



York Factory First Nation

Presentation to the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission
Public Hearing on Lake Winnipeg Regulation

Presentation Outline

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Presenter: Ted Bland, Chief, York Factory First Nation

- 1) Greetings & introduction
- 2) The importance of considering communities downstream of Lake Winnipeg
- 3) Introduction to YFFN and the First Nation's interest in Lake Winnipeg Regulation
- 4) YFFN History
 - Traditional lands & waters
 - Relocation
 - Connection to the waters of the Nelson River
- 5) YFFN Experience with hydroelectric development: LWR, CRD & associated generating stations
 - Water levels and flows: seasonal patterns, fluctuations, extreme water levels
 - Travel safety: ice travel, boat travel
 - Community access & the winter ice road
 - Water quality
 - Debris, erosion and sedimentation
 - Fish, animals, and plants
 - Traditional resource access and use
- 6) The Northern Flood Agreement (1977) & YFFN's Comprehensive Implementation Agreement (1995)
- 7) The Final License Application for Lake Winnipeg Regulation
 - Response to presentations and discussions during the hearings
 - Outstanding questions and concerns
 - Recommendations to the Panel

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