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Band Admin Quarterly

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68 Sites Identified

- 38 sites removal completed
- 5 sites will not be removed
- 25 work in progress

DFO Permits required

Permits were extended to September 30, 2022



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Debris Action Plan - Update

Clean Up After Atmospheric River Flooding

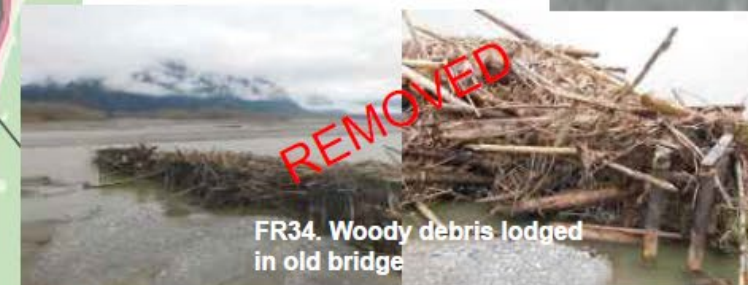
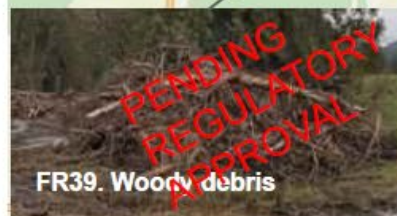
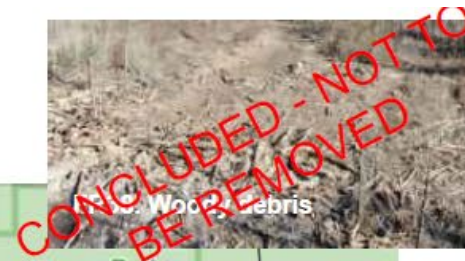
Criteria: Priority

1. Any Human Made Debris -
2. Natural Debris Threat to Safety and Infrastructure
3. Sediment Build Up

This information is a pictorial overview of the debris sites on the Fraser in our area that were affected by the November 2021 atmospheric river flooding event.

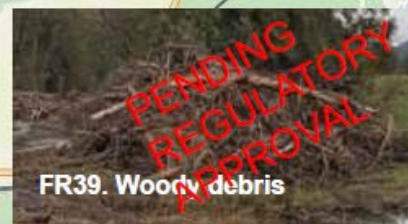
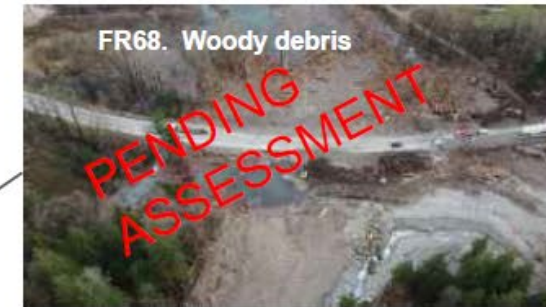
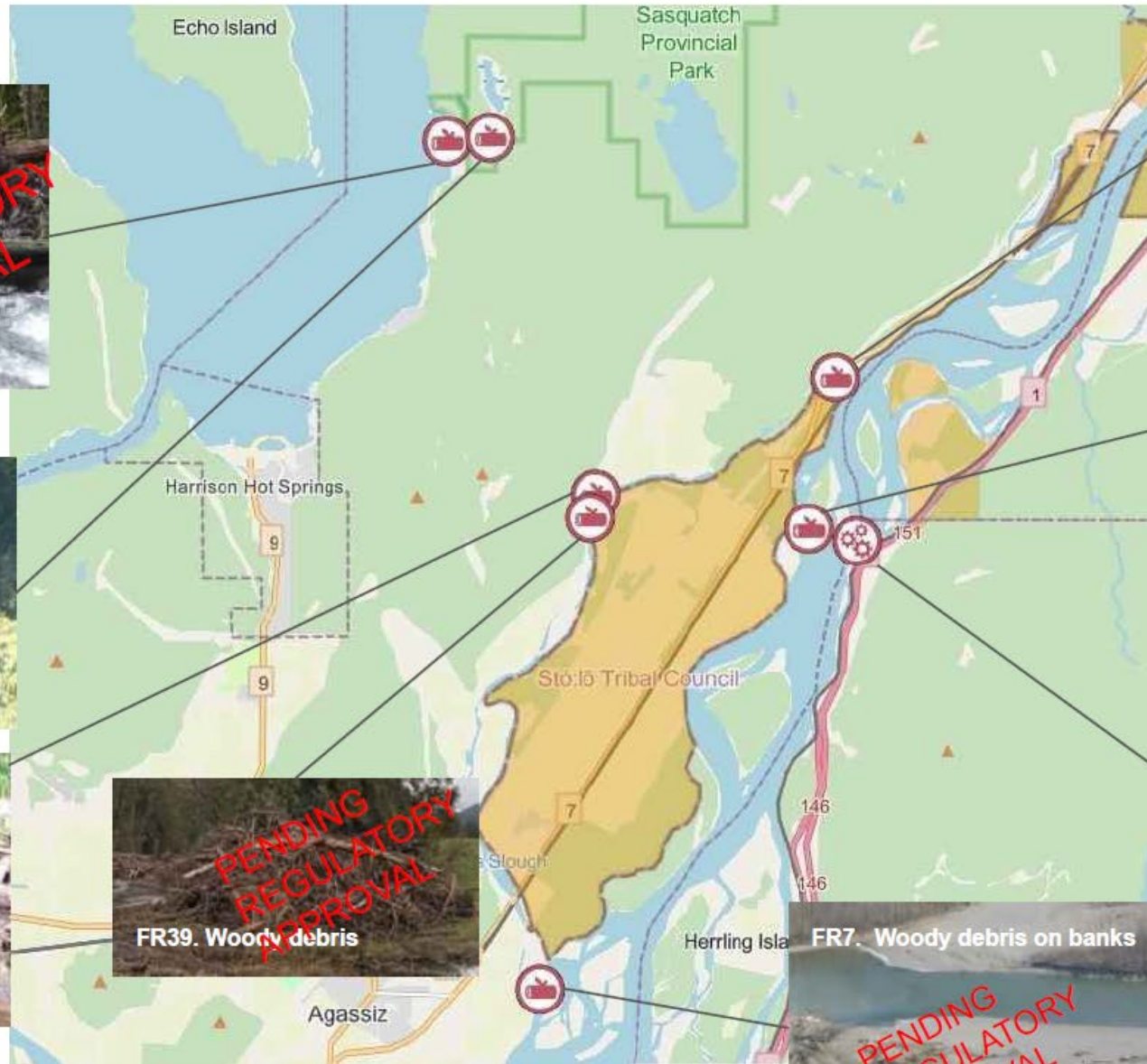
Previous Sites

Fraser River



Fraser River

Pending Approvals



Seabird Island Membership Code Survey

**Survey is complete,
Results are being
compiled.**

Results to be displayed at the AGM

- ▶ Distribution & Statistics
- ▶ Questionnaire was made available from May 10 to July 22, 2022
- ▶ Online, community meeting and door-to-door

Seabird Island Membership Code

Stay Tuned for
communications and
Information Sessions

Critiques of Questionnaire and Methodology

“Not sure” as a response for more information or not understanding or not ready to decide

Break up into smaller questionnaire Questions, Unclear, Tricky or Vague

Request for in-person and virtual meetings instead

This is a starting process areas have been identified that require further discussion and clarity

Enbridge Negotiations - Completed

- Chief and Council are pleased to report that we have recently concluded negotiations with Westcoast Energy Inc. ("**Enbridge**") on a long outstanding tenure matter involving Enbridge's two existing pipelines on Seabird's reserve, which includes both community lands and locatees lands.
- As a result of this settlement, the original 1955 agreement that the federal government entered into with Enbridge, as it relates to the portions of the pipelines through Seabird's reserve, has been replaced with a new right of way agreement that contains modern provisions and better serves the interests of Seabird and those locatees who are parties to the agreement.
- This settlement also comprehensively addresses the right of Enbridge to have its pipelines on Seabird's reserve and provides for fair compensation to Seabird and affected locatees.
- As the new right of way agreement pertains to gas pipelines, no band vote is required pursuant to s.19.4 of Seabird's Land Code.

Referrals Fame Work – Jurisdiction

- ▶ As inherent title and rights holders, the people of Sq'ewqel have a responsibility to look after our land and waters.
- ▶ Xólhmet te mekw'stám ít kwelát.
- ▶ Sq'ewqel is a self-determining Nation exercising sovereignty and centered at Seabird Island.
- ▶ No other body speaks for Seabird Island Band unless explicitly authorized to do so.

- ▶ As an independent and sovereign First Nation, Seabird Island Band declares and asserts

Aboriginal title and rights over all lands and natural resources (including water, air, surface and subsurface resources) across our territories,

As guaranteed in the Canadian Constitution (1982) and

Affirmed in many Supreme Court Decisions (e.g. Blueberry River, Roger William (Tsilhqot'in), Delgamuuk'w, Haida, Taku, etc.).

S'ólh Téméxw te íkw'élò. Xólhmet te mekw' stám ít kwelát.

'This is our land. We have to look after everything that belongs to us.'

Referrals Framework - Completed

Goals of this Consultation and Referrals Framework are:

1. To exercise Seabird inherent Indigenous title and rights in order to ensure the sustainability and resilience of our community;
2. To maximize efficiency in response to outside agency referrals while improving continuity and consistency of responses, and ultimately achieving positive cultural and environmental outcomes;
3. To generate revenue through economic opportunities, the charging of fees,
4. Administrative assistance through Strategic Engagement Agreement (SEA) funding in order to recover the cost of the referrals process; and
5. To participate in the generation of wealth from the land and resources of our territory.



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