

Project Title

Cultus Lake Septic Upgrade Project

Notice of Determination

Fraser Valley, B.C. – **April 8, 2024** - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) have decided that the proposed project Cultus Lake Septic Upgrade Project near Cultus Lake, B.C. is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

In making this determination, DFO considered the following factors and mitigation measures:

Factors

- Impacts on rights of Indigenous peoples
- Indigenous knowledge
- Comments received from the public

Mitigation Measures for the following valued components have been developed

- **Water quality:** Locate the drill entry and exit points a minimum of 30 metres from the top-of-bank of any watercourses. Should this not be possible then site isolation will be necessary to ensure water does not enter or leave the drilling site.
- **Fish and fish habitat:** Effective Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) measures must be utilized for the duration of the project to prevent erosion of soils and sediment into drainages and fish habitat. ESC measures will be regularly inspected by the Environmental Monitor (EM) during construction.
- **Wildlife:** The EM will conduct a wildlife survey before each drilling section. In the event that amphibian individuals or other wildlife are found, the EM will flag the identified area as a no disturbance zone until the wildlife individual has transited through the work area. If required, DFO will attain the applicable permits to salvage and relocate the wildlife individual.

A Construction Environmental Management Plan will be implemented for the duration of the project to avoid or minimize potential environmental effects. Fisheries and Oceans Canada is satisfied that the carrying out of the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, on areas of federal jurisdiction. Environmental effects that are within provincial jurisdiction would be addressed through provincial regulations.

Therefore, Fisheries and Oceans Canada may 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.