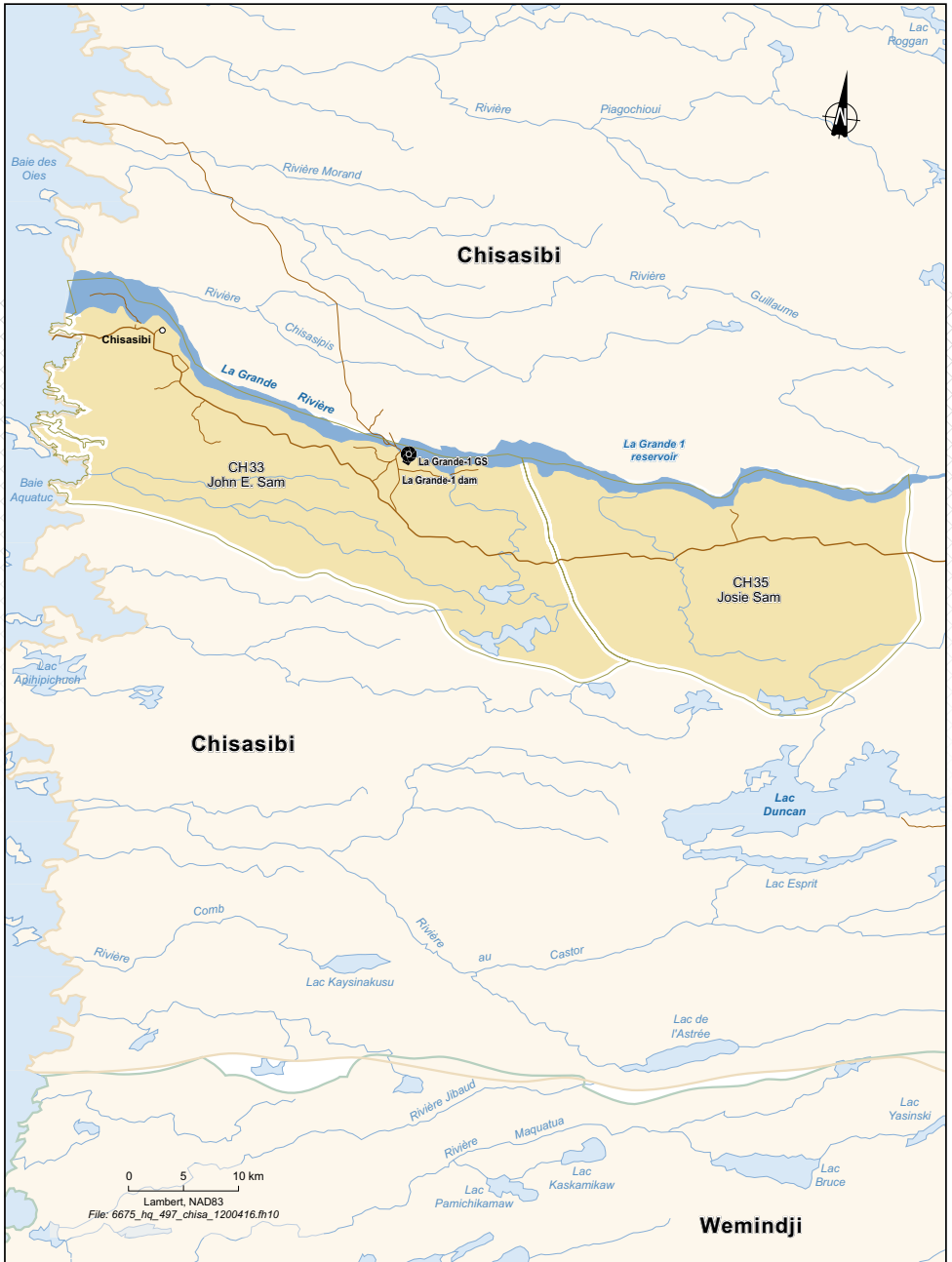


The Project and Your Community

Chisasibi

Signed in 2002, the *Boumhounan Agreement* launched the Eastmain-1-A and Sarcelle powerhouses and Rupert diversion project. Under this agreement, work is governed by a new relationship based on cooperation and mutual respect between Hydro-Québec, its subsidiary Société d'énergie de la Baie James (SEBJ) and the Cree. In addition, the Cree play an active role in project design and in the implementation of mitigation and enhancement measures: Cree companies, workers and tallymen have worked on the project. The tallymen have also participated in all the technical and environmental studies throughout the draft-design and construction phases, as well as in the environmental follow-up activities, some of which should continue until 2021.

Trapline location



Two traplines are affected.



Equipment used for hydroseeding around goose hunting ponds

Economic spinoffs

Since 2007, one Cree company in Chisasibi has obtained five contracts, including:

- Construction of the granular blankets and the boat ramp at La Grande 1 reservoir

Contracts for planting on affected sites were awarded to the tallymen.

From 2007 to 2011, 5.5% of the Cree workers on the project were from the Community of Chisasibi.

The Community of Chisasibi is not a signatory of the *Boumhounan Agreement*. However, like the other communities, it is involved in the design and implementation of mitigation measures and in the implementation of the environmental follow-up programs.



Planters working on borrow pit DG-11

Mitigation and enhancement measures

Why

To maintain or improve hunting and fishing activities and access to the territory.

How

- By installing granular blankets on the south bank of La Grande Rivière downstream of La Grande 1 generating station
- By implementing mitigation and enhancement measures

By the end of 2011, almost all of these measures had been completed: planting on some affected sites will be done in 2012.

During the fall of 2011, the two tallymen concerned were consulted on the effectiveness of the mitigation and enhancement measures carried out on their respective traplines.

Four of the construction roads left in place at the request of the tallymen are used: one to get to a camp and the other three to reach goose-hunting sites in spring.



Rock blanket section

Environmental follow-up

Between 2007 and 2011, members of the Cree Community of Chisasibi participated in the environmental follow-up activities planned for their territory. Their involvement will continue as some of these activities are planned until 2019.

These follow-ups deal with the following areas:

- Hydraulics
- Water quality
- Eelgrass
- Land use





Goose hunting pond developed in borrow pit DG-7

Committees

During 2012, the transition from the construction teams to the operations teams will occur more quickly. Continuity will be provided, in part, by the Cree/Hydro-Québec joint committees that will continue their work, including the Monitoring Committee and the Chisasibi Working Group.

Agreements

Under the agreements between Hydro-Québec and the Cree administered by the Niskamoon Corporation, several dedicated funds are available for projects designed to help the Cree pursue their traditional activities and for community projects.

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