

Notice Of Public Tender

Crown Petroleum and Natural Gas Rights



Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Oil and Gas Division

June 16, 2021

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
COMPETITION FOR THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP CROWN PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RESOURCES**

June 16, 2021

Under section 71 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* (the Act), sealed bids will be received up to **12:00 noon, Wednesday June 16, 2021** for the privilege of obtaining petroleum and natural gas rights detailed in the parcel descriptions below.

Bids must be addressed to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, and submitted to the office of the Executive Director, Tenure and Geoscience Branch, Oil and Gas Division, 6th floor, 1810 Blanshard Street, V8T 4J1.

Bidding procedures and requirements are detailed in the [Guide to Acquiring Crown Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenures](#). A copy of this guide can be requested by email at pngtitles@gov.bc.ca or by telephone at (250) 952-0333.

In order to be considered, a bid must be prepared and submitted consistent with the requirements specified in the Guide to Acquiring Crown Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenures. This includes the requirement to submit the \$500 issuance fee and first year's rent as indicated in the list of parcels below.

A bid is evaluated against other bids received for the parcel, the geological potential of the parcel, and historical and current bidding trends. Tenure is awarded based on this evaluation. The Minister reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it is determined that acceptance of the bid(s) would not be in the best interest of the Crown.

Tenure is issued in accordance with and conveys the rights described in the Act.

The Ministry considers referral comments received from provincial agencies, local governments and First Nations which are incorporated, where appropriate, as specific information in the parcel descriptions. Parcels may overlap one or more legal designations that may affect operations associated with the tenure, including, but not limited to:

- Ungulate Winter Ranges,
- Wildlife Habitat Areas,
- Old Growth Management Areas,
- Agricultural Land Reserve,
- Protected Areas & Parks,
- Indian Reserves,
- Existing resource use and Land Act tenures, and
- Reserves issued under various Provincial and Federal legislation.

This is not an exhaustive list and legal designations may be added or changed.

The grant of tenure does not guarantee the issuance of a permit to conduct oil and gas activity. Successful bidders must apply for activity permits from the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) under the Oil and Gas Activities Act and/or from other agencies where applicable. The Commission may impose conditions on activity permits. The Commission uses Area-based Analysis (ABA) as a tool in the application review process (for more information please contact the Commission). Successful bidders should also be aware that they will be required to abide by the various laws governing exploration and development whether or not specific terms are listed in this notice. The laws governing exploration and development may be amended from time to time.

For More Information:

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Oil and Gas Commission
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The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

DATED at Victoria, British Columbia

this 29th day of April, 2021

Bruce Ralston

Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Tenure Types and Rights Conferred:

Permits confer the exclusive right to apply under the Oil and Gas Activities Act to do exploratory drilling for petroleum, natural gas or both on land owned by the government and within the boundaries of the location of the permit. The issue or existence of a permit does not prohibit a person other than the holder of the permit from carrying out geological work or geophysical exploration in the permit area in accordance with the Oil and Gas Activities Act. (PNG Act, s. 38(1) and (2))

Drilling licences confer the right to explore for petroleum and natural gas. (PNG Act: Drilling Licence Regulation, s.1)

Leases confer the exclusive right to produce, in accordance with the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act and the Oil and Gas Activities Act, both the petroleum and natural gas referred to in the lease. (PNG Act, s. 50)

	DRILLING LICENCES	
PARCEL	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	HA
67175	TRACT 1	518
	TWP 082 RGE 14 W6M SEC 1 2	
	INCLUDING PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS BELOW BASE OF 33004 MONTNEY (EXCLUDING BASAL LAG)	
	33004 MONTNEY ZONE (EXCLUDING BASAL LAG) DEFINED IN THE INTERVAL 2028.1M-2338.6M ON THE BOREHOLE COMPENSATED SONIC LOG OF THE WELL W.A. 6717 10-18-79-14 W6M	
CAVEATS	THE GRANT OF TENURE DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO CONDUCT OIL AND GAS ACTIVITY. SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST APPLY FOR ACTIVITY PERMITS FROM THE BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION (COMMISSION) UNDER THE OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES ACT AND/OR FROM OTHER AGENCIES WHERE APPLICABLE. THE COMMISSION MAY DENY PERMIT APPLICATIONS OR MAY IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON ACTIVITY PERMITS.	
	PARCEL OVERLAPS CROWN LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE TREATY #8 AREA AND THE PROVINCE STRONGLY ENCOURAGES EARLY PRE-APPLICATION ENGAGEMENT WITH THE RELEVANT FIRST NATIONS; PLEASE CONTACT THE BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION FOR GUIDANCE. PARCEL WAS REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING FIRST NATION(S) FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT (NOTE THAT SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATION WITH FIRST NATIONS, NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO THOSE LISTED BELOW, MAY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ACTIVITIES BEING AUTHORIZED ON CROWN LAND):	
	- BLUEBERRY RIVER FIRST NATIONS	
	- DOIG RIVER FIRST NATION	
	- HORSE LAKE FIRST NATION	
	- MCLEOD LAKE INDIAN BAND	
	- SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS	
	- WEST MOBERLY FIRST NATIONS	
	THE FOLLOWING FIRST NATION(S) HAS/HAVE ADVISED THAT THE AREA IS USED FOR PRACTISING THEIR TREATY RIGHTS:	
	- BLUEBERRY RIVER FIRST NATIONS	
	- DOIG RIVER FIRST NATION	
	- HORSE LAKE FIRST NATION	
	- MCLEOD LAKE INDIAN BAND	
	- SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS	
	- WEST MOBERLY FIRST NATIONS	
	THE FOLLOWING FIRST NATION(S) HAS/HAVE REQUESTED EARLY ENGAGEMENT, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THE PROPONENT WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FIRST NATION(S) INTERESTS (ASSESSMENTS; MONITORING STUDIES; AND MITIGATION, MANAGEMENT AND/OR RECLAMATION PLANS MAY BE REQUESTED):	
	- BLUEBERRY RIVER FIRST NATIONS	
	- SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS	
	- DOIG RIVER FIRST NATION	
	- MCLEOD LAKE INDIAN BAND	
	- WEST MOBERLY FIRST NATIONS	

	ACCESS, EXPLORATION AND CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY TO PROTECT ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS IDENTIFIED IN THE AREA BY ONE OR MORE FIRST NATIONS. THESE INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:	
	- HUNTING	
	- WILDLIFE VALUES	
	- BIODIVERSITY AND RIPARIAN VALUES	
	- WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT INCLUDING CONNECTIVITY	
	- ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE(S)	
	- MIGRATORY BIRDS	
	- CULTURALLY IMPORTANT PLANTS	
	- WATERFOWL HABITAT AND NESTING AREAS	
	- CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SITE(S) AND CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES.	
	- AREAS OF CRITICAL COMMUNITY USE	
	- TRADITIONAL USE AREAS	
	- HISTORIC OR CURRENT TRAIL(S)	
	- HUNTING CAMP	
	- HARVESTING	
	- MEDICINAL PLANTS	
	- FIREWOOD COLLECTION	
	- TRAPPING	
	- GATHERING	
	- WILD HORSES AND HORSE RANGE INCLUDING GRAZING/HAY MEADOWS	
	- BERRY HARVESTING	
	- WILDLIFE VALUES	
	- WILDLIFE, VEGETATION AND CULTURAL VALUES OF A FIRST NATION	
	- CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES	
	- MOOSE	
	- DEER	
	- ELK	
	- FUR BEARING WILDLIFE	
	CONCERNS AND ISSUES IN THE AREA IDENTIFIED BY ONE OR MORE FIRST NATIONS INCLUDE:	
	- CUMULATIVE EFFECTS	
	- WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT INCLUDING CONNECTIVITY	
	- WATER QUALITY AND WATERSHED VALUES	
	- FISH HABITAT	
	- WATERFOWL HABITAT AND NESTING AREAS	
	- RIPARIAN HABITATS	

	- GROUNDWATER AND AQUIFERS	
	- SENSITIVE RIPARIAN HABITATS	
	- STREAMS, WETLANDS, LAKES	
	- SURFACE WATER	
	- TIMBER VALUES	
	- SENSITIVE PLANTS AND ECOSYSTEMS	
	- UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT	
	- SLOPE STABILITY	
	- ERODIBLE SOILS	
	- UNSTABLE SOILS AND SLOPE STABILITY	
	- GROUNDWATER AND AQUIFERS	
	- WATER QUALITY AND WATERSHED VALUES	
	PARCEL IS LOCATED WITHIN HORN RIVER, MONTNEY OR CORDOVA EMBAYMENT BOUNDARIES IN WHICH SHALE GAS RECOVERY AND TECHNOLOGY IS ANTICIPATED; PARTICIPATION IN A WATER OR ACCESS PLANNING PROCESS WITH OTHER TENURE HOLDERS MAY BE REQUIRED TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES, EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT.	
	THE BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION USES AREA BASED ANALYSIS (ABA) AS A TOOL IN THE APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS; THIS PARCEL OVERLAPS ABA "ENHANCED MANAGEMENT" STATUS WITHIN RIPARIAN RESERVE ZONES (FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE COMMISSION).	
	PARCEL LOCATED WITHIN SPECIAL MANAGEMENT ZONE. PRE-ASSESSMENTS AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES MAY BE REQUIRED. REFER TO DAWSON CREEK LRMP.	
	- BLUE OR RED LISTED SPECIES	
	SEDIMENTATION FROM WATER COURSES	
	- SLOPE STABILITY	
	- OLD GROWTH MANAGEMENT AREA	
	PARCEL WITHIN OR PARTIALLY WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE; RESTORATION OF SURFACE SOIL ON DISTURBED AREAS REQUIRED. PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OR SPREAD OF INVASIVE PLANTS AND PLANT DISEASES.	
	RECORDED AND POTENTIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES EXIST; ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT MAY BE REQUIRED.	
	TERM: 3 YEARS	
	FEES: \$ 500.00	
	RENT PER HA: \$ 3.50	
	NO FURTHER TRACTS	
	REFERENCE NUMBER: 2105001	

Parcels Offered and Hectares Summary

	No. Offered	Hectares
Permits	0	0
Drilling Licences	1	518
Leases	0	0
Grand Total	1	518

NEXT DISPOSITION DATE: July 14, 2021