



Save the Date:

October 29, 2021

9am-12pm

**Workshop on draft Indigenous Knowledge Policy
Framework as it relates to the Canada Navigable Waters
Act**

The Government of Canada passed legislation on June 21, 2019 relating to the Impact Assessment Act, the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, the Fisheries Act and the Canadian Navigable Waters Act. These legislative changes now require Indigenous knowledge be considered, when provided, alongside other factors, in project reviews and regulatory decisions. The purpose of the draft Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework for Project Reviews and Regulatory Decisions is to support the consistent application of provisions dealing with Indigenous knowledge in the Acts. The draft Framework articulates overarching principles that guide the work of federal officials when applying the provisions under the Acts and provides a basis for departments and agencies to develop policies and guidance tailored to each department and agency's specific operational requirements.

FNEMC will host a province wide, 3 hour virtual workshop on October 29th, to review the draft Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework, and provide insight as to how it pertains to the Navigable Waters Act and the opportunity to provide feedback and comments for changes.

Based on feedback from the workshop, FNEMC will then prepare a what we heard/recommendations paper for submission to the Impact Assessment Agency to ensure that BC First Nation's interests relating to the Navigable Waters Act and impact assessment are taken into account and incorporated.

There is participant funding available in the amount of \$200 per community to attend. There is no limit on the number of participants however the participant funding is limited, and advance notice for reimbursement is necessary. Preparatory materials, agenda, and zoom links will be provided closer to the date. To Register, please contact mark.blom@fnemc.ca