

Lake Babine Nation's Sustainability Analysis Framework

Project impacts on what LBN needs to sustain its rights, traditions, culture and way of life:

1. Is the project likely to deplete, or put at risk, the health of any of the natural resources on which our food security, *nts'enh yinkak hadeelhts'iyh* (traditions, culture and way of life) depend?

Some examples: stream crossings that threaten *talok* or salmon and their habitat, clearing of land that is valuable habitat for *khida* or moose, pesticide use in *nit'ay* or berry picking areas, loss of wetlands that hold *yuh* or medicines, clearing of trees that can be harvested for *dicin tots* or bark

2. Is the project likely to interfere with our access to convenient, preferred and sacred places and areas in our *yintah* (Territory) where we harvest, carry out spiritual activities, teach our *nts'enh yinkak hadeelhts'iyh* to youth, and practice other aspects of our *niwh be 'ondzin* (LBN rights) and *nts'enh yinkak hadeelhts'iyh*?

3. Is the project likely to interfere with our ability to harvest, carry out spiritual activities, teach our *nts'enh yinkak hadeelhts'iyh* to youth, and practice other aspects of our *niwh be 'ondzin* and *nts'enh yinkak hadeelhts'iyh* in a peaceful environment (i.e. not noisy or busy or visibly damaged), including without noticeably more competition from non-Indigenous harvesters?

Examples of such interferences would include: a major transmission line through a preferred hunting area; a new road that will attract more hunters; a loud compression station in or beside a preferred hunting area.

4. Is the project likely to interfere with our ability to harvest, carry out spiritual activities, teach our *nts'enh yinkak hadeelhts'iyh* to youth, and practice other aspects of our *niwh be 'ondzin* and *nts'enh yinkak hadeelhts'iyh* in an uncontaminated environment (i.e. free of concerns of soil, air, water or food contamination)?

5. Will the project create risks to the physical health and safety of our members in our communities and in our *yintah* where we harvest, carry out spiritual activities, teach our *niwh be 'ondzin* and *nts'enh yinkak hadeelhts'iyh* to youth, and practice other aspects of our *niwh be 'ondzin* and *nts'enh yinkak hadeelhts'iyh*?

Examples of such risks would include: increased road traffic on the roads to Fort Babine and Tachet; pesticide use in or beside berry patches; discharge of waste water

6. Will the project interfere with our ability to preserve, study, and celebrate our archaeological heritage?
Some examples: *keyikh hozdle* or villages sites, *ts'i'nk'it* (gravesite) and *dinee 'adeenle* (burial ground) burials, *tiy* or trails, *hideelhk'in* or culturally modified trees
7. Will the project create anxiety or cultural insecurity in our members about their ability and that of their descendants to practice their *niwh be 'ondzin* and *nts'edah yinkak hadeelhts'iyh*?
8. Is the project likely to interfere with the ability of our Nation and Communities to pursue our own economic development activities within the Territory?

Some examples of LBN economic activities: forestry and tourism.

Significance of any project impacts:

9. If the project is likely to have a negative impact on any of Lake Babine's needs for sustaining its *niwh be 'ondzin* and *nts'edah yinkak hadeelhts'iyh*, will any of those effects be significant, taking into account the extent to which any needs are already compromised by the cumulative impacts of other land and resource development and climate change?
10. Is there a knowledge gap that makes it impossible to conclude with confidence whether the project is likely to have a significant negative impact on any of Lake Babine's needs?

Mitigation of any significant impacts:

11. If the project is likely to have a significant negative impact on one more of Lake Babine's needs, can the negative impact be avoided or reduced to an insignificant level through reliable and enforceable mitigation measures?
12. If the answer to the above question is "yes", is there a satisfactory plan and funding to monitor and enforce the proposed mitigation measures, and to pursue adaptive management if the mitigation measures prove less effective than expected?