

MEETING EDE 54-20-25

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025 EAGLE ROOM, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY / ZOOM 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Prayer/reflection
- 3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
- 5. Public Matters
 - a) a) Public Briefing on Marine Transport Services with Infrastructure Minister Honourable Vince McKay
- 6. In Camera Matters
 - a) Debrief
 - b) Workplan
- 7. New Business
 - a)
- 8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:
 - Friday June 13, 2025 at 830am
- 9. Adjournment



Marine Transportation Services

Update for 2025 Season

June 11, 2025

Outline

- 2024 Season
- Water Levels
- Contingency Plan for Low Water
- 2025 Season
- Operations Update
- Challenges



- In 2024, there were historic low water levels which prevented any navigation on the Mackenzie River.
- All cargo for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR)
 was trucked to Tuktoyaktuk and loaded on barges
 for delivery.
- All fuel came in by tanker around Alaska.
- Deliveries were made to Lutselk'e on Great Slave Lake.



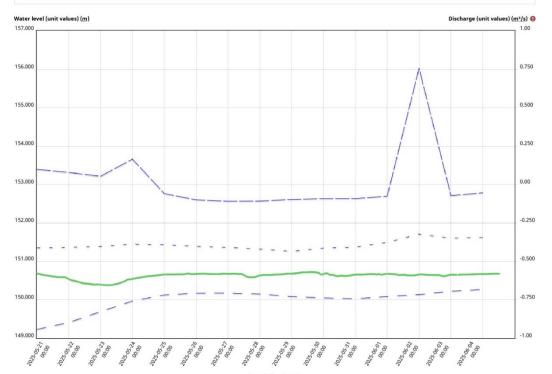
Water Levels

- Water levels are improving but because of the aftereffects of 2024, they are still in a marginal range.
- If the buoys are not placed on the Mackenzie River by the Canadian Coast Guard, we will implement the contingency plan to deliver to the Sahtu Region.

Real-Time Hydrometric Data Graph for MACKENZIE RIVER NEAR FORT PROVIDENCE (10FB001) [NT]

All times are specified in Local Standard Time (LST). Add 1 hour to adjust for Daylight Saving Time where and when it is observed ▼ Legend

Water level (unit values) - Minimur Water level (unit values) - Mea



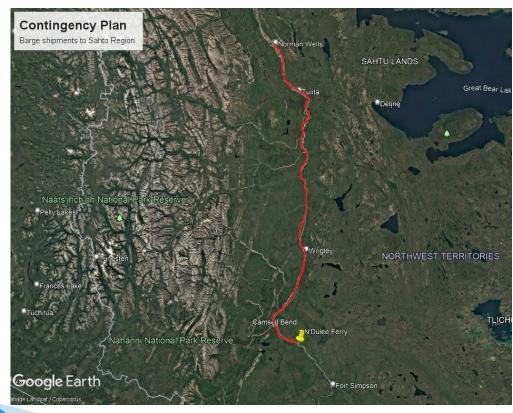




Contingency Plan for Low Water

- There is a very real possibility that the Providence Rapids, a historically shallow section of the River located at the very beginning of the Mackenzie River near Fort Providence, will remain nonnavigable.
- If that is the case, MTS has an alternative plan to load cargo down river at N'Dulee Crossing near Fort Simpson.





- Ship from Hay River or Tuktoyaktuk depending on water levels.
- Deliveries to the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Sachs Harbour, Ulukhaktok, Paulatuk), Kugluktuk (Nunavut), Lutselk'e, Norman Wells and Tulita.
 - Fort Good Hope will be supplied from Tuktoyaktuk if contingency plan is in effect.

Offload Fuels Delivered by Tanker (lightering)

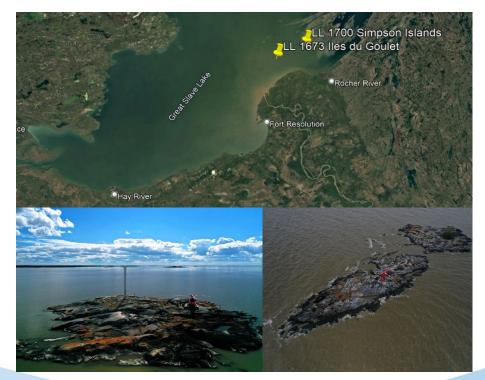
- Tanker (Glencore) arrives at Wise Bay early August with fuel for GNWT (Fuel Services Division) and APS.
- Fuel is lightered from the tanker at Wise Bay (~200 miles east of Tuktoyaktuk).





DFO/CCG on Great Slave Lake

- Maintenance is required on navigation aids on two islands on the Great Slave lake.
 - Maintenance work is to be undertaken by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans / the Canadian Coast Guard





Challenges

- Low water on the Mackenzie River
- ➤ Ice conditions in the Western Arctic
- Contingency plan approval from CCG





Challenges

Fort Good Hope ramparts







2023 2024

Questions/Comments?



