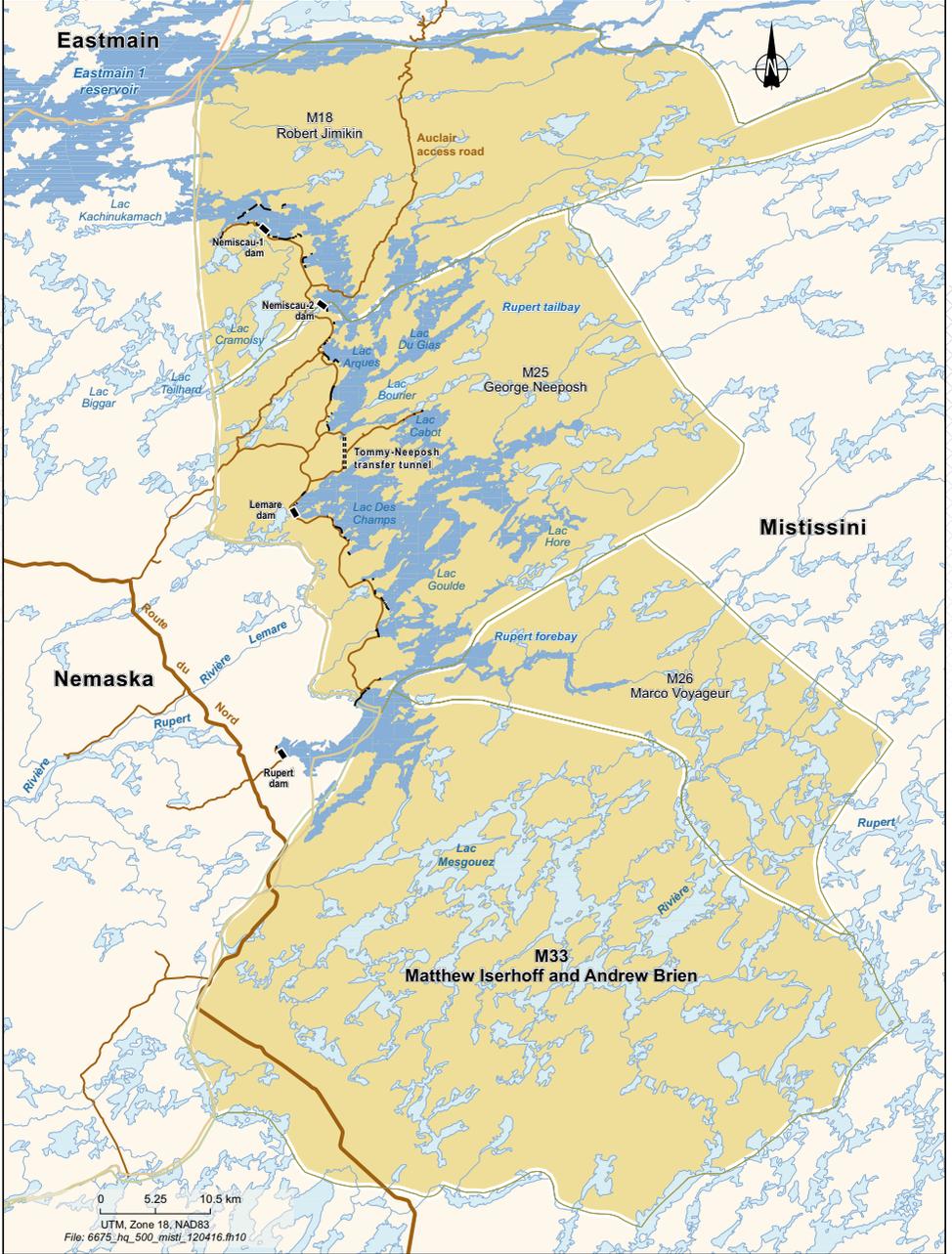


## The Project and Your Community

Mistissini

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



Four traplines are affected.



Inauguration of the lookout at the Tommy-Neeposh transfer tunnel

## Economic spinoffs

Since 2007, firms in Mistissini have obtained 24 contracts including:

- Clearing in the Rupert diversion bays
- Operation and maintenance of the Rupert workcamp
- Road maintenance

The tallymen also obtained 18 contracts and some of them have been able to develop management and construction expertise with the support of jobsite personnel.

From 2007 to 2011, nearly 33% of the Cree workers on the project were from the Community of Mistissini.

In general, the results of the surveys carried out with Cree workers show that they appreciated their work experience on the jobsites. In fact, 92% of them would like to have another similar experience due to the nature of the work, the knowledge they acquired and the good salaries. Furthermore, their return to their community was relatively straightforward and 81% of them found new jobs.

Although the results of the environmental follow-up studies are known, some data are still missing and some remain inconclusive as to the nature and extent of the project impacts.



Shawn Rabbitskin doing planting work

## Mitigation and enhancement measures

### Why

To maintain or improve access to the territory, use of the Rupert diversion bays and hunting and fishing activities

### How

By implementing about 30 types of mitigation and enhancement measures

By the end of 2011, the vast majority of these measures had been implemented, with some still in progress. They will be completed in 2012, except for certain measures that may be required to maintain access and navigation conditions in the Rupert diversion bays.

During the fall of 2011, the tallymen were consulted on the effectiveness of close to 80 mitigation and enhancement measures carried out on their respective traplines. This assessment was done when the tallymen were beginning to resume their use of the areas modified by the project.

The mitigation measures include the following:

- New camps
- Navigation corridors and signage
- Navigation charts for the diversion bays
- Intensive beaver trapping
- Planting and seeding on affected site.



Development of a goose hunting pond in a borrow pit

Among the enhancement measures are the new land access to goose-hunting areas and the keeping in place of construction roads at the request of the tallymen.

Various measures will remain in effect for several more years to support the resumption of trapline use:

- With the support and supervision of the Cree/Hydro-Québec joint committees
- With user participation in the many environmental follow-up studies planned and in monitoring the effectiveness of the mitigation measures

## Environmental follow-up

Between 2007 and 2011, the tallymen concerned or their representatives participated in all the follow-up programs carried out in Mistissini territory. They will continue to be involved in about 20 activities, some of which are planned until 2021.

These follow-ups deal with the following areas:

- Changes in the fish communities in the Rupert diversion bays
- Changes to the shores and vegetation in the diversion bays
- Use of the Rupert diversion bays by animals and birds
- Land use in general
- Wood debris
- Navigation in the diversion bays
- Economic spinoffs



Construction of a road to access a trapline

## 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 Rupert River Water Management Board.

## Agreements

Under the agreements between Hydro-Québec and the Cree managed 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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