



AYIMIHITUUNAANUWICH
Joint Process on Potential La Grande Upgrades
Community Update



Field work update



Abraham Matches, VC-24, Charles Ratt, tallyman CH- 20 and Jimmy Matches tallyman VC-24 discussing fish habitat with Sammy Blackned, Wemindji rep on ATT, and Lise Arsenault and Dominic Savard from AECOM April 9, 2025.



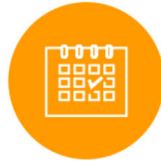
Carine Durocher from Hydro-Québec discusses ice conditions with George Pachano CH-14, Samuel Cox CH-36 and Harry Bearskin CH-13 April 2, 2025.

Cree Knowledge Workshops

- The Ayimihituunaanuwich Technical Table (ATT) recognizes the importance and equivalence of Cree knowledge with western scientific knowledge
- Workshops on ice and on fish habitat were held from April 3 to April 11, 2025
- The discussions brought valuable insights and fruitful exchanges on Spring ice conditions and fish habitat
- The information is very helpful for the planning of fish population campaign

Ice and thermal regime studies

- Ice samplings and temperature measurements
- Flyovers and sampling : April 7 to April 10, 2025



Upcoming activities

Socio economic study

- Interviews by Maamu at the end of June and early July with different organisations in Chisasibi (economic development, health, education, etc.)

Water quality study

- Second sampling campaign out of four (2/4)
- Samplings between LG-4 and the estuary from June 7 to June 13, 2025
- Community members will participate to field activities
- Samples will be sent to an accredited laboratory for analysis
- Next and third campaign is planned in August



Highlights



One of the two groups that were hosted by Nancy Pelchat, forth from left, guide for Hydro-Québec, on March 27, 2025. It was a special occasion for her to host members of her community Chisasibi at Robert-Bourassa power station.

Visit of Robert-Bourassa power station

- On March 27, 2025, customized visits of the facilities were proposed to tallymen from Chisasibi to actually see the inside of the power station, the generating unit and its components

Worshop with coastal land users March 26, 2025

- The Ayimihituunaanuwich Technical Table met with the Coastal land users in Chisasibi
- Coastal Habitat Research Program coordinators Mary O'Connor and Zou Zou Kusyk, were attending
- Some of the goals were to share views and perspectives with everyone on the Ayimihituunaanuwich Environmental Study Program and to raise common understanding on the potential La Grande upgrades

Information session with land users in Mistissini

- May 27, 2025, the Ayimihituunaanuwich Technical Table met in Mistissini
- An information session was held with the Mistissini concerned land users and tallymen to give update on the progress of the Environmental Study Program

The Crees of Eeyou Istchee and Hydro-Québec have established the Ayimihituunaanuwich Joint Process on the 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 power stations.

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