

Notice of Determination

Restoring Wetlands within the Lake Winnipeg Basin with Cowessess First Nation

Cowessess First Nation, Saskatchewan - March 1, 2021 – Environment and Climate Change Canada has determined that the project “Restoring Wetlands within the Lake Winnipeg Basin with Cowessess First Nation” is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

This determination was based on a consideration of the following factors:

- Impacts on rights of Indigenous peoples;
- Indigenous knowledge;
- Community knowledge;
- Comments received from the public; and
- Technically and economically feasible mitigation measures

Mitigation measures taken into account for this determination are:

- Sod and topsoil stripping from adjacent uplands will be undertaken outside the regional nesting periods. Proponent will be vigilant even outside of these periods
- If an active or indicated nest is found/suspected, a species-appropriate buffer will be used to protect the nest.
- After the breeding season, if a nest must be removed, an appropriate approach, based on the scientific information for the particular species will be considered.
- All federal regulation that apply to pesticide application will be followed to prevent/limit the exposure of toxicants to migratory birds and SAR.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is satisfied that the carrying out of the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

Therefore, Environment and Climate Change Canada may carry out the project, exercise any power, perform any duty or function, or provide financial assistance to enable the project to be carried out in whole or in part.