

Public Review – Disposition #4: Key Issues Summary

Issues	Government Response	Call for Bids Terms and Conditions
1. Environmental Issues		
Land Use Planning issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Peel River Planning Commission • Clarify and coordinate Disposition process and land use planning • Continue strategic planning with northern First Nations concerning oil and gas development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required on the part of industry, therefore no insertion required in the Call for Bids.
Safeguards for environment including Turner Wetlands and caribou habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued development and implementation of best management practices • Companies conduct environmental and cumulative effect assessments • Separate environmental protection plans for wetland complexes will be required. • Use of mitigative measures such as seasonal restrictions on access 	<p>Operators wishing to carry out activities will be required to comply with all Yukon environmental requirements stemming from the Yukon Environmental Assessment Act (YEAA), the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA) and other applicable legislation. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators will be required to conduct environmental impact assessments, including cumulative effect assessments of proposed oil and gas development. These assessments may result in measures intended to eliminate negative impacts on the habitat of caribou herds, other wildlife, waterfowl, and other birds; protect the integrity of the Peel River watershed, and maintain tourism values and the aesthetic appeal of the landscape. • Mitigative measures, such as seasonal restrictions of activities, to reduce industrial disturbance of fish, wildlife and their habitat; and strict management of drilling fluids and waste are measures that will be applied when necessary.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators may be required to prepare site-specific environmental protection plans for areas of special consideration prior to the commencement of activity. These plans would describe the necessary procedures the operator would take to minimize any environmental impacts to sensitive fish and mammal habitats, birds or other species in the region. • Buffers, setbacks, seasonal restrictions of operations along rivers and their view sheds, equipment-free zones, or other mitigative measures identified in consultation between the company and the wilderness tourism industry may be required at the permitting/licensing stage. • Seasonal windows of opportunity will be applied to activities carried out within and in proximity to the Turner Wetlands in order to reduce disturbance during sensitive periods such as waterfowl migration, staging and nesting. • Environmental and cumulative effect assessments of oil and gas development will be required as part of the overall environmental impact assessment under YEAA and eventually YESAA. • Yukon government is currently developing best management practices. In future, best management practices will be used by regulators and industry to reduce the likelihood of negatively impacting sensitive environmental areas.
Research needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support applicable research • Encourage industry to partner with government and research institutions to conduct studies initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific term and condition is required for the Call for Bids, however, the Yukon government will encourage industry to collaborate on ecological studies in the Peel River watershed.
2. Socio-Economic Issues		

Potential economic and employment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure applicable benefit agreements with affected Yukon First Nations and communities • Encourage industry to offer employment and economic opportunities to Tetlit Gwich'in Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators applying for a license may be required to conclude benefits agreements and shall adhere to the Yukon benefits requirements outlined in an attachment to the Call for Bids. In addition, operators will be required to inform First Nations with traditional territories in license areas of potential employment and business opportunities associated with operations conducted under authority of a proposed license.
Peel river corridor – tourism destination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with affected wilderness tourism operators • Use of mitigation and best management practices to limit affects of activities • Companies to negotiate compensation with land owners and licensed land user in event of adverse impact of oil and gas activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators will be required to consult with land owners, occupants of land, and licensed users (i.e. tourism outfitting operators) of the land and others who will or may be adversely affected by operations to be conducted under authority of a proposed license. • Operators will be expected to make every effort to limit the affects of their activities on land owners, occupants of land and other land users through the application of the appropriate mitigative measures and best management practices. • Operators will be expected to provide fair and equitable compensation, consistent with applicable territorial policies and practices, to land owners, occupants of land, licensed users of the land and others in the event of adverse impacts demonstrated to result from project related activities.
Recognize GTC in YOGA and Benefit Agreements for TGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize rights and obligations of UFA, GTC Land Claim Agreement and YOGA • Encourage companies to offer employment and economic opportunities to the Tetlit Gwich'in Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific term and condition is required in the Call for Bids to address this issue.

3. Surface Access Issues

Access management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of mitigative measures, best management practices to reduce potential harmful effects.• Advise companies that access may be subject to FN agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operators will be expected to use mitigative measures and best practices when planning access; however access and activities will be restricted to winter months only unless it can be shown that the access/activity can occur without harmful effects to the environment and wetlands in particular.• Access may be subject to First Nation land claims agreements.• Operators planning to construct access roads will be required to obtain appropriate permits and licenses
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