



August 21, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST HEARING
RE: PLACER MINING IN WETLANDS

The Board is holding a public interest hearing pursuant to section 19(1) of the *Waters Act* based on a genuine interest and concern respecting placer mining in wetlands. The virtual hearing will occur on **October 27 to 29, 2020**. The virtual format enables the hearing to proceed given COVID-19 restrictions in Yukon.

This public hearing does not relate to specific water licence applications. Rather, the hearing concerns the broader issue of placer mining activities occurring in wetlands. A preliminary agenda for the hearing accompanies this notice.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information to further develop the Board's *Wetland Information Guidelines* and to hear views about placer mining activities occurring in wetlands.

The Board is specifically inviting perspectives on the following questions:

1. What information should be required to support a water licence application related to placer mining activities in wetland areas?
2. What should the wetland conservation, development and utilization objectives be for a watershed and how can they be balanced on an application by application basis?
3. What wetland reclamation objectives should be considered during the water licensing process?

The Board requests that those wishing to speak at the hearing make their intentions known by **September 11, 2020 at 4:00 pm** via email at ywb@yukonwaterboard.ca or by phone to the Water Boards' office.

The Board asks that those making oral submissions provide a summary of their submission by **September 30, 2020 at 4:00 pm** to assist the Board in planning and preparing for the hearing.

The Board also welcomes written submissions via email at ywb@yukonwaterboard.ca or by submitting comments using WATERLINE under Application File No. PM20-018 up to and until **October 29, 2020 at 4:00 pm**.

Participants can find relevant hearing connection details on the Board's website at www.yukonwaterboard.ca or on WATERLINE under Application File No. PM20-018 as they are made available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Piers McDonald".

Piers McDonald
Chair, Yukon Water Board



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(August 21, 2020)

PLACER MINING IN WETLANDS PUBLIC INTEREST HEARING

October 27-29, 2020 (virtual)

1. Welcoming Comments and Opening Prayer
2. Roundtable Introductions
3. Opening Statement – Yukon Water Board
4. Hearing Process/Procedures – Yukon Water Board
5. Invited Presentations
6. Representations from Participants
7. Participants Closing Remarks
8. Closing Statement – Yukon Water Board
9. Closing Prayer