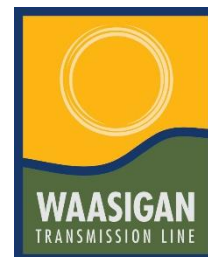


# PROJECT NOTICE

## WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE - AQUATICS SURVEYS (SURFACE WATER, FISH AND FISH HABITAT) THUNDER BAY DISTRICT



**JUNE 7, 2022**

This notice provides information on the upcoming aquatics field surveys, including surface water, fish and fish habitat surveys, planned in the Thunder Bay area (specifically within the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry [NDMNR] Thunder Bay District). An additional notice will be provided prior to the start of aquatics field surveys planned within the NDMNR District of Fort Frances.

These surveys will require a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes from NDMNR before work begins. NDMNR will be providing additional notification letters to Indigenous communities before issuing these permits.

### Why is a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes required?

Studies or work that involve collecting or moving fish require a licence from NDMNR. In this case, we are conducting baseline fish studies to support the environmental assessment. Fish captured are used for data collection only (e.g., species identification, weight and measurement) and will be released.

## SURVEY INFORMATION

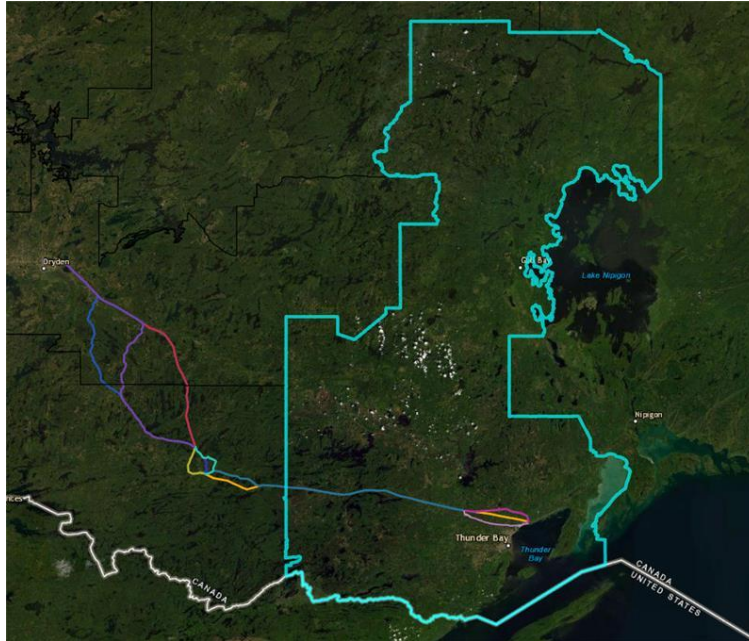
The table below provides information on the surface water, fish and fish habitat surveys:

	SURFACE WATER, FISH AND FISH HABITAT
<b>WHY</b> are we doing the surveys?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To characterize existing watercourses and water bodies including fish habitat and fish communities.</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT</b> activities are involved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field crews will visit watercourses and waterbodies potentially crossed by the Project to complete:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fish Habitat Assessments (e.g., habitat type, identify special features, etc.);</li> <li>Fish Community Surveys (i.e., backpack electrofishing); and</li> <li>Surface Water Assessments (e.g., stream flow measurements, topographic information, and water quality measurements).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>WHEN</b> will the surveys happen?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveys will take place throughout the Project area between June 16 and September 30, 2022. The start of the field surveys is dependent on receiving the Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes from the NDMNR.</li> <li>This notice includes surveys planned between July 2 and 31 within the NDMNR Thunder Bay District.</li> </ul>

## SURFACE WATER, FISH AND FISH HABITAT

**WHERE** will the survey take place?

- Surveys will take place at watercourses and waterbodies of various sizes and types potentially crossed by the Project with a focus on sites that do not have existing baseline information, as requested by the NDMNRF.
- This notice includes survey locations planned within the NDMNRF Thunder Bay District (refer to map below).



### PROPOSED SURVEY LOCATIONS

The proposed survey locations can be viewed online using a Webviewer at the link below.

We welcome any feedback on the proposed survey locations. Maps of the survey locations are also available for download at the link below. Comments can be made in the field map book and sent back to us via email.

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE WEBVIEWER FOR FIELD SURVEY LOCATIONS](#)

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE FIELD MAP BOOK](#)

If there is any information regarding the locations or timing of the proposed surveys that you would like us to be aware of, please contact us using the contact details below. **Comments would be appreciated by June 17, 2022** so that they can be considered prior to the start of field work.

### INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION

Golder is looking to hire additional Indigenous field crew members, and communities can also participate by sending community-hired field monitors. The table below provides a summary of the aquatics field crews within the NDMNRF Thunder Bay Districts in July. There is currently capacity for additional community members within all crews.

Details for additional and subsequent terrestrial and aquatics field crews will be shared in later field work notices.

Survey	Tentative Dates	Crew	Need for Additional Indigenous Field Crew Members	Approximate Geographic Extent / Traditional Territory to be Covered
Surface Water, Fish Habitat and Fish Community Surveys	July 2-31	Seven Golder crews; including two crew members each (non-Indigenous)	Two Indigenous field crew member positions available per crew.	Focus on the NDMNRF Thunder Bay District

To ensure community-hired field monitors are protected, **Hydro One requires proof of the following:**

- Property damage and public liability insurance coverage; and
- Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) registration.

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to these requirements, please contact us so that we can work together to ensure there are no barriers to Indigenous community participation in these field surveys.

Indigenous field crew members hired directly by Golder will be covered under Golder's WSIB and liability insurance. This hiring process can take approximately 1 to 2 weeks.

Another option for participation is a one-day site visit where members of your community can join a crew in the field to discuss the work being completed. If there is any interest in this approach, please let us know and we can work together to plan a visit.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

We encourage you to ask questions and provide comments on the proposed field work. If you are interested in any of the positions above or have comments on the proposed field work, please contact Golder's Environmental Assessment Specialist, Heather Kyer, at 613-314-8473 or [heather.kyer@wsp.com](mailto:heather.kyer@wsp.com).