

Discussion Questions

14. *Building Socio-economic Impacts into Environmental Assessment – The Experience of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. Speaker: Mary Tapsell*

What important lessons can we learn from MVEIRB?

- Always listen and involve the people
- Make sure you keep to the timelines
- Develop and establish boards and listen to them
- Have equal representation on boards for FN and non FN
- Do follow up
- Don't let independence translate to isolation
- Communication is critical
- Common view on how the Act is being interpreted
- Inclusion of all communities
- Having all information
- How to put value into intangible values
- Land use plans missing
- How much development is too much
- Process/progress
- Changing how people think
- Engaging the public
- Identify roles and responsibilities
- How not to proceed, ie. Developing guidelines after
- Incorporating TEK asap
- What worked for them; what did not
- Guidance in setting up the Public Registry and information management systems for YESAB
- Effective process
- Effective community engagement
- Absence of integrated resource management
- Continued ongoing involvement of the community
- Importance of considering the necessity of development
- Human factor in EA
- Social issues addressed
- Mega projects equal mega impacts
- Employment opportunities are not benefiting FN
- A lot of \$ injected into community
- Impacts along the corridor
- Hunting, fishing, trapping regulations
- Scars left on land, how long does it take to replenish