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Columbia River Treaty Socio-Economic Integration UPDATE

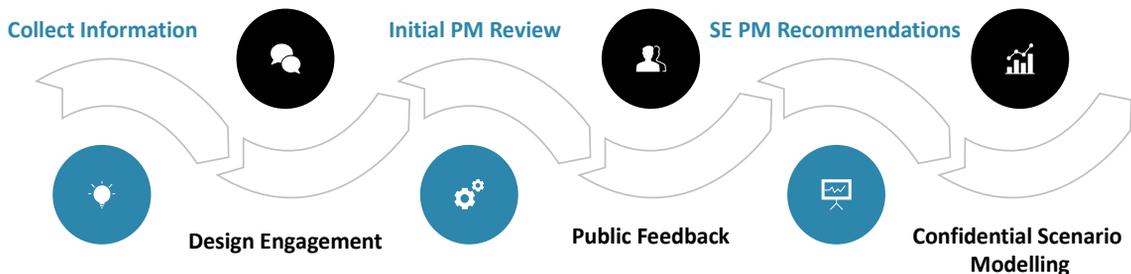
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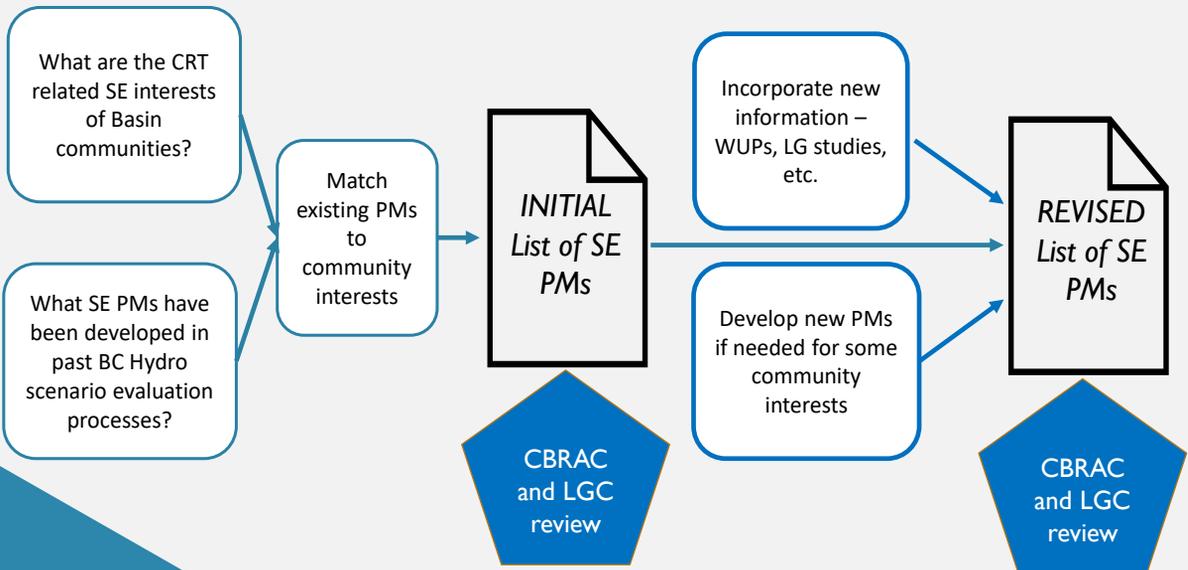
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General Socio-Economic Integration Process



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CRT SE PM Process to Date



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Achievements

- Research reviewed and Research Summaries prepared where needed
- Contact with industry and local government representatives to verify or refine existing PMs and develop new PMs
- Draft updated Info Sheets and draft reservoir/river segment Summaries prepared
- Webinars with LGC and CBRAC members for Kootenay, Kinbasket, Arrow, Duncan, Lower Columbia and Lower Columbia
- Input compilation and follow-up underway – *there was a lot!*

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Realities

- Team availability
- Substantial complexities with some PMs and at some locations

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Timeline

Nov 2020-Dec 2021 Collect Information

Community interest and SE PM data collected from a wide range of sources

May 2021-June 2022 Initial PM Review

Review SE PM
Summary with LGC and CBRAC – research and revise as needed

Oct 2022 SE PM Recommendations

Feedback reviewed with CBRAC and LGC recommends SE PMs to NAT

Feb-Nov 2021 Design Engagement

Methods for engaging CBRAC, local governments, Indigenous Nation and the public

July-Sept 2022 Public Feedback

Feedback from local government and public collected

Begins in 2022 Confidential Scenario Modelling

PMs finalized and used to model scenarios

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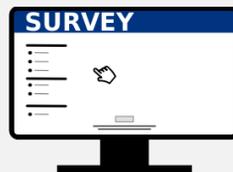
Next Steps

- Updated budget and workplan
- Continued follow-up on input
- Revise Info Sheets and Summaries
- CBRAC review and LGC approval
- Plan and implement local government and public input

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Previous Engagement Advice

1. **Local governments** - Webinar and on-line input survey
2. **Indigenous Nations** – Team remains open engagement requests
3. **Public** - Regional and sub-regional webinars and reservoir/river segment-based webinars if adequate interest, and on-line input survey,
4. **Youth** - special attention to engaging with Selkirk College, College of the Rockies, and Wildsight Field School alumni
5. **Industry** - Continued outreach to industry (forestry, agriculture, marinas)



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Engagement Questions

1. Are webinars still the best approach?

✓ Yes for local government, regional, and sub-regional sessions, and for Kinbasket and Arrow Reservoirs, if needed

? In-person sessions with virtual option for Duncan and Kooacanusa



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Engagement Questions

2. Pros and cons of holding the input sessions in July, August, September, October or November?

July – Cons: Some people on holidays – allow longer input

August – Cons: Lots of people on holidays - avoid

September – Cons: Start-up overload the first 2 weeks; Local governments involved in UBCM; LG elections upcoming

October - Cons: LG elections

November – Pros: People are inside more and days are shorter. Cons: Newly elected local government officials are overwhelmed with new duties. Potential COVID upswing.

Suggestion: Local government webinar in July; public as late as November



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Engagement Questions

3. How long should the public input timeline be - 2 weeks, 3 weeks, 1 month?

Any other advice?

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Many thanks!

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