NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

of an Environmental Assessment

BC Hydro - John Hart Generating Station Replacement Project

Campbell River (BC)

June 7, 2011 -- Fisheries and Oceans Canada is required to ensure that a screening is conducted commencing on April 29, 2011 in relation to the development proposal: BC Hydro - John Hart Generating Station Replacement Project.

BC Hydro is proposing to replace the existing John Hart Generating Station on the Campbell River with a new generating facility situated adjacent to the existing facility. As part of the project, BC Hydro proposes to replace the existing three surface wood stave penstocks with an underground tunnel, move the intake location for water extraction from the John Hart Reservoir and install a flow bypass facility. Additional works associated with this project include possibly moving of on site buildings and switchyards, moving of transmission lines at the project site, construction of new access roads and removal of the Brewster Lake bridge.

The scope of the project includes all physical activities associated with the replacement of the John Hart Generating Facility, including the new tunnel and intake location, as well as any approaches, roads, trails and related works, temporary lay down areas and demolition or relocating of buildings to accommodate construction of the new generating facility and ancillary works. The scope includes potential impacts associated with moving the location of the intake and tailrace for the new generating station on the John Hart Reservoir and Campbell River systems.

Under section 5 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, an environmental assessment is required because Fisheries and Oceans Canada may take action in relation to subsection 35(2) of the Fisheries Act for the purpose of enabling the project to be carried out in whole or in part.

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