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TK Framework: Overview

A Traditional Knowledge Framework for Northeast Alberta: Guidelines for Clear, Respectful and Informed Decision-Making

A **Traditional Knowledge Framework (TK Framework)** is being developed for Northeast Alberta. The framework will provide guidance and standards for meaningful inclusion of Aboriginal traditional knowledge and Aboriginal knowledge-holders in regional planning, regulatory processes and environmental assessment, and monitoring and follow-up.

The TK framework will build on the experience of Aboriginal communities in the region and beyond. By September 2015, the TK Framework should be ready for each of the Aboriginal communities, industry and NGO representatives involved to ratify the document for presentation to, and approval by, the Government of Alberta.

What the TK Framework will do

A successful TK framework will be a major step toward protecting Aboriginal rights and values, and improving environmental outcomes, regulatory certainty and public trust regarding critical environmental decisions and processes that affect the region.

The people involved

The process will include face-to-face meetings and larger community workshops. These in-person sessions will be held with representatives of Aboriginal communities located in northeastern Alberta. Input is also welcome from representatives of other Aboriginal communities, non-governmental organizations, the Government of Alberta and industry.

The timing

The TK Framework will be developed through four rounds of face-to-face meetings and review workshops held between June 2014 and August 2015.

Four Rounds of Input and Review:

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| 1. Introductions and Groundwork | August 2014 |
| 2. Draft Options and Recommendations Review | February 2015 |
| 3. Full draft TK Framework Review | June 2015 |
| 4. Finalization and Ratification | August 2015 |

Want to know more?

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