



**AYIMIHIITUUNAANUWICH**  
**Joint Process on Potential La Grande Upgrades**  
Community Update



**Field work update**



*Abraham Cox and Aaron Ratt joined field visit to continue the ice studies on January 21st, 2026.*

**Ice Campaign**

The 2026 ice study campaign is scheduled with 3 different flyovers covering samplings from LG1 all the way up to LG4. The first campaign was January 19th to 23rd and it went very well with the presence of Aaron Ratt and Abraham Cox. The team was able to sample all of the sites.

## Fish habitat

A field campaign was conducted in October 2025 to assess the use of the river sections downstream of the powerhouses (from LG-4 to LG-1) as spawning grounds for fall spawning fish : lake whitefish, rounded whitefish, cisco and lake trout. Drift nets were set to collect the fish eggs, then the contents of the nets were collected, brought back to the field lab, and then sorted to isolate and identify the fish eggs.

## Lake Wawa

Following a request from a land user, 3 mooring stations were installed in October in order to determine the relationship between the Robert-Bourassa (LG-1) reservoir level and potential inflows into Lac Wawa. The information from the moorings will be collected in the spring and then analyzed.



## Cree Land Use

September, October and November were very busy with many land use interviews carried out in Chisasibi, Mistissini and Wemindji. Interviews were done with tallymen but also with different groups of land users to gather information on a wide range of activities on the river and reservoirs. Overall, 29 interviews were carried out over 8 weeks. We want to thank all of the people who participated in this important activity and shared their knowledge about the land!

## Open House Event in Radisson

An open house activity was held at Radisson on January 28th. 25 people were present and were happy to be able to discuss the project with the project team.



## Upcoming activities

### Regular Updates to Grand Council of the Crees

The Ayimihituunaanuwich Technical Table provides updates on its work at every Grand Council/ Cree Nation Government meeting. The next one is March 26th and 27th, 2026 in Nemaska.

### Hydlo & Friends radio show started up again

We are back on air with Hydlo & Friends 2.0. on JBCCS every month. The next show will be aired Wednesday, March 11th, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. In the meantime, catch up with the first shows on CreeTV.org

## **Fish habitat**

Spring spawning ground field campaign is planned late May 2026.

## **Ice Campaign**

The second field visit for the ice studies will be from March 2nd to 6th.

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The Crees of Eeyou Istchee and Hydro-Québec have established the Ayimihituunaanuwich Joint Process on Potential La Grande Upgrades to assess the environmental, social and cultural aspects of the potential upgrades of Robert-Bourassa, La-Grande-3 and La-Grande-4 generating stations.

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