



# COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY REVIEW



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## *About the Columbia River Treaty Review*

The Columbia River Treaty has no end date. However, the Treaty can be unilaterally terminated on or after September 16, 2024, provided that either Canada or United States has given at least 10 years notice of their intention to terminate.

Government agencies in both Canada and the United States are reviewing the benefits and future options of the Columbia River Treaty after 2024.

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas Columbia River Treaty Review Team leads the Province's review of the Columbia River Treaty.

It is conducting economic, environmental, social, legal and hydrological analyses in order to recommend to government whether to continue, amend or terminate the Columbia River Treaty. As part of the review, the Province will consult residents of the Columbia River Basin to ensure regional perspectives, values, and interests shape the future of the Columbia River Treaty.

The Province will build on previous Columbia River Basin public feedback and report back to residents on how their input was considered.

A separate First Nations consultation has been established.

### *How can Basin residents become involved in the Treaty Review?*

The Columbia River Treaty Review website: [www.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty](http://www.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty) provides links to a number of ways for Basin residents to become informed and involved in the Columbia River Treaty Review:

■ **Discussion Forum** — share interests and concerns and engage in discussion about the Columbia River Treaty. The forum is expected to remain open until recommendations are made to the provincial government.

■ **Do You Have A Question?** — Residents can submit a question about the Columbia River Treaty or the Treaty Review on the website. The Province will respond to you by email.

■ **Facebook and Twitter:** Residents can post comments or start a discussion.

■ **E-newsletter:** Residents can receive updates by subscribing to a monthly e-newsletter.

■ **Event Calendar:** The event calendar lists Columbia River Treaty related events hosted by the Province and others.

■ **Spring Consultation Workshops** were held in Spring 2012 in seven communities. A summary of community input as well as consultation videos and materials can be found on the website.

### *Fall Consultation Workshops*

Evening consultation workshops are planned for the following dates and locations:

- Jaffray, November 14
- Creston, November 15
- Revelstoke, November 20
- Golden, November 21
- Valemount, November 22
- Nelson, November 27
- Trail, November 28
- Nakusp, November 29

The November 28 workshop will be streamed live.

The Columbia River Treaty Review public consultation includes:

- The Columbia River Treaty Review website: [www.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty](http://www.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty)
- Education and consultation workshops in communities
- Technical Conference in early March, 2013
- Ongoing engagement with residents (online, in person and by mail)
- A youth event in early 2013
- Consultation with the Columbia River Treaty Local Governments' Committee