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First Nations Environmental Assessment
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Technical Working Group

Who are we?

FNEATWG (affectionately known as fin-ee-a-twig) is:

- a multi-disciplinary group
- First Nation, provincial and federal government
- environmental assessment practitioners.

Our group is committed to enhancing First Nations internal capacity to engage effectively in EA processes conducted in British Columbia.



FNEATWG Mission

***"Excellence in EA through
meaningful FN
involvement."***

FNEATWG Purpose

The First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group (FNEATWG) acts as a resource body on First Nation environmental assessment (EA) practices for interested First Nations, First Nations organizations, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and other concerned agencies and organizations.

FNEATWG Objectives

1. Advises First Nations, First Nations organizations, the EAO and government agencies on issues relating to environmental assessment, including First Nations, providing input to federal EA processes;
2. Develops and recommends on initiatives and strategies to assist First Nations, the EAO and government agencies in facilitating and supporting effective First Nations environmental assessment practices;
3. Provides a forum for First Nations, First Nations organizations, the EAO, government agencies and industry for the purpose of information sharing, improving communications and complementing EA-related initiatives of mutual interest;
4. Facilitates sharing of information and networking on environmental assessment practices and policies between First Nations governments, First Nations organizations and government agencies;
5. Supports the development of Environmental Assessment professional and technical capacity within First Nations governments and organizations.

Disclaimer

- First Nations' and other governments and organizations appoint representatives to the FNEATWG without prejudice to their respective positions on aboriginal title and rights.
- Meetings of the FNEATWG and exchanges of information and correspondence and communications between FNEATWG members and the federal and provincial governments do not in any way contribute to fulfilling governments' obligations with respect to consultation with First Nations.

Our Products and Services

- **The Toolkit**
- **Toolkit Workshops**
- **First Nations EA Capacity Needs Assessment**
- **EA Best Practices Forum**
- **General Advocacy - 2 seats on the EAO's Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee**

The Toolkit

- To assist FNs in BC whose Aboriginal rights and title and treaty rights may be affected by a project undergoing an EA.
- Written primarily from a FN perspective.
- Designed for FN leadership, employees and communities.
- Provides information and practical advice that will help FN participate effectively in EA processes.
- Provides information on the perspectives of project proponents, government regulators and decision-makers.

Other Initiatives

- EA Best Practices Document with LGL Consulting for the New Relationship Trust
- Advice to Chiefs of Ontario and Federation of Saskatchewan Indians
- Interim EA Model for FNs under FNLMA
- Online Toolkit Course
- Traditional Knowledge Sub-Committee

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