

# Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley

SLWB Community Meetings, February 2020



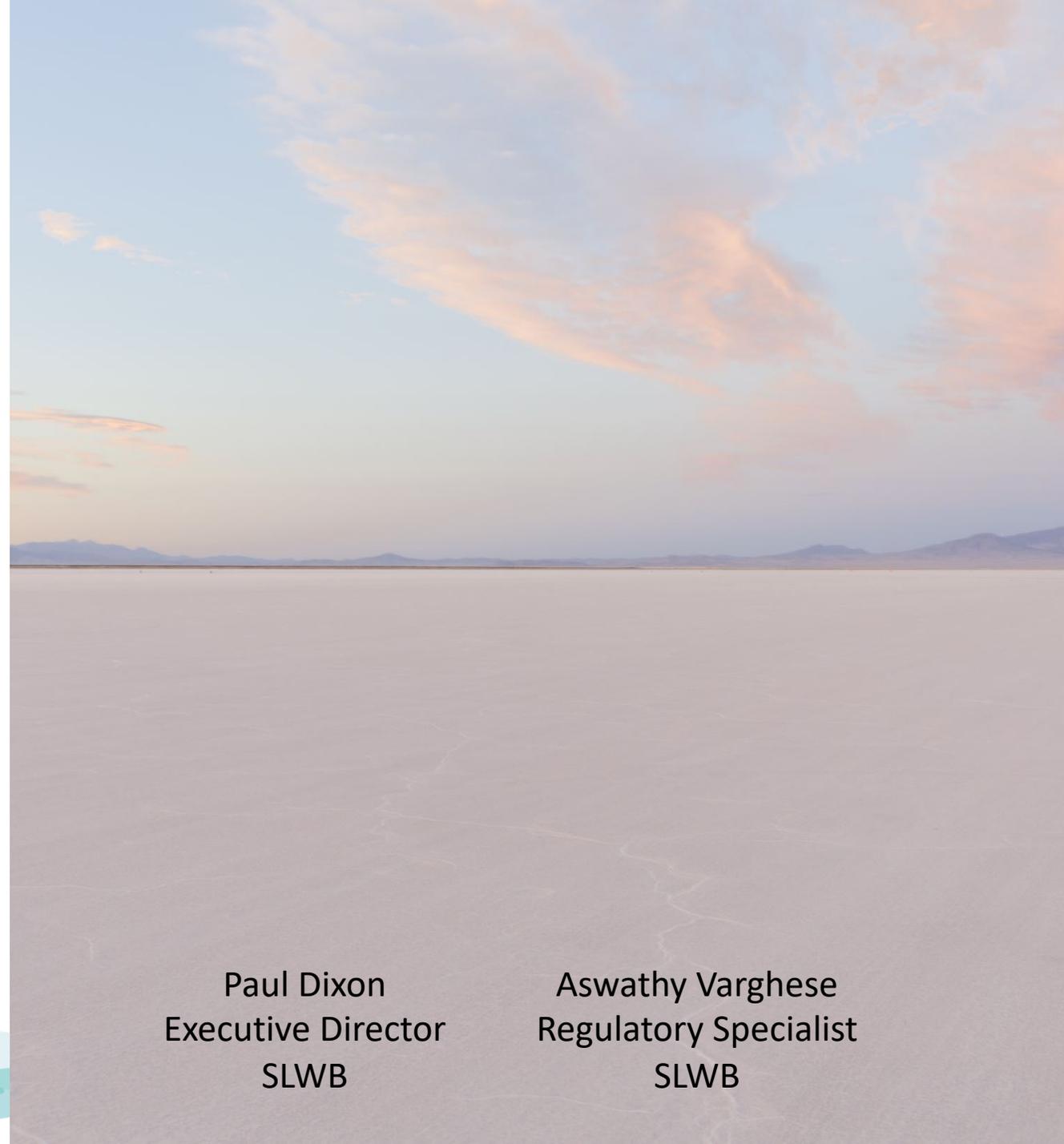
# IMPERIAL OIL N.W.T. LIMITED NORMAN WELLS OPERATION

The only SLWB Type-A Water Licence



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# Imperial: 100 Years of Operations in Norman Wells, NT

1920

- Seasonal Refinery Producing Gasoline and Diesel for Local Markets

1942

- Construction of the Canol “Canadian Oil” pipeline began. Drilled 60 wells to increase crude oil production.

1944

- Proven Area Agreement was signed on July 21, 1944 between the Minister of Mines and Resources (His Majesty) and Imperial Oil Limited (Imperial).

1945

- Resumed production for northern markets but expanded to year-round operation.

1978

- Seismic and delineation well drilling program was undertaken. Plans began to significantly expand operations.

1981

- Norman Wells Oil Field Expansion Project approved by Fed. Govt. after Environmental Impact Assessment.

1983

- Six artificial islands constructed (NW Oil F Exp. Project) in Mackenzie River.

1985

- Completed 866 km pipeline from Norman Wells to Zama AB (NW Oil F Exp. Project).

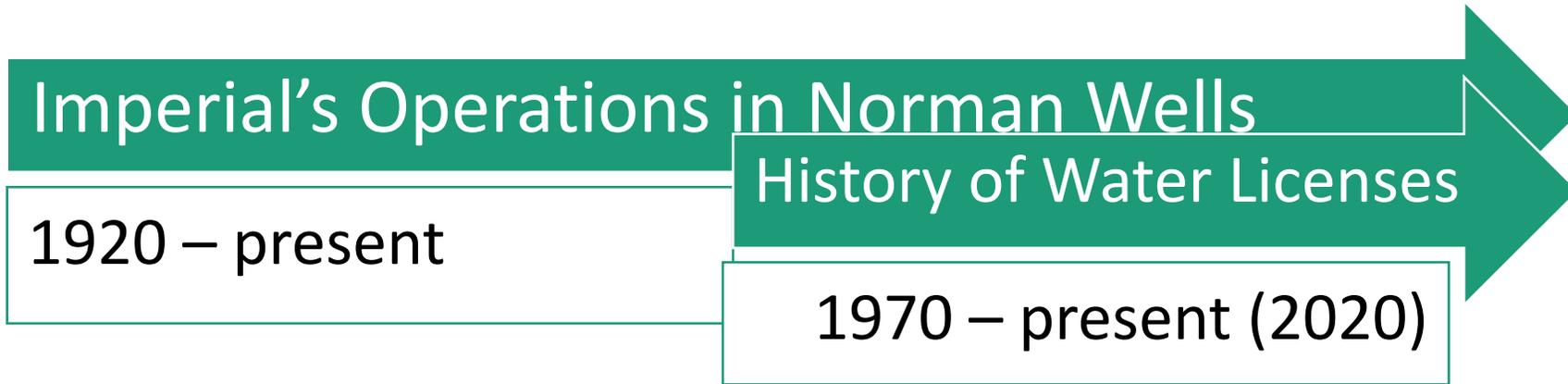
1991

- Peak of the Oil Production and Decline.

1996

- Old refinery and Battery 3 shut down.

# 100 Years of Imperial's Operations in Norman Wells



# History of Water Licenses in a Timeline (DIAND to SLWB)

1970

- **First Licence was authorized** under the *Northern Inland Waters Act* (NWIA, 1970), by DIAND
- NWT Water Board Established

1994

- **Licence N3L1-0919** - issued by NWT Water Board in July 1994 under the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* (1992).

1998

- ***Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA) 1998*** – established the land and water boards including **SLWB**

1999-  
present

- **SLWB has issued three authorizations** for Imperial:
  - **S99L1-003** (1999-2004); **S03L1-001** (2004-2015); **S13L1-007** (2015-2025)



# Regulatory Components of Imperial Oil Resources Limited



Canada Energy  
Regulator

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Enbridge Pipeline

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Norman Wells Operations

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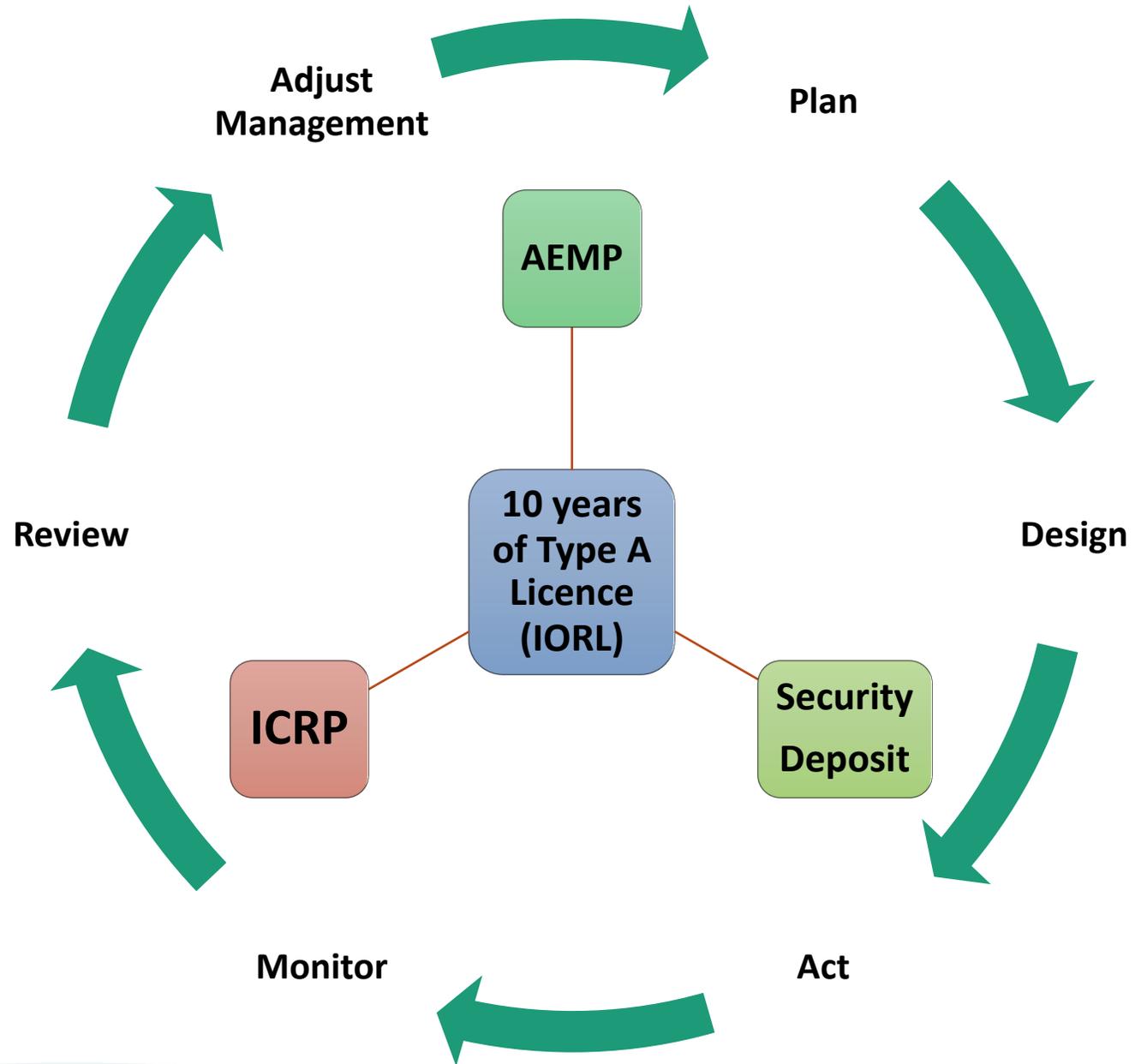


# Role of Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB)

- The SLWB has issued three authorizations for Imperial:
  - **S99L1-003**: August 30, 1999 – August 29, 2004
  - **S03L1-001**: August 29, 2004 – March 24, 2015
  - **S13L1-007**: March 4, 2015 – March 3, 2025
- All three authorizations required public hearings.
- Primary focus of water licence proceedings: **management and protection of water quality and abandonment (closure) and reclamation of licensed undertakings.**



# Adaptive Management



# Imperial's 2015 Water Licence Renewal

- Two requirements of the 2015 renewal were for Imperial to prepare:
  - **Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program**
  - **Closure and Reclamation Plan**
- Prepared with **input from three working group sessions** held in Norman Wells, NT
  - November 19-20, **2014**; September 23-24, **2015**; and January 26-27, **2016**.
- Attendees: NEB/CER, INAC/AANDC/CIRNAC, DFO, ECCC, GNWT-ENR, RRCs (Deline, Norman Wells, FGH), SSI, Land Corporations (Yamoga, Deline, Norman Wells, Tulita), IORL, Amec, SLWB.
- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on April 4, 2018 - for Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (ICRP)





**NORMAN WELLS OPERATIONS  
INTERIM CLOSURE AND RECLAMATION PLAN  
SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL MARCH 2016**

Submitted to:  
**Imperial Oil Limited**  
Calgary, Alberta

Submitted by:  
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March 2016

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# Norman Wells Operations Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan

October 2019

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# Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (ICRP) for Water Licence

## REVIEW PROCESS FOR ICRP

Reviewers – DFO, GNWT-ENR, NEB,  
Norman Wells Land Corporation, SRRB, SSI

- Comments on the public registry include:

- \* Concerns about removing protective rip-rap from the artificial islands , Mackenzie River;
- \* Concerns about the proposed Waste Management Facility
- \* Reason for higher levels of metals in Bosworth Creek
- \* Adequacy of traditional knowledge and engagement;
- \* Long term monitoring of surface and groundwater;
- \* Socio-economic benefits/ opportunities.



## BOARD DIRECTION AND APPROVAL

ICRP version 1.0 approved by the Board  
on Jan 5, 2017 with directions:

- 1) Proposed WMF concept - a preliminary environmental screening and engagement plan will be required.
- 2) This is an Interim Plan for a still-operating field, with areas that require further refinement.



# Review and Approval Process for Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP)

AEMP version 1.0 reviewed on the ORS – by GNWT-ENR, DFO, NWLC

Jan 5, 2017 - SLWB approved version 1.0 with requirements to include monitoring of small bodied fish.



AEMP version 2.0 reviewed – by ECCC, GNWT-ENR, SRRB

May 28, 2018 - version 2.0 not approved as requirements were not met.



3<sup>rd</sup> party review of AEMP confirming the Board's direction for fish monitoring.

Dec 24, 2019 – AEMP version 3.0 on ORS for public review – comment period ending Feb 26, 2020.



# Your Comments

We would like to hear your comments and concerns about:

- the Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP);
- possibility of another working group workshop to hear about some of the water sampling results.



# Closure and Reclamation – Working towards final C & R Plan

- On-site waste management facility – preferred option.
  - Bulk of waste – hydrocarbon and salt contaminated soils.
- IRCP: Imperial held engagement sessions in Norman Wells, NT.
- Imperial also met other stakeholders to discuss regulatory requirements.
- Preliminary investigation of habitat around the artificial islands has been completed
  - Islands provide some nesting and feeding habitat for resident and migratory fish as well as overwintering refuge and locations for setting gillnets.



# Water Licence Amendment Application 2020

- An application for amendment to the Water Licence for this project is going to be submitted.
- Overview of the licensing process:
  - 1) **Check** whether all the required documents/reports are submitted;
  - 2) The item is posted on the ORS – **opportunity for public comment** (on quality of information);
  - 3) Staff need to complete a **Preliminary Screening** to evaluate potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures for all physical, biological, social and cultural values.
    - SLWB will be holding a **technical/talking session** to hear everyone’s concerns and issues.
    - The workshop results will assist the Board in decision making.
  - 4) **Additional technical workshops** for security and for review of design and technical documents;
  - 5) A **public hearing** will be required for the application. There is opportunity for oral and written submissions to be made at the hearing.



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## Fort Good Hope

- Charter Community of Fort Good Hope
- Fort Good Hope Metis Nation
- Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Council
- Fort Good Hope Metis Nation
- K'asho Got'ine District Land Corporation
- Yamoga Land Corporation

## Déljñę

- Déljñę Got'ine Government
- Déljñę Renewable Resources Council

## Norman Wells

- Norman Wells Land Corporation
- Norman Wells Renewable Resource Council
- Town of Norman Wells

## Colville Lake

- Behdzi Ahda First Nation Band, Colville Lake

## Tulita

- Hamlet of Tulita
- Tulita Band Council
- Tulita District Land Corporation
- Tulita Land Corporation

## Sahtu Co-Management Boards, Government Organizations

- Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
- Sahtu Renewable Resource Board
- Sahtu Land and Water Board
- Sahtu Health and Social Services
- Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated
- GNWT-ENR – Sahtu Region
- GNWT Lands – Sahtu Region





Thank you!!

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