



## Information Bulletin

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### Placer Mining in Wetlands –Public Interest Hearing Update

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#### Background

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The Yukon Water Board held a public interest hearing to learn more about placer mining in wetlands on October 27th-29th, 2020. The virtual hearing was live-streamed to two platforms and featured presentations from participants over video-conference. The Board accepted written submissions up until the close of the public comment period on December 14th, 2020. Participants in the hearing process provided the Board with a large volume of information. The public can access this information on WATERLINE under file no. PM20-018.

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#### Ongoing Information Review

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The Board continues to review and consider the information from the hearing process. This review consists of a careful and thorough examination of the information that respects the efforts of each parties' involvement. The Board considers all participation meaningful and important, whether through oral or written submissions. The Board continues to weigh all the evidence from the hearing for the "What We Heard" report.

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#### What We Heard Report

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Public participation is the cornerstone of the Board's public process. The Board is preparing a "What We Heard" report to provide a clear summary of the issues and perspectives. The report will focus on information relating to the scope of the hearing and the *Wetland Information Guidelines*. The Board endeavors the report to provide an accurate reflection of the issues and perspectives from the hearing and to inform the Board's options into the future.

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#### Next Steps

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The Board continues to deliberate and process water licence and Class 4 placer mining land use approval applications. The Board is anticipating the release of the "What We Heard" report in the coming months. With this anticipation, the Board thanks participants in advance for their patience and attention to the issues. Please contact Caleb Light at the Yukon Water Board Secretariat by phone at (867) 456-3985 or by email [caleb.light@yukonwaterboard.ca](mailto:caleb.light@yukonwaterboard.ca) for questions or more information about the hearing process.