

Columbia River Treaty Review

Province of British Columbia
Nelson
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Agenda for tonight

7:00-7:05 Welcome and introductions – Local

Government

7:05-7:15 Update on review process – CRT Review Team

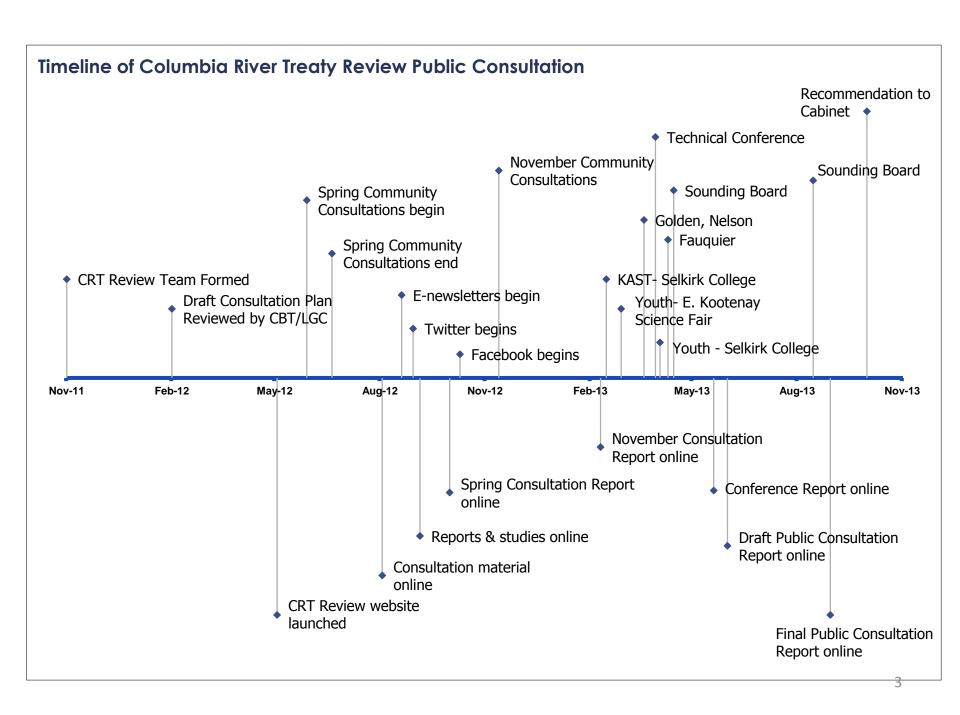
7:15-7:50 Treaty options and implications on interests —

BC Hydro

7:50-8:05 US perspectives

8:05-8:25 Domestic issues

8:25-8:30 Next steps and closing







US perspectives

- No Treaty negotiations prior to recommendation
- Change in Flood Control post 2024
- Decrease the Canadian Entitlement
- Ecosystem function
- Water supply
- Climate change
- Uncertainty of Canadian Operations





Domestic issues - Basin wide

- Flood control
- Footprint and operational impacts:
 - Environmental: ecosystems, fish, wildlife
 - First Nations: arch and cultural sites; traditional uses
 - Economic; forestry, tourism, agriculture, transportation, benefit sharing
 - ➤ Social: recreation, boat access
- Transboundary ecosystem management
 - > Return of salmon
- Involvement of local residents in hydro operations





Domestic issues – Kootenay system

- Lack of knowledge and local input in hydro-system decision
 Ideas for improvement
- More youth and First Nation Engagement
- Climate change and ecosystem improvement
- Flood control Grohman Narrows
- Lake of Water Use Plan