

Indigenous Engagement Plan (IEP)

Project Weekly Construction Update Memo

TO:	City of Merritt	REPORT DATE:	Friday, September 20, 2024
PROJECT:	RECOVE23-28B – C-EPA North Dike Construction	SITE MANAGER:	Darcy Schenkeveld - Superintendent
LOCATION:	1298 Coldwater Ave, Merritt BC	WORKFORCE:	14

Project Overview

The Project is to construct a 300-meter-long flood protection dike along the bank of the Coldwater River. Initial activities will include site establishment, stream isolation to prevent sediment from entering the stream and for protection of in stream wildlife, Tree falling and Shrub Removals. Following this work, granular materials and Rip Rap will be placed along the bank of the River. Once complete construction of the dike will begin. Additional Rip Rap will be placed to protect the structure with a gravel walkway being constructed on top of the dike to re-establish public use of the area.

1. Environmental Update

- 1.1 Environmental Professional on site monitoring activities and fish salvage works. Works continue to salvage fish within the isolation and manage waterflows around the isolation. Water depths, temperatures, and levels are closely monitored to ensure minimal impact. Sediment levels in the water is monitored closely with activities ceasing as required to allow sediment to settle and reduce overall impact to the waterways.
- 1.2 Additional care and attention to salmon in the area and monitoring for any spawning activity. Due to the timing of the works and sensitive nature in the area, all efforts are made to ensure minimal impacts to the migration of spawning fish. Works will start to install spawning deterrents to prevent salmon from spawning in potentially hazardous areas and to protect the species.

2. Heritage Update

- 2.1 A Cultural Monitor is being arranged by the City of Merritt and has been present on site as the work is proceeding. .

3. Construction Update

- 3.1 Bank excavation and preparation is now complete.
- 3.2 Rip Rap placement along the bank is progressing with completion anticipated in the next week.

4. Schedule Update

- 4.1 Once Rip Rap placement is complete, subgrade preparation will start for the dike prism. Construction anticipated to complete end of October.

5. Project Photos



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