

BULLETIN 2

RIVIÈRE RUPERT km 0 – km 333

NAVIGATION CONDITIONS – August 2009

SECOND STAGE OF CONCRETE WORK AT RUPERT SPILLWAY

Rupert Workcamp, August 21

At the beginning of July 2009, SEBJ undertook the first stage of concrete work on the Rupert spillway. At the end of August, the spillway's third gate will be reopened and the first gate will be closed so that the second stage of the work can be performed.

As a result of the work, the water level in the river between Rupert dam (km 314) and the outlet of Lac Mesgouez (km 333) will rise about three metres. This level change will take place over a period of three days and will not have any impact on navigation conditions, except for the possible presence of driftwood. Note that a boom has been installed about one kilometre upstream of Rupert dam to contain this debris. Portages have also been developed and there are signs at the boom and dam sites.

Downstream of the dam, the natural conditions in the Rivière Rupert will remain the same; therefore, navigation conditions will not change. In the eight weir construction sites in this stretch of the river, signs erected on the banks will show users how to get around the work areas safely.

For more information: 1 888 676-4636 ou www.hydroquebec.com/rupert.

Thank you for your interest in the Eastmain-1-A/Sarcelle/Rupert project.

Safe, happy boating!

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