

## 3 SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

### 3.1 Provincial and Federal Involvement and Issues Tracking

The environmental assessment for the Project is being conducted through a coordinated approach under both the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* and the *BC Environmental Assessment Act*. Because the Project will be primarily located on federal lands, the CEA Agency is the lead agency for the environmental assessment. The EIS/Application will be reviewed by the working group and the public will also be provided with opportunities to comment.

Table 3-1 provides a list of the working group members involved in the review of the EIS/Application.

**Table 3-1: PNW LNG Environmental Assessment Working Group**

Working Group Member	Type of Agency/Government
CEA Agency (Lead)	Federal
BC EAO	Provincial
Environment Canada	Federal
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Federal
Transport Canada	Federal
Health Canada	Federal
Parks Canada	Federal
Prince Rupert Port Authority	Federal
BC Climate Action Secretariat	Provincial
BC Ministry of Environment	Provincial
BC Ministry of Health	Provincial
BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Provincial
BC Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training	Provincial
BC Oil and Gas Commission	Provincial
District of Port Edward	Municipal
City of Prince Rupert	Municipal
Metlakatla First Nation	First Nation
Lax Kw'alaams First Nation	First Nation
Gitxaala Nation	First Nation
Kitselas First Nation	First Nation
Kitsumkalum First Nation	First Nation

Table 3-2 provides a list of key federal and provincial consultation milestones for the environmental assessment prior to submission of the EIS/Application.

**Table 3-2: Federal and Provincial Milestones for Environmental Assessment Consultation**

Document	Provincial or Federal	Date
Public Notice – Pacific NorthWest LNG Project – Public Comments Invited	Federal	19-Feb-13
News Release – Public Comments Invited on a Summary of the Project Description	Federal	19-Feb-13
Summary of the Project Description of a Designated Project	Federal	19-Feb-13
Project Description of a Designated Project	Federal	19-Feb-13
Notice of Environmental Assessment Determination	Federal	5-Apr-13
Public Notice – Pacific NorthWest LNG Project – Public Comments Invited	Federal	8-Apr-13
Draft Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines	Federal	8-Apr-13
News Release – Public Comments Invited on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines	Federal	8-Apr-13
Notice of Commencement of an Environmental Assessment	Federal	8-Apr-13
Working Group Meeting (Project Overview)	Federal/Provincial	6-May-13
Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines	Federal	7-Jun-13
Public Notice – Pacific NorthWest LNG Project – Federal Funding Available	Federal	14-Jun-13
News Release – Pacific NorthWest LNG Project – Federal Funding Available	Federal	14-Jun-13
Project Description submitted by PNW LNG.	Provincial	12-Jul-13
Section 10(1) Order issued by EAO	Provincial	16-Jul-13
Technical Working Group Meeting on Marine Issues	Federal/Provincial	31-Jul-13
Technical Working Group Meeting on Air Quality Issues	Federal/Provincial	01-Aug-13
Public Notice – Pacific NorthWest LNG Project – Public Comments and Federal Funding Available – Deadlines Extended	Federal	21-Aug-13
Project Description Errata	Provincial	23-Aug-13
Working Group Meeting (draft Application Information Requirements)	Federal/Provincial	26-Aug-13
Section 11 Order for the Project	Provincial	17-Sep-13
Final Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines	Federal	30-Oct-13
Draft Application Information Requirements	Provincial	Nov-13
Section 13 Order for the Project	Provincial	5-Nov-13
News Release – Federal Funding Allocated to Participate in the Environmental Assessment	Federal	13-Nov-13
Public Invite to Comment Period	Provincial	13-Nov-13 to 13-Dec-13
draft Application Information Requirements Open House (Prince Rupert)	Provincial	19-Nov-13
draft Application Information Requirements Open House (Port Edward)	Provincial	19-Nov-13
Final Application Information Requirements	Provincial	20-Feb-14

Issues tracking documents that describe the issues and concerns that Aboriginal groups, the public and stakeholders have raised prior to submission of the EIS/Application are provided in Appendix A and Appendix B, respectively. These issues are summarized in Section 3.2 (Table 3-3) and Section 3.3 (Table 3-7).

## **3.2 First Nations Information Distribution and Consultation**

PNW LNG has engaged with the five First Nations listed in the CEA Agency's EIS Guidelines and in Schedule B of the BC EAO's section 11 Order:

- Metlakatla First Nation
- Lax Kw'alaams First Nation
- Gitxaala Nation
- Kitselas First Nation
- Kitsumkalum First Nation.

On September 17, 2013, the BC EAO also issued a section 13 Order, updating the section 11 Order to include Gitga'at First Nation on Schedule C for notification.

Pre-application consultation with each of the First Nations has included meetings where PNW LNG has been invited to present information to the First Nation communities, meetings with representatives of each of the First Nations, correspondence by letter and email, and the exchange of technical information. PNW LNG hosted open houses in Port Edward and Prince Rupert on three separate occasions (November 2012, June 2013 and November 2013); all five First Nations were invited to these sessions.

PNW LNG also offered to hold open houses in First Nation communities; though no First Nations have accepted this offer to date. Metlakatla First Nation invited PNW LNG to meet with the Metlakatla Stewardship Group in Metlakatla Village on March 18, 2013 to provide an overview of the Project and discuss the approach to the environmental assessment.

Pre-application consultations have included discussions of the Project's feasibility assessments and pre-front end engineering design (pre-FEED), the Project's potential impacts on First Nations' interests, Aboriginal rights and title, and opportunities to participate in the Project. Consultation has also included, in the case of Lax Kw'alaams and Metlakatla, the opportunity to participate in archaeological inventory surveys and investigative geotechnical programs on Lelu Island, and to tour the project development area. First Nations have also been invited to participate in several studies in the area around Lelu Island. The studies included marine intertidal and foreshore biological surveys, marine sediment sampling programs, country foods baseline surveys, freshwater fish surveys, migratory bird surveys, archaeological investigations on the mainland, and baseline soil and vegetation acidification surveys.

Significant consultation occurred on an investigative geotechnical program in the spring and fall of 2013 which led to numerous exchanges of information between PNW LNG and Lax Kw'alaams First Nation. Metlakatla First Nation was copied on a significant portion of the written correspondence.

Including the reports provided to Lax Kw'alaams First Nation and Metlakatla First Nation with regard to the geotechnical investigation, PNW LNG has provided First Nations with reports on topics such as:

- Pre-FEED designs of the materials off-load facility (MOF), the jetty/trestle and berths
- Marine resources with a focus on habitats in the foreshore and intertidal areas
- Archaeological inventories, including culturally modified trees (CMT), on Lelu Island and on the mainland
- Bog and peat deposits on Lelu Island
- Lelu Island geology
- Bathymetry of the marine areas in and around Lelu Island
- Contaminated Site Phase I Site Investigation
- Marine vessel movements
- Terrestrial ecosystem and vegetation analyses
- Bird surveys
- Wildlife observations
- Sediment sampling results
- Geotechnical and geophysical assessments on Lelu Island and in the marine footprint areas.

Table 3-3 summarizes the key issues raised by the First Nations during the consultation process and PNW LNG's responses to those issues and key mitigation measures identified.

**Table 3-3: Summary of First Nations Issues and Concerns and PNW LNG’s Response**

Issue	PNW LNG Response and Action Items
<b>Common Issues Raised by all First Nations</b>	
<p>The sufficiency of the environmental assessment process to discharge the duty to consult</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The environmental assessment process will address the concerns of potentially affected First Nations. First Nations have the ability to raise concerns through the Working Group. First Nations have also expressed concerns to PNW LNG and PNW LNG has incorporated those concerns into the EIS/Application.</li> <li>▪ If the Crown concludes that the environmental assessment process is unable to fully discharge the duty to consult, PNW LNG will continue consultation as directed through the permitting process.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG is continuing its effort to negotiate Impact Benefit Agreements with Metlakatla, Lax Kw’alaams, Kitsumkalum, Kitselas and Gitxaala First Nation. PNW LNG believes that the process can address any potential residual impacts if such impacts are not addressed through the EA or permitting processes.</li> <li>▪ In response to criticisms of the timelines for the environmental assessment process, PNW LNG has noted that it is following timelines mandated by federal and provincial statutes. PNW LNG has also attempted to engage First Nations in longer-term monitoring studies regarding impacts to the marine environment and Skeena Estuary outside of the environmental assessment process including substantive, comprehensive and enduring fish habitat enhancement and restoration projects that will be monitored and adapted for efficacy.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG is undertaking procedural aspects of the duty to consult as delegated by BC through the environmental assessment process and is consulting with First Nations under the direction of the CEA Agency and the PRPA.</li> </ul>
<p>The adequacy of the strength of claim assessments provided by Transport Canada and British Columbia and the Methods used to identify First Nations interests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG takes no position on the relative strength of claims to Aboriginal rights and title in the vicinity of the Project and will continue to be directed by the Crown in discharging the procedural aspects of the duty to consult that have been delegated to it.</li> <li>▪ In response to criticism that neither PNW LNG nor the Working Group is able to adequately identify potential impacts to First Nations’ interests, PNW LNG has made offers of funding to each First Nation to complete Traditional Use Studies.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG, at its expense and independent of any regulatory requirement, has also engaged an expert to review publicly available information, and the information provided by First Nations, regarding First Nations interests in Lelu Island and its vicinity.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG continues to welcome any information provided by First Nations regarding the Project’s potential impacts to their interests and will review and respond to all information provided by First Nations.</li> </ul>

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<b>Common Issues Raised by all First Nations</b>	
<p>The adequacy of PNW LNG's consultation with First Nations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG has been attempting to consult with all five First Nations since the fall of 2012. Since that time, PNW LNG has invited First Nations to participate in studies and review the findings of these studies. PNW LNG has invited First Nations to open houses and offered to hold open houses in First Nations communities. PNW LNG has initiated correspondence with First Nations in hopes to engage them more fully in consultation. PNW LNG has diligently attempted to respond to every comment and issue raised by First Nations.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG is committed to ensuring that the Project's potential impacts to the interests of all First Nations people living within their asserted territories are considered in the environmental assessment process. Wording in the draft Application Information Requirements has been revised to reflect this consideration.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG has entered into an Environmental Assessment Agreement with Metlakatla that provides capacity funding for the environmental assessment process. Under this agreement a number of activities are currently being conducted. These include an alternate Disposal At Sea analyses, a Traditional Use Study, and a "community-specific" Socio-Economic Impact Assessment.</li> <li>▪ On January 24, 2013, PNW LNG sent letters to Lax Kw'alaams, Gitxaala, Kitselas and Kitsumkalum to engage those First Nations in the environmental assessment process. Those letters promised each First Nation \$40,000 in capacity funding and it has since been provided.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG has agreed to provide capacity funding to First Nations under Environmental Assessment Agreements, or interim capacity funding in the absence of Environmental Assessment Agreements, in excess of the monies already provided for capacity funding under the letter of January 24, 2013.</li> <li>▪ On July 29, 2013, PNW LNG wrote to Lax Kw'alaams, Kitselas, Kitsumkalum and Gitxaala with separate proposals for those First Nations to conduct Traditional Use Studies.</li> </ul>

Issue	PNW LNG Response and Action Items
<b>Metlakatla First Nation</b>	
<p>Metlakatla has stated that only Lax Kw'alaams and Metlakatla have legitimate claims to Aboriginal rights and title on Lelu Island.</p> <p>Expressed doubts about the Working Group's ability to identify and assess impacts to First Nations' interests.</p> <p>First Nations should be able to comment on all studies and work plans, for the environmental assessment process and should be able to vet PNW LNG's consultation record.</p> <p>The environmental assessment's timeline and the capacity funding provided are insufficient to adequately discharge the duty to consult.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG takes no position on the strength of asserted claims and is undertaking procedural aspects of consultation as directed by the BC EAO.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG believes that the Working Group provides a viable forum for First Nations to raise concerns. PNW LNG has agreed to fund a Traditional Use Study for Metlakatla so that it can better identify which of its Aboriginal interests may be potentially affected by the Project.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG believes that the requirement that First Nations be able to comment on all studies and work plans and vet the consultation record is in excess of legal requirements. However, PNW LNG is committed to sharing studies with First Nations wherever possible and as soon as possible. PNW LNG has entered into an Environmental Assessment Agreement with Metlakatla that provides a work plan for Metlakatla participation in the environmental assessment process and provided Metlakatla with a copy of its consultation record prior to submitting the EIS/Application. Metlakatla provided comments on that record and PNW LNG revised the record to reflect those comments.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG is following the timelines mandated by the respective federal and provincial statutes for the Environmental assessment process.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG has entered into an Environmental Assessment Agreement with Metlakatla that provides capacity funding for the environmental assessment process. Under this agreement a number of activities are currently being conducted. These include an alternate Disposal At Sea analyses, a Traditional Use Study, and a "community-specific" Socio-Economic Impact Assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Lax Kw'alaams First Nation</b>	
<p>Lax Kw'alaams has specifically noted that only Metlakatla and Lax Kw'alaams can claim Aboriginal rights and title to Lelu Island and that the range of rights identified by the Transport Canada assessment is incorrect.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG takes no position on the strength of asserted claims and is undertaking procedural aspects of consultation as directed by the BC EAO.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG, at its expense and independent of any regulatory requirement, has also engaged an expert to review publicly available information, and the information provided by First Nations, regarding First Nations interests in Lelu Island and its vicinity.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG continues to welcome any information provided by First Nations regarding the Project's potential impacts to their interests and will review and respond to all information provided by First Nations.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Lax Kw'alaams First Nation</b></p> <p>Lax Kw'alaams has also noted the need to address the economic component of Aboriginal title.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG continues to welcome any information provided by First Nations regarding the Project's potential impacts to their interests and will review and respond to all information provided by First Nations.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG continues negotiations with Lax Kw'alaams and believes that an Impact Benefit Agreement can address any potential impacts on the economic component of Lax Kw'alaams' asserted Aboriginal title.</li> </ul>
<p>Concerns about the sufficiency of PNW LNG's consultation for the Project and specifically with respect to archaeological inventories, impact assessments and land and marine geotechnical investigations conducted in the spring, summer and fall of 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG been attempting to consult with all Lax Kw'alaams since the fall of 2012. Since that time, PNW LNG has invited First Nations to participate in studies and review the findings of these studies. PNW LNG has invited First Nations to open houses and offered to hold open houses in First Nations communities. PNW LNG has initiated correspondence with First Nations in hopes to engage them more fully in consultation. PNW LNG has diligently attempted to respond to every comment and issue raised by First Nations.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG is committed to ensuring that the Project's potential impacts to the interests of all First Nations people living within their asserted territories are considered in the environmental assessment process. Wording in the draft Application Information Requirements has been revised to reflect this consideration.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG believes that all of its archaeological studies have been carried out to the professional standards required of archaeologists practicing in BC. It also notes that extensive consultation was conducted regarding geotechnical investigations completed in 2013 and undertook additional studies and mitigations measures in response to Lax Kw'alaams' concerns. Both the PRPA and the DFO have concluded that those geotechnical investigations would not result in adverse impacts to Lax Kw'alaams' Aboriginal Interests.</li> </ul>
<p>Timelines for the environmental assessment and the capacity funding provided to date are insufficient to discharge the duty to consult and have requested a parallel process for consultation outside of the environmental assessment process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In response to criticisms of the timelines for the environmental assessment process, PNW LNG has noted that it is following timelines mandated by federal and provincial statutes.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG has also attempted to engage First Nations in longer-term monitoring studies regarding impacts to the marine environment and Skeena Estuary outside of the environmental assessment process including substantive, comprehensive and enduring fish habitat enhancement and restoration projects that will be monitored and adapted for efficacy.</li> </ul>



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<b>Lax Kw'alaams First Nation</b>	
Concerns about PNW LNG's provision of information and the scientific methods used for reports provided by PNW LNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG believes that all of its environmental studies have been, and will be, scientifically credible and consistent with the regulatory requirements. PNW LNG has explained this position to Lax Kw'alaams and shared numerous reports with Lax Kw'alaams as soon as it was able and will continue to do so.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG has provided Lax Kw'alaams with capacity funding payments totalling \$40,000 and attempted to negotiate an Environmental Assessment Agreement that would provide an agreed-on plan for consultation and capacity funding. Lax Kw'alaams has not accepted the invitations to those negotiations. In the absence of an Environmental Assessment Agreement, PNW LNG has agreed to provide interim capacity funding.</li> </ul>
Need for an Aboriginal Interest and Use Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG offered to fund a Traditional Use Study for Lax Kw'alaams. This offer has not been accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>Gitxaala First Nation</b>	
Gitxaala has objected to Transport Canada's strength of claim assessment to the Prince Rupert Harbour area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG takes no position on the strength of asserted claims and is undertaking procedural aspects of consultation as directed by the BC EAO.</li> </ul>

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<b>Gitxaala First Nation</b>	
<p>Gitxaala has expressed doubts about the adequacy of the environmental assessment process to discharge the duty to consult at law.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG has been attempting to consult with all five First Nations since the fall of 2012. Since that time, PNW LNG has invited First Nations to participate in studies and review the findings. PNW LNG has invited First Nations to open houses and offered to hold open houses in First Nations communities. PNW LNG has initiated correspondence with First Nations in hopes to engage them more fully in consultation. PNW LNG has diligently attempted to respond to every comment and issue raised by First Nations.</li> <li>▪ The environmental assessment process will address the concerns of potentially affected First Nations. First Nations will have the ability to raise concerns through the Working Group. First Nations have also expressed concerns to PNW LNG and PNW LNG has incorporated those concerns into the EIS/Application.</li> <li>▪ If the Crown concludes that the environmental assessment process is unable to fully discharge the duty to consult, PNW LNG will continue consultation as directed through the permitting process.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG, at its expense and independent of any regulatory requirement, has engaged an expert to review publicly available information, and the information provided by First Nations, regarding First Nations interests in Lelu Island and its vicinity.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG continues to welcome any information provided by First Nations regarding the Project’s potential impacts to their interests and will review and respond to all information provided by First Nations.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG is continuing its effort to negotiate an Impact Benefit Agreement with Gitxaala First Nation. PNW LNG believes that the process can address any potential residual impacts if such impacts are not addressed through the environmental assessment or permitting processes.</li> </ul>
<p>Gitxaala has requested greater input on the approval of the consultation process including requesting that it be able to approve the consultation plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG believes that Gitxaala approval of the consultation plan is in excess of statutory requirements, but notes that it shared the Consultation Plan with Gitxaala for comments before it submitted the Consultation Plan to BC EAO for approval.</li> </ul>

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<b>Kitselas First Nation</b>	
<p>Kitselas has disputed Transport Canada's strength of claim assessment for its assertion of rights and title in the Prince Rupert Harbour area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG takes no position on the strength of asserted claims and is undertaking procedural aspects of consultation as directed by the BC EAO.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG, at its expense and independent of any regulatory requirement, has also engaged an expert to review publicly available information, and the information provided by First Nations, regarding First Nations interests in Lelu Island and its vicinity.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG continues to welcome any information provided by First Nations regarding the Project's potential impacts to their interests and will review and respond to all information provided by First Nations.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG been attempting to consult with all five First Nations since the fall of 2012. Since that time, PNW LNG has invited First Nations to participate in studies and review the findings of studies. PNW LNG has invited First Nations to open houses and offered to hold open houses in First Nations communities. PNW LNG has initiated correspondence with First Nations in hopes to engage them more fully in consultation. PNW LNG has diligently attempted to respond to every comment and issue raised by First Nations.</li> </ul>

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<b>Kitselas First Nation</b>	
<p>Kitselas also expressed concerns about the sufficiency of the environmental assessment process to discharge the duty to consult and identified timelines and capacity funding as insufficient.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The environmental assessment process will address the concerns of potentially affected First Nations. First Nations will have the ability to raise concerns through the Working Group. First Nations have also expressed concerns to PNW LNG and PNW LNG has incorporated those concerns into the EIS/Application.</li> <li>▪ If the Crown concludes that the environmental assessment process is unable to fully discharge the duty to consult, PNW LNG will continue consultation as directed through the permitting process.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG, at its expense and independent of any regulatory requirement, has also engaged an expert to review publicly available information, and the information provided by First Nations, regarding First Nations interests in Lelu Island and its vicinity.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG continues to welcome any information provided by First Nations regarding the Project’s potential impacts to their interests and will review and respond to all information provided by First Nations.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG is continuing its effort to negotiate Impact Benefit Agreement with Kitselas. PNW LNG believes that the process can address any potential residual impacts if such impacts are not addressed through the environmental assessment or permitting processes.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG, at its expense and independent of any regulatory requirement, has also engaged an expert to review publicly available information, and the information provided by First Nations, regarding First Nations interests in Lelu Island and its vicinity.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG continues to welcome any information provided by First Nations regarding the Project’s potential impacts to their interests and will review and respond to all information provided by First Nations.</li> </ul>
<b>Kitsumkalum First Nation</b>	
<p>Kitsumkalum disagrees with Transport Canada’s assessment of its strength of claim to the Prince Rupert Harbour area. It asserts that it holds Aboriginal rights and title to all of Lelu Island and the surrounding marine area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG takes no position on the strength of asserted claims and is undertaking procedural aspects of consultation as directed by the BC EAO.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG, at its expense and independent of any regulatory requirement, has also engaged an expert to review publicly available information, and the information provided by First Nations, regarding First Nations interests in Lelu Island and its vicinity.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG continues to welcome any information provided by First Nations regarding the Project’s potential impacts to their interests and will review and respond to all information provided by First Nations.</li> </ul>

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<b>Kitsumkalum First Nation</b>	
<p>Kitsumkalum has identified the acknowledgement of harvesting rights in the marine environment around Lelu Island in its Agreement in Principle with British Columbia as evidence of its Aboriginal rights in the project area. Kitsumkalum notes that Aboriginal title will not be addressed by the environmental assessment process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The environmental assessment process will address the concerns of potentially affected First Nations. First Nations will have the ability to raise concerns through the Working Group. First Nations have also expressed concerns to PNW LNG and PNW LNG has incorporated those concerns into the EIS/Application.</li> <li>▪ If the Crown concludes that the environmental assessment process is unable to fully discharge the duty to consult, PNW LNG will continue consultation as directed through the permitting process.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG is continuing its effort to negotiate Impact Benefit Agreement with Kitsumkalum. PNW LNG believes that the process can address any potential residual impacts if such impacts are not addressed through the environmental assessment or permitting processes.</li> </ul>
<p>Kitsumkalum has expressed concerns regarding the environmental assessment timelines and the capacity funding provided.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In response to criticisms of the timelines for the environmental assessment process, PNW LNG has noted that it is following timelines mandated by federal and provincial statutes. PNW LNG has also attempted to engage First Nations in longer-term monitoring studies regarding impacts to the marine environment and Skeena Estuary outside of the environmental assessment process including substantive, comprehensive and enduring fish habitat enhancement and restoration projects that will be monitored and adapted for efficacy.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG has provided Kitsumkalum with payments totalling \$40,000 in capacity funding and has attempted to negotiate an EA Agreement with Kitsumkalum that would outline a work plan for the environmental assessment process and provide capacity funding to undertake that work plan. PNW LNG hopes to still be able to complete such an agreement, but in its absence will provide reasonable interim capacity funding as required.</li> </ul>

Appendix A provides a detailed tracking document on the key concerns and issues raised by each First Nation prior to submission of the EIS/Application. The document also includes PNW LNG actions and responses to each issue and concern and the status of each issue. Additional information on consultation with Aboriginal groups is provided in Section 27 (Aboriginal Rights and Related Interests).

PNW LNG will continue to engage First Nations and consult with them about the Project's potential impacts to their interests. PNW LNG will:

- Continue to provide information collected about the Project and its potential to all First Nations along with offers of reasonable capacity funding to review and assess that information under an Environmental Assessment Agreement, or interim capacity funding in the absence an Environmental Assessment Agreement.
- Remain willing and open to discuss any responses from First Nations to information provided and any queries that First Nations have about the Project.
- Work to negotiate Environmental Assessment Agreements with First Nations who have not executed an Environmental Assessment Agreement with PNW LNG. Such agreements

would provide an organized plan for consultation and the capacity funding required to carry out such plans. In the absence of such agreements, PNW LNG remains committed to providing reasonable interim capacity funding where required.

- Review and respond to all information about First Nations’ interests associated with the Project.
- Continue to consult with First Nations as may be required by the Crown during the permitting process.

PNW may make “other commitments to First Nations whose current use of the LAA for traditional purposes may be adversely affected by the Project. Those commitments to First Nations would either be publicly announced and become binding on the Project if it proceeds, or be part of confidential impact benefit agreements. PNW LNG is engaged in negotiations with First Nations in relation to those additional commitments. The status and details of those negotiations remains confidential.

### 3.3 Public Consultation and Information Distribution

PNW LNG has initiated consultation with a variety of government agencies, and is committed to an open consultation program throughout the environmental assessment process. Consultation within Port Edward and Prince Rupert includes presentations to council, regular one-on-one meetings, open houses, community newsletters, electronic newsletters and a coordinated visit to a LNG export facility in Malaysia.

Table 3-4 lists the local, provincial, and federal stakeholders consulted to date about the Project. The consultations that have taken place with government stakeholders to date are summarized in Table 3-5.

**Table 3-4: Local, Provincial and Federal Stakeholders Consulted**

Stakeholder	Stakeholder Type	Anticipated or Confirmed Role
City of Prince Rupert	Local Government	Consultation
District of Port Edward	Local Government	Consultation
District of Kitimat	Local Government	Consultation
Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District	Local Government	Consultation
MLA for North Coast	Provincial Government Representative	Consultation
MLA for Skeena	Provincial Government Representative	Consultation
MP for Skeena-Bulkley Valley	Federal Government Representative	Consultation
Canadian Border Securities Agency	Federal Government Agency	Consultation
Prince Rupert Port Authority	Federal Government Agency	Consultation
Pacific Pilotage Authority	Federal Government Agency	Consultation
Transport Canada	Federal Government Agency	Consultation
RCMP	Federal Government Agency	Consultation

**Table 3-5: Government Consultation Summary**

<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Stakeholder Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Consultation Activity</b>
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	22-Oct-13	Speech/Presentation
Prince Rupert and Port Edward Economic Development Corporation	Municipal Government	02-Oct-13	Meeting
Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District	Regional Association/Authority	25-Sept-13	Meeting
Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District	Regional Association/Authority	19-Sept-13	Meeting
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	10-Sept-13	Letter
City of Prince Rupert	Municipal Government	10-Sept-13	Letter
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	22-Aug-13	Letter
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	22-Aug-13	Meeting
City of Prince Rupert	Municipal Government	8-Aug-13	Meeting
RCMP	Federal Government Agency	10-Jul-13	Meeting
District of Port Edward and the City of Prince Rupert	Municipal Government	9-Jun-13	Event – presentation to delegation from Ketchikan, Alaska
Prince Rupert City Council	Municipal Government	27-May-13	Presentation
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	22-May-13	Presentation
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	4-Apr-13	Presentation
City of Prince Rupert	Municipal Government	12-Mar-13	Meeting
City of Prince Rupert	Municipal Government	12-Mar-13	Meeting
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	26-Feb-13	Presentation
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	16-Feb-13	Meeting
City of Prince Rupert	Municipal Government	15-Feb-13	Meeting
District of Port Edward and City of Prince Rupert	Municipal Government	11-Dec-12	Meeting
North Coast MLA	Government of BC	20-Nov-12	Meeting
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	29-Oct -12	Phone call
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	9-Oct-12	Meeting
Prince Rupert Port Authority	Federal Government Agency	22-Sep-12	Meeting

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Stakeholder	Stakeholder Type	Date	Consultation Activity
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	21-Sep-12	Meeting
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	20-Sep-12	Meeting
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	9-Sep-12	Phone call
District of Port Edward	Municipal Government	10-Sep-12	Phone call
City of Kitimat	Municipal Government	12-Jul-12	Phone call

A summary of public consultation is provided in Table 3-6.

**Table 3-6: Public Consultation Summary**

Stakeholder	Stakeholder Type	Date	Consultation Activity
School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)	Community	23-Oct-13	Meeting
Prince Rupert Senior's Centre	Community	23-Oct-13	Meeting
Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club	Community	9-Jul-13	Meeting
Port Edward Volunteer Fire and Rescue	Community	25-Jun-13	Meeting
Hectate Strait Employment Development Society	Local Business	10-Jun-13	Meeting
Resident (19)		5-Jun-13	Open house
Wainwright marine Services	Local Business	25-Apr-13	Meeting
Prince Rupert Rotary Club	Community Organization	25-Apr-13	Meeting
JJM Construction	Project Supplier	24-Apr-13	Meeting
Prince Rupert Yacht Club	Local Business	24-Apr-13	Meeting
Kitimat Economic Development	Regional Association	26-Mar-13	Meeting
Resident (2)	Landowner	21-Mar-13	Meeting
Canfisco	Local Business	13-Mar-13	Meeting
Cassiar Cannery	Local Business	13-Mar-13	Meeting
Adrenaline Sportfishing	Local business	12-Mar-13	Meeting
Resident	Landowner	8-Mar-13	Phone call
Resident	Landowner	5-Mar-13	Meeting
L&M Engineering Limited	Local Business	26-Feb-13	Meeting
Resident	Landowner	23-Feb-13	Meeting
Inlet Express Service Ltd.	Local Business	23-Feb-13	Meeting
Prince Rupert Yacht Club	Community	22-Feb-13	Meeting
Resident (2)	Landowner	22-Feb-13	Meeting
Northwest Community College	Local Business	22-Feb-13	Meeting
Helijet	Local Business	18-Feb-13	Meeting



<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Stakeholder Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Consultation Activity</b>
Resident	Landowner	15-Feb-13	Phone call
Resident	Landowner	30-Jan-13	Meeting
SMIT Marine Canada Inc.	Local Business	24-Jan-13	Meeting
Resident		22-Jan-13	Phone call
Resident	Landowner	16-Jan-13	Meeting
SMIT Marine Canada Inc.	Local Business	16-Jan-13	Meeting
Western Canada Marine Response Corporation	Local Business	15-Jan-13	Meeting
Ridley Terminals Inc.	Project Supplier	15-Jan-13	Meeting
Horseshoe Bay Marine Group	Local Business	8-Jan-15	Email
Terus Construction Ltd.	Local Business	18-Dec-12	Meeting
Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club	Community Organization	11-Dec-12	Meeting
Resident	Landowner	11-Dec-12	Meeting
Aero Trading	Local Business	10-Dec-12	Meeting
Prince Rupert Yacht Club	Community Organization	10-Dec-12	Meeting
Community Futures Northwest	Local Business	7-Dec-12	Meeting
Rio Tinto	Project Supplier	6-Dec-13	Meeting
Resident (2)	Landowner	20-Nov-12	Meeting
Northwest Community College	Local Business	20-Nov-12	Meeting
Progressive Ventures Construction	Project Supplier	15-Nov-12	Meeting
Prince Rupert Yacht Club	Community Organization	14-Nov-12	Email
Northwest Community College	Local Business	9-Nov-12	Phone
Resident (12)	Landowner	6-Nov-12	Open house
Prince Rupert Adventure Tours	Local Business	23-Nov-12	Meeting
Maher Terminals	Local Business	22-Oct-12	Meeting
Foggy Point Fishing Charters	Local Business	9-Oct-13	Meeting
Resident	Landowners	9-Oct-12	Meeting
Resident	Landowners	21-Sep-12	Meeting
Resident	Landowners	18-Sep-12	Phone call

### 3.3.1 Issues Identified Prior to EIS/Application Submission

Throughout the course of government consultation conducted by PNW LNG, stakeholders have identified general areas of concern and interest. Table 3-7 provides an overview of these issues and PNW LNG's response to them, where applicable. A detailed summary of consultation with the public and other stakeholders is provided in Appendix B.

**Table 3-7 Government, Public and Agency Consultation Issues Tracking Table**

Category	Issue	PNW LNG Response and Action Items
Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to project team</li> <li>▪ Need for ongoing communication with communities</li> <li>▪ Dedicated contacts for vendors/area small businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG provided project updates on a regular basis to stakeholders.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG has established a storefront office in Prince Rupert with full-times staff and a working office in Port Edward. The purpose of the offices is to create local touch points for the community where they can discuss various aspects of the project and have their questions answered, or for community outreach.</li> </ul>
Socio-Economic Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Impacts to community infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Potential increase in population</li> <li>▪ Inability of services to keep pace with rate of growth</li> <li>▪ Temporary construction camp</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Particular attention will be paid to communicating and being responsive to concerns regarding the construction camp including the appointment of a community camp liaison and ongoing information about procurement and job opportunities.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG will continue to track and report on community interests and concerns.</li> <li>▪ Addressed in EIS Application (Section 18).</li> </ul>
Marine Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Impact of jetty trestle/marine terminal</li> <li>▪ Location of jetty trestle/marine terminal</li> <li>▪ Height of Lelu Island bridge</li> <li>▪ Location of Lelu Island bridge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acknowledged concerns.</li> <li>▪ Marine Workshop was organized for November 18, 2013 where marine users were invited to a community roundtable discussion. The Project has initiated design changes originally submitted in the project description. Both the Lelu Slough Bridge and the jetty trestle will be engineered to permit boats as tall as a gillnetter to pass safely underneath, tides permitting.</li> <li>▪ Addressed in EIS/Application (Section 15).</li> </ul>
Environmental Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flora Bank</li> <li>▪ Impacts on marine life</li> <li>▪ Protection of the marine environment</li> <li>▪ Cumulative impacts</li> <li>▪ Air and any water emissions</li> <li>▪ Waste management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PNW LNG provided a project update presentation and responded to questions about how much space will be used on Lelu Island.</li> <li>▪ Potential alternative sites were proposed and discussed.</li> <li>▪ Concerns raised by members of the working group were acknowledged and discussed.</li> <li>▪ Discussed potential muskeg disposal site.</li> <li>▪ Proponent committed to returning to discuss how the concerns will be dealt with.</li> <li>▪ Addressed in EIS/Application (Section 24).</li> </ul>
Economic Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LNG tax</li> <li>▪ Property tax</li> <li>▪ Labour/jobs</li> <li>▪ Pipeline taxation</li> <li>▪ Job opportunities</li> <li>▪ Contracting opportunities</li> <li>▪ Information for service providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acknowledged concerns.</li> <li>▪ Effects of the Project on the economy, labour and employment are assessed in this EIS/Application.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG met with the District of Port Edward and City of Prince Rupert to discuss potential effect on infrastructure and services.</li> <li>▪ Addressed in EIS/Application (Section 14).</li> </ul>

Category	Issue	PNW LNG Response and Action Items
Regulatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Environmental assessment</li> <li>▪ Availability of scientific studies</li> <li>▪ Access to regulatory agency</li> <li>▪ Prince Rupert Port Authority</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acknowledged concerns.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG has conducted extensive scientific studies to support this EIS/Application.</li> <li>▪ Representatives from regulatory agencies will be available at open houses throughout the assessment process. Input to the regulatory agencies can also be made through their websites during specific periods when the EIS/Application is being reviewed by the regulatory agencies.</li> <li>▪ PNW LNG has worked closely with the PRPA throughout the assessment process.</li> <li>▪ Cumulative effects of the Project are assessed in EIS/Application.</li> </ul>
LNG Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The composition of LNG</li> <li>▪ LNG safety</li> <li>▪ Price of LNG</li> <li>▪ Domestic use of natural gas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acknowledged concerns.</li> <li>▪ The composition of feed gas and processed LNG is described in this EIS/Application.</li> </ul>
Facility Design and Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Power supply</li> <li>▪ Flaring</li> <li>▪ Facility safety</li> <li>▪ Odour</li> <li>▪ Noise</li> <li>▪ Decommissioning</li> <li>▪ Location</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acknowledged concerns.</li> <li>▪ Clarified that the facility will only flare under upset conditions and to provide safety for plant personnel when necessary.</li> <li>▪ Initiated design changes to reduce potential effects of flaring and noise.</li> <li>▪ Project location is confirmed to be on Lelu Island and the adjacent Water Lot</li> <li>▪ Potential effects of decommissioning are assessed in this EIS/Application.</li> </ul>
LNG Carriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Size of carriers</li> <li>▪ Number of ships per year</li> <li>▪ Shipping lanes</li> <li>▪ Exclusion zones around carriers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acknowledged concerns.</li> <li>▪ Potential effects of shipping on the navigation, access to marine areas, and the environment are assessed in this EIS/Application.</li> <li>▪ The trestle and bridge have been designed to reduce effects of possible exclusion zones, and on marine traffic.</li> <li>▪ Addressed in EIS/Application (Section 15).</li> </ul>

### 3.3.2 Consultation Activities Completed Prior to EIS/Application Submission

The public consultation completed and information distributed prior to submission of the EIS/Application includes:

- Identification of 133 stakeholder groups and 508 individual stakeholders
- 51 meetings with local businesses and community groups
- Four meetings with individual landowners

- Comments received during the BC Environmental Assessment Office public comment period for the draft Application Information Requirements
- Comments received during the CEA Agency public comment period for the draft Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines
- 6 open houses with 301 participants
- Marine workshops
- Presentations and meetings with local governments and community organizations
- Public communication materials:
  - Website ([www.pacificnorthwestlng.com](http://www.pacificnorthwestlng.com))
  - Newsletters distributed by mail to residents of Port Edward and Prince Rupert
  - Electronic newsletters
  - Information boards
  - Fact sheets
  - Links to Project Description available on CEA Agency, BC EAO and Project websites
  - Graphic outlining the natural gas liquefaction process
  - Info graphic providing an overview of the overall value chain of the Project
  - Maps illustrating the Project and study areas
  - Toll-free phone line
  - Public e-mail address
  - Comment cards
  - Online comment form.
- Establishment of community offices in Prince Rupert and Port Edward.

A detailed Community Consultation and Engagement Report on the consultation undertaken prior to submission of the EIS/Application is provided in Appendix B. Appendix B provides a summary of consultation with the public and other key stakeholders including consultation with the federal, provincial and local government representatives.

### **3.3.3 Consultation Planned During EIS/Application Review**

PNW LNG intends to continue consultation activities after submission of the EIS/Application. This phase is anticipated to last from February 2014 to December 2014. Consultation activities will remain ongoing throughout development of the Project and continue after a federal decision is made.

PNW LNG recognizes the importance of continuing to identify new stakeholders who have not yet formally participated in the Project to date. Table 3-8 outlines some of the activities planned during the EIS/Application review period.

**Table 3-8: Post-Application Consultation Activities**

<b>Proposed Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Anticipated Timing</b>
News Releases	Media releases announcing project news such as the filing of EA applications, significant sponsorships, investment in the Project and more.	Ongoing
Provide Application	Circulating the Project's environmental assessment Application to local government officials who have expressed an interest in reviewing it, and making copies publicly available at the local library, community office and online.	Spring 2014
CEAA and BC EAO Application Open House	In coordination with the CEA Agency and the BC EAO, host open houses in Port Edward and Prince Rupert to provide information about the Project and the Application. Communication materials at the event will include information boards, fact sheets, backgrounders, maps, comment cards and staff with specific subject expertise available to respond to detailed questions about the Project.	Spring 2014
Open Houses	Continue to host public open houses in Port Edward and Prince Rupert to share information about the Project.	Fall 2014
Advertisement for Open Houses	Advertisements in local and regional media announcing project open houses in Port Edward and Prince Rupert.	Spring and Fall 2014
Videos	Development and use of videos to increase accessibility of information to a broader range of stakeholders. Videos will be available online, at the Prince Rupert community office and shown during presentations.	Ongoing
Presentations to Local Stakeholder Groups	Continue to proactively seek opportunities to present to affected stakeholder groups such as commercial fishers or marine users, and identify groups who might not otherwise participate in public consultation processes.	Ongoing
Community Newsletter	Distributed to all mailboxes in Port Edward and Prince Rupert, providing key dates, Project timelines and information.	Spring and Fall 2014
E-Newsletter	Sent to all members on mailing list providing key dates, project timelines and information.	Quarterly throughout 2014
Community Offices	Continue to permanently staff the Prince Rupert office and provide part-time staffing at the Port Edward office. Communication materials at the office will include information boards, fact sheets, backgrounders, maps, comment cards, infographics and access to information about applying for jobs/contracts with the Project.	Ongoing
School Outreach Program	Develop a program designed to engage and educate school age children about the Project and associated career opportunities.	Spring and Fall 2014
Community Advisory Committee	Establish a committee of representatives from the community who will advise the Project of local concerns, ideas and initiatives related to the Project.	Spring/Summer 2014
Skills Training Partnership Programs	Working with established post-secondary and trades training institutions to help address forecast labour needs in the region, with a focus on First Nations and local workers.	Ongoing
Local Government Outreach	Ongoing opportunities to present project updates at council as well as to engage in frequent one-on-one meetings with officials.	Ongoing

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<b>Proposed Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Anticipated Timing</b>
Meet the Project Leads Program	Advertised sessions where senior leadership team members will be available for members of the public to come to the community offices and discuss the Project with them.	Monthly/Ongoing
Community Roundtable Meetings	Specialized roundtable on emerging topics; continuation of the series that began with the November 2013 Marine Roundtable. Anticipated roundtable topics include: landowners, fishing community, users of Lelu Island and more.	Ongoing
Sponsorship of and Participation in Community and Industry Events	PNW LNG is committed to continued presence in the community through support of local organizations and events that help to build stronger communities. PNW LNG has both staff and printed information available at community events. The goal of attending these events is to reach out to members of the community who may not otherwise share their feedback about the Project.	Ongoing
Website	Continue to update <a href="http://www.pacificnorthwestlng.com">www.pacificnorthwestlng.com</a> with the latest information.	Ongoing
Phone Line and Email	Stakeholders will continue to be able to communicate with the project team through a toll-free phone number and regularly monitored email address.	Ongoing
Prince Rupert Port Authority Interpretative Centre	Establish a display at the Interpretive Centre.	Spring 2014
Procurement Opportunities Workshops	The Project will host workshops to explain the procurement process and help local small and medium-sized businesses.	Fall 2014
Fisheries Working Group	Support the request from the United Fisherman and Allied Workers Union for the creation of a Fisheries Working Group. Participate with the other port proponents to facilitate ongoing discussion between industry and the fishers.	Spring 2014

Additional information on consultation activities planned after submission of the EIS/Application is provided in Appendix B. This includes planned consultation with the public and government agencies. PNW LNG will continue to work with the public, stakeholders, and the government to resolve issues and ensure greater involvement from all members of the community. Outreach activities will focus on providing factual information about the Project, seeking feedback about potential concerns, and ensuring individuals and businesses are aware of employment and contracting opportunities associated with construction and operations of the Project and how to prepare for them.