

Notice Of Public Tender

Crown Petroleum and Natural Gas Rights



Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Oil and Gas Division

January 15, 2020

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
COMPETITION FOR THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP CROWN PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RESOURCES
January 15, 2020**

Under section 71 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* (the Act), sealed bids will be received up to **12:00 noon, Wednesday January 15, 2020** 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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The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

DATED at Victoria, British Columbia

this 28th day of November, 2019

Michelle Mungall

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
67088	TRACT 1	2140
	NTS 094-J-15 BLK E UNITS 51-53 61-63 71-73 81-83 91-95	
	NTS 094-J-15 BLK F UNITS 60 70 80 90 100	
	NTS 094-J-15 BLK K UNITS 10	
	NTS 094-J-15 BLK L UNITS 1-5 14 15 24 25	
	INCLUDING PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ALL ZONES	
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):	
	- FORT NELSON FIRST NATION	
	THE FOLLOWING FIRST NATION(S) HAS/HAVE ADVISED THAT THE AREA IS USED FOR PRACTISING THEIR TREATY RIGHTS:	
	- BLUEBERRY RIVER FIRST NATIONS	
	- FORT NELSON FIRST NATION	
	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):	
	- FORT NELSON FIRST NATION	
	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:	
	- WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT INCLUDING CONNECTIVITY	
	- STREAMS, WETLANDS, LAKES	
	- WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT	
	- CULTURALLY IMPORTANT PLANTS	
	- MIGRATORY BIRDS	
	- RIPARIAN HABITATS	
	CONCERNS AND ISSUES IN THE AREA IDENTIFIED BY ONE OR MORE FIRST NATIONS INCLUDE:	
	- CUMULATIVE EFFECTS	
	- UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT	

	PARCEL CONTAINS OR IS NEAR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS. EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS MUST CONSIDER POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY, AND DIRECT CONSULTATION WITH THE TOWN OF FORT NELSON AND THE NORTHERN ROCKIES REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY MAY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING ANY EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. SURFACE ACCESS MAY BE RESTRICTED. CONTACT THE BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION FOR MORE INFORMATION.	
	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).	
	ACCESS AND CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY. PRIOR TO ON-THE-GROUND ACTIVITY, CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE PROVINCIAL MINISTRY FOR APPLICABLE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION MEASURES TO MINIMIZE DISTURBANCE AND ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING (NOT LIMITED TO):	
	- NOTATION OF INTEREST - ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND RECREATION	
	- FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE	
	- MINERAL, COAL AND/OR PLACER RESERVES	
	- FOREST ACT TENURE(S)	
	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.	
	POTENTIAL FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES EXISTS; ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT MAY BE REQUIRED.	
	TERM: 4 YEARS	
	FEES: \$ 500.00	
	RENT PER HA: \$ 3.50	
	NO FURTHER TRACTS	
	REFERENCE NUMBER: 1912005	
PARCEL	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	HA
67089	TRACT 1	1873
	NTS 094-J-14 BLK H UNITS 52-55 62-65 71-77 81-87 92 93	
	NTS 094-J-14 BLK I UNITS 2 3	
	NTS 094-J-15 BLK E UNITS 80 90	
	INCLUDING PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ALL ZONES	
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.	

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	- FORT NELSON FIRST NATION	
	THE FOLLOWING FIRST NATION(S) HAS/HAVE ADVISED THAT THE AREA IS USED FOR PRACTISING THEIR TREATY RIGHTS:	
	- FORT NELSON FIRST NATION	
	- BLUEBERRY RIVER 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):	
	- FORT NELSON FIRST NATION	
	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:	
	- UNGULATE BIRTHING AND CALVING AREAS	
	- WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT INCLUDING CONNECTIVITY	
	CONCERNS AND ISSUES IN THE AREA IDENTIFIED BY ONE OR MORE FIRST NATIONS INCLUDE:	
	- CUMULATIVE EFFECTS	
	- UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT	
	PARCEL CONTAINS OR IS NEAR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS. EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS MUST CONSIDER POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY, AND DIRECT CONSULTATION WITH THE TOWN OF FORT NELSON AND THE NORTHERN ROCKIES REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY MAY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING ANY EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. SURFACE ACCESS MAY BE RESTRICTED. CONTACT THE BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION FOR MORE INFORMATION.	
	PARCEL OVERLAPS WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA OR UNGULATE WINTER RANGE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT REGULATION OF THE OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES ACT, FOR THE PROTECTION OF BOREAL CARIBOU. THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT HAS ESTABLISHED INTERIM OPERATING PRACTICES FOR OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES IN IDENTIFIED BOREAL CARIBOU HABITAT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER THESE OPERATING PRACTICES BEFORE AUTHORIZING ACTIVITIES IN THESE AREAS.	
	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.	
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	ACCESS AND CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY. PRIOR TO ON-THE-GROUND ACTIVITY, CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE PROVINCIAL MINISTRY FOR APPLICABLE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION MEASURES TO MINIMIZE DISTURBANCE AND ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING (NOT LIMITED TO):	
	- BOREAL CARIBOU HABITAT	

	- BLUE OR RED LISTED SPECIES	
	- CRITICAL WILDLIFE/FISHERIES VALUES; HABITAT IMPACT ASSESSMENT MAY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ACCESS OR DEVELOPMENT	
	- VISUAL QUALITY OBJECTIVES	
	- QUARRY, SAND AND GRAVEL RESERVE	
	- FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE	
	- NOTATION OF INTEREST - ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND RECREATION	
	- NOTATION OF INTEREST - AGRICULTURE	
	- FOREST ACT TENURE(S)	
	POTENTIAL FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES EXISTS; ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT MAY BE REQUIRED.	
	TERM: 5 YEARS	
	FEES: \$ 500.00	
	RENT PER HA: \$ 3.50	
	NO FURTHER TRACTS	
	REFERENCE NUMBER: 1912006	

Parcels Offered and Hectares Summary

	No. Offered	Hectares
Permits	0	0
Drilling Licences	2	4013
Leases	0	0
Grand Total	2	4013

NEXT DISPOSITION DATE: February 19, 2020