

Workshop Overview

Socio-Economic Effects Assessment in the Yukon Workshop

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Dates: February 1-3rd, 2005

Location: Westmark Ballroom, Whitehorse, YT

Workshop Purpose: This workshop is an introduction to the assessment of socioeconomic effects from potential development activities in the Yukon. The Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA) requires socio-economic effects assessment in project evaluations and reviews. The workshop will provide an opportunity for federal, territorial, First Nations and municipal governments, non-government organizations, and interested individuals to become acquainted with the requirements of YESAA for assessing project-related socio-economic effects in the Yukon, methods and frameworks for assessing socio-economic effects, factors to consider in socio-economic effects assessment, lessons that can be learned from selected case studies, and issues that should be addressed in the development of socio-economic effects assessment in the Yukon.

Workshop Participants: This workshop will be of particular interest to economic development and health and social development agencies and organizations, community groups, First Nations organizations, proponents and their consultants, as well as First Nations, municipal, territorial and federal governments, generally.

Workshop Format: The workshop will be an interactive experience between presenters and participants, and provide opportunities for participants to collaborate in the development of ideas for implementing socio-economic impact assessment in the Yukon. It will be organized around a series of plenary and small group discussions.

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Day One - Tuesday, February 1st

Setting the Context: *What is socio-economic effects assessment?*

Morning Session

- 8:30 Registration and coffee
- 9:00 Welcome to Participants and Introduction of Workshop
- 9:20 Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA) – A new environmental and socio-economic assessment context for the Yukon. Speaker: Kirk Cameron
- 9:45 Building a Development Assessment Process for Yukoners – The Importance of Socio-economic Effects Assessment
Speaker: Grand Chief Ed Schultz, Council of Yukon First Nations
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 The Human Dimension in Project Reviews.
Keynote address by the Honourable Thomas Berger
- 12:00 Lunch - buffet lunch will be provided

Afternoon Session

- 1:00 Socio-economic Effects Assessment and YESAA: Requirements and Challenges of Implementation. Speaker: Kirk Cameron
- 1:45 The Building Blocks of Environmental and Socio-economic Effects Assessment - Overview
- 1:50 Introduction to environmental effects assessment. Speaker: Bill Slater
- 2:30 Introduction to social effects assessment. Speaker: Patt Larcombe
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Introduction to economic effects assessment. Speaker: Paul Kishchuk
- 4:15 Review of the day
- 4:30 End of day one

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Day Two - Wednesday, February 2nd

Exploring Evaluation Frameworks for Socio-economic Effects Assessment

Morning Session

- 9:00 Welcome and introduction to the day's theme
- 9:15 Sustainability Principles as a Framework for the Integration of Socio-economic and Environmental Factors in Project Assessments. Speaker: Bob Gibson
- 10:00 Socio-economic Effects and Determining Significance. Speaker: David Lawrence
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Relationships between Social and Ecological Systems: Understanding Social Systems and approaches to Social Effects Assessment. Speaker: Patt Larcombe
- 11:45 Review of key themes from morning.
- 12:00 Buffet lunch

Afternoon Session

Exploring Local Values and Community Issues

- 1:00 Diverse Public Values and Common Vision: Yukon 2000 Revisited. Speaker: Tony Penikett
- 1:45 Planning with People in Mind. Speaker: Bob Couchman
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 First Nations' Community Values and Perspectives in Development Assessment - Panel Discussion
- 4:15 Review of the day's key themes
- 4:30 End of day two

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Day Three - Thursday, February 3rd

Lessons Learned and the Way Forward

Morning Session

- 9:00 Welcome and introduction to the day's theme
- 9:15 Determinants of Human Health and Health Impact Assessment. Speaker: Carolyn Dunn
- 10:00 Resilient Communities – Lessons for Socio-economic Effects Assessment in the Yukon. Speaker: Naomi Krogman
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Building Socio-economic Impacts into Environmental Assessment – The Experience of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. Speaker: Mary Tapsell
- 11:45 Review of key themes from morning.
- 12:00 Buffet lunch.

Afternoon Session

- 1:00 Exploring Potential Approaches for SEEA in the Yukon.
- Working Group Discussions:
- What are the key elements?
What important issues and interests should be addressed?
What are the next steps in developing an SEEA framework for the Yukon?
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Working Group Discussions...continued
- 4:00 Next Steps
- 4:15 Closing Comments
- 4:30 End of Workshop