

Protecting Traditional Uses

Q: How will the Project align with the Atlin Taku Land Use Plan (ATLUP) and protect traditional uses?

The Wóoshtin wudidaa Atlin Taku Land Use Plan (ATLUP) was negotiated between the Taku River Tlingit First Nation and the BC government under a shared decision-making framework as a process for government-to-government discussions. The ATLUP provides a framework for discussions respecting land use planning, wildlife management, and shared decision-making.

The Project has considered the ATLUP. We endeavour to maintain alignment with the Plan throughout all aspects of planning and design. This includes:

- **Supporting local economic development for the community of Atlin.** The Project provides opportunities for training and employment. TRTFN will also benefit substantially as the Project owner. The Atlin community will benefit from reinvestment of profits in select community initiatives.
- **Conducting detailed effects assessments for aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems,** with a focus on species specifically identified in the ATLUP (e.g., Mountain Goat and Stone's Sheep, Northern Mountain Woodland Caribou, Moose, and grizzly bear).
- **Conducting extensive archaeological investigations** to conserve Tlingit archaeological and cultural features, and to provide information to TRTFN on processes, findings, and mitigation measures.

In addition, the Project will result in significant greenhouse gas reductions in the North. Over the long term, the Project will offset an estimated 184 B-trains of fuel annually, approximately 8.5 million litres a year. This will help to mitigate the impacts of climate change and to protect traditional uses into the future.