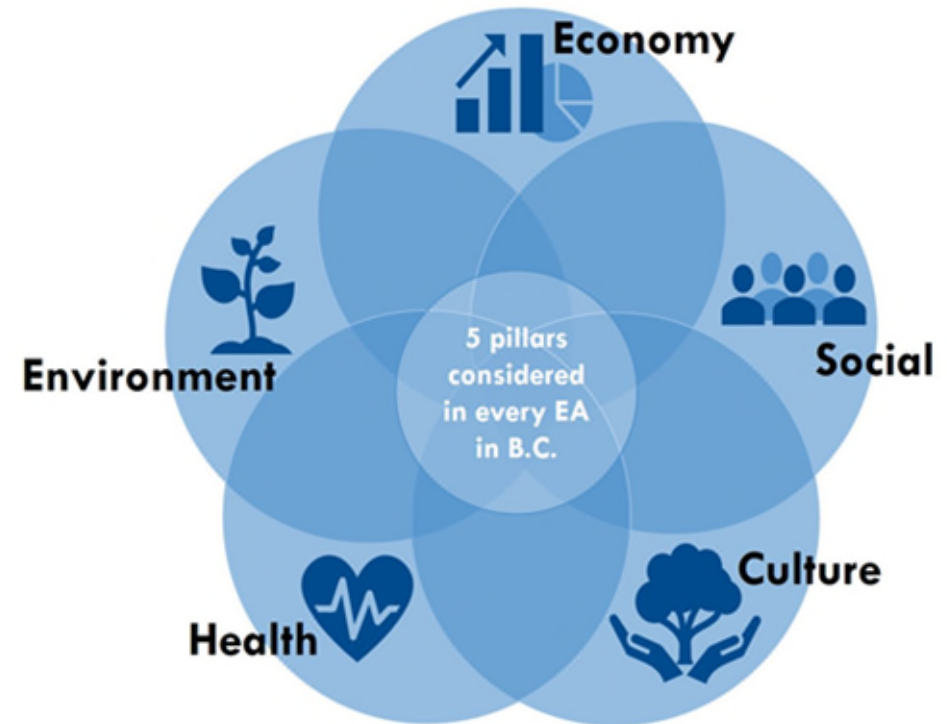
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The British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (EAO)

Purpose of the EAO

The EAO conducts reviews of **major** projects and administers the *Environmental Assessment Act* (2018), through:

- promoting sustainability by protecting the environment and fostering a sound economy and the well-being of British Columbians and their communities; and
- supporting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in British Columbia.



Cooperation between the Agency and EAO

In accordance with the *Impact Assessment Cooperation Agreement Between Canada and British Columbia*, the Agency and EAO have been cooperating to:

- Coordinate timelines, including joint comment periods
- Engage with Indigenous nations and the public
- Develop joint products, including the:
 - *Joint Guidelines,*
 - *Joint Assessment Plan,*
 - *Joint Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, and*
 - *Joint Permitting / Regulatory Coordination Plan*
- Provide joint feedback to the proponent on documents
- Each government will retain the power to make their own decisions regarding the project



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PROJECT OVERVIEW (GCT – SEE CIAR 96)



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ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW



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Past Milestones



- **September 28, 2020** - Acceptance of Initial Project Description
- **December 23, 2020** - Summary of Issues (following public consultation)
- **October 19, 2021** - The Agency receipt of Detailed Project Description
- **October 28, 2021**
 - Agency decision - an impact assessment is required
 - EAO readiness decision - the project will proceed to an environmental assessment
- **November 3, 2021** – federal Minister referred the impact assessment to a review panel

DP4 assessment referred to a review panel

- On November 3, the federal Minister of Environment referred the assessment for the project to a review panel.
 - Reasons include potential for adverse effects within federal jurisdiction, public concerns, potential impacts to Indigenous peoples and their rights, and opportunities for cooperation with British Columbia.
- A review panel is a group of independent experts appointed by the Agency to conduct an impact assessment (i.e. collect information, conduct hearings, write the report).
- The EAO intends to principally rely on the federal review panel's impact assessment to meet the provincial requirements for an environmental assessment



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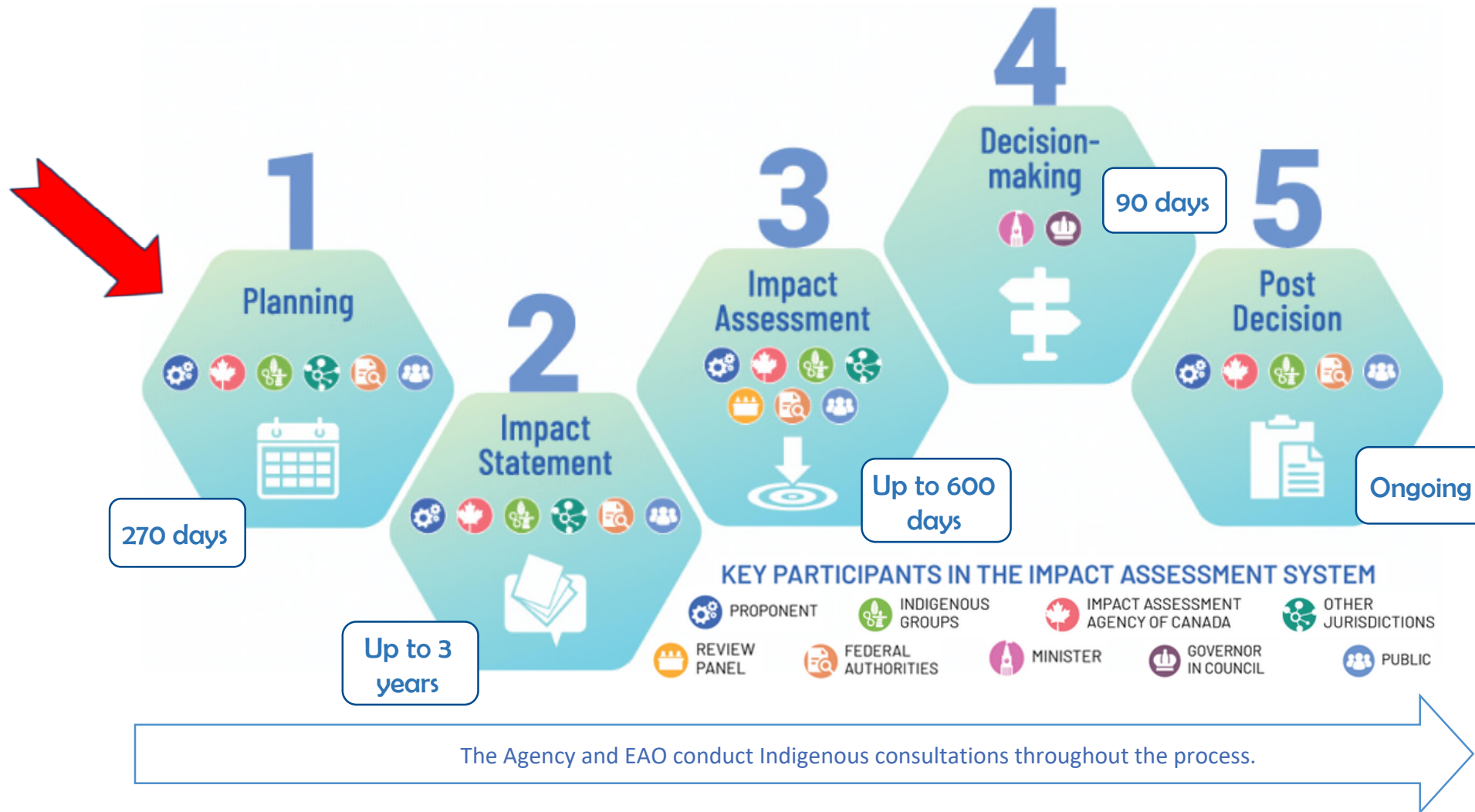
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Assessment Process



Next Steps



- **November 10, 2021 – January 7, 2022** - Comment period on draft Joint Guidelines and Joint Assessment Plan
- **April 16, 2022** - Final joint guidelines, process order and plans issued to the proponent on or before this date.
- **Summer 2022** – Comment period on the project-specific cooperation agreement and review panel terms of reference
- **Later in the process** – Review of the impact statement and start of the review panel process



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH INDIGENOUS NATIONS



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Who Participates in Assessments?

- Indigenous nations
- The public
- Proponents
- The Review Panel
- The Agency
- The EAO
- Provincial and federal departments and agencies
- Local governments
- Non-governmental organizations
- Provincial advisory committees:
 - Technical Advisory Committee
 - Community Advisory Committee



Public Engagement

Right now, you are invited to provide comments on:

- draft joint guidelines
- draft joint assessment plan

Future public comment periods will include:

- the project-specific cooperation agreement and review panel terms of reference
- the proponent's Impact Statement
- project conditions
- Provincial referral package

The review panel will also conduct hearings and may provide additional opportunities for engagement.



Federal Participant Funding Program (PFP)

- Promotes the involvement of the public and Indigenous nations in participation activities.
- Agency has already awarded funding for the planning phase, which includes this ongoing comment period.
- Members of the public and Indigenous nations will have another opportunity to apply for federal funding to facilitate their participation in the later phases of the assessment process, including the review panel hearings.
- More information on the Participant Funding Program can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/public-participation/funding-programs/participant-funding-program.html>



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Engagement with Indigenous Peoples

The *Impact Assessment Act* and the *B.C. Environmental Assessment Act* include provisions pertaining to engagement with Indigenous peoples that relate to:

- Participation in Impact Assessment
- Cooperation and Collaboration
- Impacts on Peoples and Rights
- Indigenous Knowledge



JOINT GUIDELINES



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Joint Guidelines

- Drafted and tailored for the project jointly by the Agency and the EAO
- The purpose of the Joint Guidelines is to identify for the proponent the minimum information requirements for the impact statement
- A final version of these Joint Guidelines which reflects the input received and will be issued to the proponent at the end of the Planning Phase.
- Comment period on the draft joint guidelines ends on January 7, 2022
- Final Joint Guidelines and plans issued by April 16, 2022



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Joint Guidelines



Comment period on the Joint Guidelines November 10, 2021 to **January 7, 2022.**

Please consider the following when drafting your comments. These questions can be found in the public comment period supporting documents on the [Registry](#) and [EPIC](#).

For example, tell us:

- What components of the environment, health, social, cultural or economic conditions are important to you or your community, and why are they important?
- What locations are of importance to you and your community, why are they important, and how could they be impacted by the project?
- What should the spatial boundaries be for the assessment of impacts resulting from physical activities associated with the project, such as marine shipping incidental to the project, and road and rail activities?
- Are there other issues you would like to see addressed in the Joint Guidelines?

Valued Components

CATEGORIES THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED AS VALUED COMPONENTS, INTERMEDIATE COMPONENTS, OR PATHWAYS FOR DP4

- Air Quality
- Atmospheric Noise
- Underwater Noise
- Marine Water, Sediment, and Coastal Geomorphology
- Visual Environment
- Marine Fish and Fish Habitat
- Marine Mammals
- Marine Vegetation and Wetlands
- Birds and their Habitat
- Species at Risk
- Climate Change
- Social Conditions and Community Well-Being
- Employment and Economy
- Infrastructure and Services
- Land and Resource Use
- Marine Use
- Archaeological and Heritage Resources
- Human Health

For each category, the proponent must identify:

- ✓ Assessment boundaries
- ✓ Existing conditions
- ✓ Potential effects
- ✓ Mitigation measures
- ✓ Cumulative effects
- ✓ Follow up strategies including monitoring

Factors to be Assessed

- Project Purpose, Need and Alternatives Considered
- Cumulative effects
- Indigenous and Community Knowledge
- Impacts on Indigenous Interests
- Effects of the Environment on the Project
- Accidents and Malfunctions
- Contribution to Sustainability (including assessment on Current and Future Generations)
- Canada's Ability to Meet its Environmental Obligations and Climate Change Commitments
- Biophysical Factors that Support Ecosystem Function
- Human and Community Well-being (including culture)
- Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+)

Geographic Extent of Activities

- The Agency and EAO are also **seeking comments on the geographic extent** of the following activities related to the project:
 - Marine shipping incidental to the project beyond the 12 nautical mile limit of the territorial sea of Canada
 - Road transportation beyond the proponent's lease boundary
 - Rail transportation beyond the proponent's lease boundary
- The final determination of the geographic extent of these activities will be reflected in the final Joint Guidelines in consideration of the comments received.



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JOINT ASSESSMENT PLAN



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Draft Joint Assessment Plan

- Prepared jointly by the Agency and EAO
- The purpose of the Joint Assessment Plan is to outline for each phase of the assessment:
 - How the federal and provincial governments will cooperate;
 - The assessment process, participation opportunities and general timelines; and
 - Roles and responsibilities of assessment participants.
- It is intended to be high-level to allow the Agency, EAO or the review panel to supplement the approaches described in this plan to accommodate changes that may occur during the assessment.



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Communication and Participation Tools

- The Agency and EAO are **seeking comments** on:
 - What communication and participation tools would facilitate your participation?
 - Are there any challenges that you or your community are facing that would prevent you from taking part in the project's public participation opportunities?
- These questions can be found in the public comment period supporting documents on the [Registry](#) and [EPIC](#).

Public notices

Public comment periods

Emails to the distribution list

Social media updates

Hearings held by the review panel

Community and information sessions

Physical copies of documents in viewing centres

Federal impact assessment process training

ADDITIONAL JOINT PLANS



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Additional Joint Plans

- Joint Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan
 - The Agency and EAO are **seeking comments from Indigenous nations** on the contents of the Joint Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan.
- Joint Permitting / Regulatory Coordination Plan
 - The Agency and EAO are **seeking comments from federal and provincial authorities** on the contents of the Joint Permitting Plan.



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE



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What makes a comment helpful?

 <p>Most Helpful</p> <p>The comment is thoughtful and articulates a concern or opportunity with specific information to conduct further studies</p>	<p>I'm very concerned about the project's potential impacts to Rainbow trout that are often found in Dash creek, adjacent to the project site. I've been fishing on the creek for the past 15 years, and I know rainbow trout are there, but I don't see them listed in the assessment report?</p>	<p>I'm conflicted about the social impacts the project could have on my community with all the new workers. While I think more people will be good for our local businesses, I don't know how the medical clinic will cope – we already have two hour plus wait times.</p>	<p>This project will provide much needed economic benefits for our town. I know there will be impacts to some of the nature trails in the area, but I think it's worth it to help our community grow. Maybe the company could build some new nature trails with community input?</p>
 <p>Helpful</p> <p>The comment identifies a specific concern or opportunity with general information to conduct further studies</p>	<p>I'm pretty sure the report is missing some fish species that are found in Dash creek – there needs to be more studies.</p>	<p>I'm concerned about how many more people will be coming into our community. I don't think we're set up for a large increase in people in town.</p>	<p>As a local business owner, I'm looking forward to more customers coming to town – it will be good for our community.</p>
 <p>Incomplete</p> <p>The comment identifies a non-specific concern or opportunity without any information to conduct additional studies</p>	<p>I think the project will be bad for the fish in the area.</p>	<p>I think that all of the new people that will come to town will be bad for our community.</p>	<p>The project will be a good economic opportunity for our community.</p>
 <p>Least Helpful</p> <p>A statements for or against the project without any meaningful information to conduct additional studies</p>	<p>This project is terrible and bad for the environment.</p>	<p>The project will ruin our way of life – it needs to be stopped.</p>	<p>Approve the project already – our community needs it.</p>
<p>Not Accepted</p>	<p>Comments that contain profanity, derogatory comments, racist content or contain personal information that could identify an individual.</p>		

How to Participate: Agency

- By providing comments on key documents using:
 - “Submit a Comment” feature available on the Registry at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81010>
 - mail or email:

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deltaport@iaac-aeic.gc.ca
- Consulting the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry
- Putting your name on the project distribution list for updates and notices by emailing deltaport@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

How to Participate: EAO

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[Submit Comment](#)

In Progress

Provincial Community Advisory Committee

- **Purpose:** Advise the EAO on the potential effects of the proposed project on the community.
- **Who:** Members of the public, local governments, members of Indigenous nations, and organizations interested in providing local knowledge of the community.
- **How: Subscribe on EPIC** ('Become a Community Advisory Committee Member') during the current public comment period (by January 7th).
- The EAO establishes the CAC by the end of the Planning Phase.



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Resource Materials

- Information session materials: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/141980>
- GCT Deltaport Expansion – Berth Four Project Registry: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81010>
- GCT Deltaport Expansion – Berth 4 EAO Project Information Centre: projects.eao.gov.bc.ca
- Agency Website – Processes, policies and guidance: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance.html>
- EAO Website – Processes, policies and guidance: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/environmental-assessments>
- Proponent (GCT) project contact information: dp4@globalterminals.com



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Thank you!

Questions?



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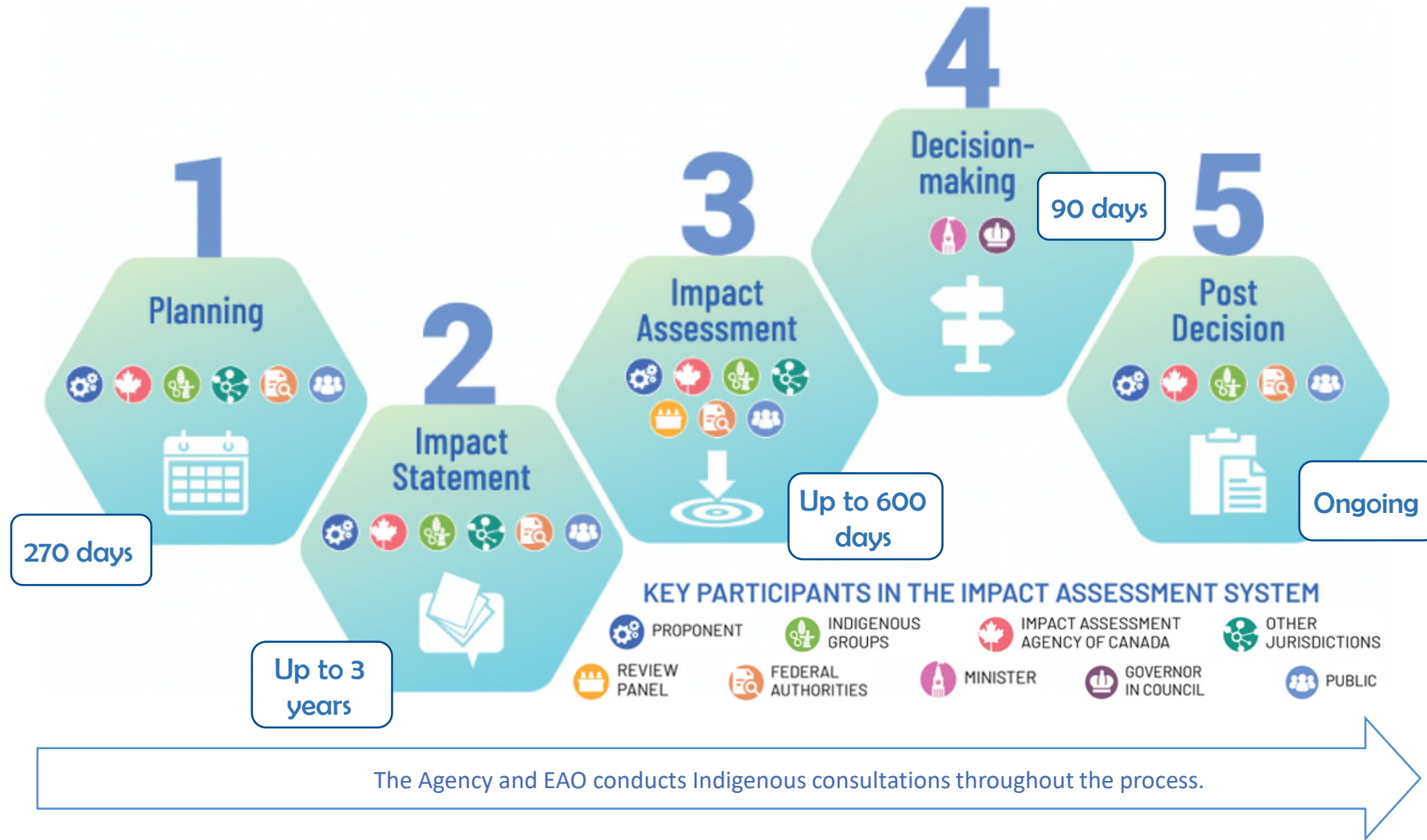
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Assessment Process



Impact Statement Development and Review Phase

Mains steps include

- develop a project-specific cooperation agreement and the review panel terms of reference and consult on those;
- proponent prepares and submits the impact statement;
- review panel is appointed;
- review of the impact statement to determine if it contains all the information and studies required by the joint guidelines;
- consensus-seeking with participating Indigenous nations on the impact statement.

Impact Assessment Phase led by the Review Panel (Part 1)

The main objectives of the review panel are to:

- verify the information in the impact statement and gathers any additional information the review panel needs to fulfill its terms of reference;
- conduct hearings;
- prepare the impact assessment report and submit the report to the federal Minister; and
- the review panel may be directed to draft conditions and consult on them.

Impact Assessment Phase led by Governments (Part 2)

Federal steps include:

- if the review panel is not directed to develop draft conditions, the Agency will take into consideration the review panel's impact assessment report and develop recommendations on potential federal conditions
- Agency will hold a comment period on draft conditions
- if the review panel is mandated to develop draft conditions, the Agency will review these conditions and determine whether modifications are needed. If modifications are made, the Agency will hold a comment period on the potential conditions
- taking into consideration comments received from the comment period, the Agency will update the potential conditions and issue recommendations on the potential federal conditions to the federal Minister.

Impact Assessment Phase led by Governments (Part 2)

Provincial steps include:

- Based on the impact assessment report submitted by the review panel, the EAO will develop a draft provincial referral package, including draft EAC conditions and project description, a provincial referral package, and recommendations
- The EAO will hold a comment period on the provincial referral package



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Federal Decision-making Phase

- Federal decision-making begins when the Agency posts its recommendations to the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding federal conditions on the public registry and ends when the federal decision is communicated publicly.
- The legislated federal timeline for this part of the assessment is 90 days.
- Federal steps include:
 - Governor-in-council decision on whether the project's adverse effects within federal jurisdiction are in the public interest
 - Federal Minister issues a decision statement with detailed reasons and, if approved, the federal conditions for the project that the proponent must comply with
 - Where applicable, the Government of Canada issues a response to the review panel's recommendations that relate to federal mandates and interests

Provincial Decision-making Phase

- Begins when the EAO submits a provincial referral package to provincial Ministers.
 - The provincial Ministers issue or refuse to issue an EAC which includes provincial conditions and a project description
 - The provincial Ministers publish reasons for a decision
 - Where applicable, B.C. issues a response to the review panel's recommendations that relate to provincial mandates and interests
- The legislated provincial timeline for this part of the assessment is 30 days.



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Post-Decision Phase

If the project is approved federally:

- The federal Minister would require the proponent to substantially begin to carry out the project within a certain period set out in the federal decision statement.
- The Agency would post follow-up and monitoring documents to the Registry. Compliance and potential enforcement activities would also be posted to the Registry.



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Post-Decision Phase

If a provincial Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) is issued:

- The EAC remains in effect for the life of the project, subject only to suspension or cancellation as applicable. If the project has not substantially started by the deadline specified by the EAO, the EAC expires.
- The Compliance & Enforcement branch of the EAO:
 - conducts compliance inspections of regulated parties and projects,
 - uses enforcement to ensure projects are designed, built, operated and decommissioned or reclaimed.



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Submitting a comment to the EAO

- 3. Click on “**Next**”, fill out the required information and click “**Submit**”.

Submit a Comment

How it Works

All accepted comments submitted to the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) will be published online within seven days of receipt. Comments are not accepted if - in EAO's view - they are profane, abusive or do not relate to the matter being consulted upon as stated in our [Public Comment Policy \[PDF\]](#).

EAO forwards all accepted comments to the project proponent so they can be considered during the project's environmental assessment.

EAO requires that you provide your city/town when making a comment. In order to have your name displayed with your comment, you must select the 'Make my Name visible to public' option. All hyperlinks in comments will be converted to plain text. All attachments must be no larger than 10MB and must be a **.png, .pdf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .ppt, .rtf, .pptx, .txt** or **.bmp** file.

Collection Notice

Your personal information is collected by the Environmental Assessment Agency for the purpose of commenting on the *Castle Project* under the authority of s.26(c) of the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#). In submitting your comment, you consent to your comment being published online and shared with the proponent. This consent is valid from this date forward and may be revoked by contacting the EAO representative below. Should you have any questions about this collection please contact:

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(250) 356-7441

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Name *

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Please make my name visible to the public.
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I'm a Community Advisory Committee Member. [Learn More](#)

Location *

E: City, Province, etc.


Your Comment *

[Drop files to attach, or browse.](#)
Accepted file types: jpg, jpeg, gif, png, bmp, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, ppt, pptx, pdf, txt, rtf
Individual file size limit: 10MB

No attached files.

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Comments must not contain personal or otherwise identifying information of yourself or any other individuals within your text submission and/or attachment (e.g. home/work address, email address, telephone number).

 Drop files to attach, or browse.

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Name (All comments are submitted anonymously by default.)

Please make my name visible to the public.

If you would like to add and display your name on the public website ensure you select "Please make my name visible to the public"

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I'm a Community Advisory Committee Member. [Learn More](#)



BACK

SUBMIT

Community Advisory Committee

Member Sign-up

Full Name *

Location

Email Address *

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Describe your interest in the project

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