

NORTHERN BC JET BOAT TOURS
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MANAGEMENT PLAN

For Northern BC Jet Boat Tours

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1.0 Background

1.1 Project Overview

Northern BC Jet Boat Tours is applying for an extensive use tenure for dispersed and non-exclusive guided Adventure Tour activities focusing on Jet Boat Eco-Tours. Northern BC Jet Boat Tours will operate in Northern BC and focus on the Northwest BC (Terrace, BC) and Central BC (Prince George, BC) areas. The tours will showcase the scenery, flora, fauna, history and culture that this region of the province has to offer. We strive to provide outdoor adventure tours that minimize environmental impact and create minimal disturbance to the surrounding environment.

Tours will primarily focus on Jet Boating the Fraser River above and below Prince George, BC and the Skeena River above and below Terrace, BC. Tributaries of these rivers may be boated if allowed and if river levels are acceptable. Most tours will be day tours consisting of 6-8 hours on the river with one to two jet boats. We are estimating up to 30-40 tours per year spread out throughout the two river systems with 3/4 of them occurring in the Skeena Watershed. Most tours will occur with one Jet Boat and driver plus five guests. Occasionally two jet boats would be utilized for tours but that would not be common.

Northern BC Jet Boat Tours will **not** build any structure or make improvements to any land. All access to rivers will be from designated boat launches within the region. Access to crown land will occur primarily on gravel bars adjacent to the river where eco-talks and interpretation about the environment and flora and fauna will occur.

Northern BC Jet Boat Tours is aware of the non-exclusive nature of the tenure and will work with other user groups, tenure holders and public to minimize impacts from our tours. Location and timing of tours will be assessed continually to reduce conflicts.

Investigative work in regards to river levels, boat launches, public events and property, First Nations reserve lands, reducing impacts on fish have been learned in the past 10 years of jet boating experience on the two river drainages.

1.2 Authorizations, Permits and Approvals

Northern BC Jet Boat Tours will work other agencies and user groups for approval to operate in specific regions' of the tenure. We are aware of the many parks and conservancies within the tenure area that require BC Parks approval and permits to operate within. We will work with local First Nations on approval to operate within reserve lands and sensitive areas. Other agencies like municipalities



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(business license requirements) and Ministry of Forestry, Land and Natural Resources (other tenure holders) will be consulted to meet operating requirements.

1.3 Safety Plan

Please see the Appendix 1 for the attached Emergency Response Plan for Northern BC Jet Boat Tours. We take safety very seriously and our goal is to ensure everyone comes back safely at the end each day. We have 2 Million Marine Watercraft Liability Insurance. All boats are commercially registered with Transport Canada and meet or exceed the safety standards. All jet boat drivers are trained and have taken an external Jet Boat Safety course and or a Small Vessel Operator Course (SVOP).

1.4 First Nations

Northern BC Jet Boat Tours has not done any official consultation with regards to the application of tenure. We respect the rights of First Nation's in these operating area and are willing to work with and modify our operating area and timing based on the concerns of local First Nations. We strive to partner and include First Nations culture and partnerships with our tours.

2.0 Location

2.1 General Description

Northern BC Jet Boat Tours is requesting and extensive use tenure on the following watersheds:

1. Fraser River above and below Prince George, BC (from Penny, BC to Quesnel, BC along the Fraser River)
2. Skeena River from Hazelton, BC downriver to the ocean
3. Skeena Tributaries
 - a. Ecstall River
 - b. Kasiks River
 - c. Exchamsiks River
 - d. Exstew River

Accessing all of the above watersheds will done from Boat launches adjacent to the rivers.

See appendix maps for detailed locations

2.2 Location Justification

2.3 Seasonal Expectation of use

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1. Fraser River above and below Prince George (April to September)
2. Nechako Skeena River from Hazelton, BC downriver to the ocean (April to September)
3. Skeena Tributaries - Primarily May to July when river levels are high enough and to avoid fisherman that frequent the rivers in September and October
 - a. Ecstall River (May to July)
 - b. Kasiks River (May to July)
 - c. Exchamsiks River (May to July)
 - d. Exstew River (May to July)

3.0 Infrastructure

No infrastructure or improvements to any crown land will be made.

4.0 Environmental

4.1 Land Impacts

- 4.1.1 Vegetation Removal N/A
- 4.1.2 Soil Disturbance N/A
- 4.1.3 Riparian Encroachment N/A
- 4.1.4 Pesticides and Herbicides N/A
- 4.1.5 Visual Impacts N/A
- 4.1.6 Archaeological Sites N/A
- 4.1.7 Construction Methods N/A

4.2 Atmospheric Impacts

4.21 Sound, Odor, Gas or Fuel Emissions

Sound – Jet Boats can emit noise that can impact wildlife and people. We will do our best to minimize the “noise pollution in sensitive areas. We will utilize electric motors in sensitive marine areas and estuaries to minimize noise impacts on wildlife. We will not operate our boats early in the morning or late into the evening in sensitive areas where people reside, vacation or camp. We strive to be “good neighbors” and are fully aware of the impact of the noise that boats can create.

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Odor / Gas / Fuel – Jet Boats do consume fuel and create carbon emissions and we only use newer four stroke motors with the latest emission control features. All of our boats are maintained at regular intervals to minimize emissions.

4.3 Restrictions on Tenuring of Aquatic Plants N/A

4.31 Drainage Effect N/A

4.32 Public Access N/A

4.33 Flood Potential

4.4 Fish and Wildlife Habitat

4.41 Disturbance to Wildlife or Wildlife Habitat

Protecting and minimizing impacts on wildlife is of utmost importance and we will take precautions and to adhere to all regulations within the British Columbia Wildlife Act. We will also adhere to the BC Commercial Bear Viewing regulations when encountering bears.

5.0 Socio Community

5.1 Land Use

We will work with all other tenure holders and accommodate other users where possible using timing, scheduling, different locations, etc and understanding the interests of other resource users to create a successful integrated resource.

5.1.1 Land Management Plans and Regional Growth Strategies

We will work within all Land Management Plans and OCP's if required

5.2 Socio-Community Conditions

5.2.1 Adjacent Users or Communities N/A

5.2.2 Existing Services N/A

See the attached Emergency Response Plan for more details on safety, risk and mitigation strategies.