

LAKE MANITOBA LAKE ST. MARTIN

OUTLET CHANNELS PROJECT

Eastern Whip-poor-will Habitat Mitigation Plan Questionnaire

General Information (Please provide your contact information)

Name

Community

Mailing Address

Phone Number

Email

Do you wish to self-identify as an Indigenous Person in Canada, such as First Nations, Metis or Inuit?

Yes

No

Manitoba welcomes responses from all to this questionnaire, including Indigenous individuals. Manitoba remains committed to meaningful and respectful Crown-Indigenous Consultation with Indigenous groups.

In addition to your responses, your personal information is being collected to be able to contact you for follow up if needed. Your responses will be collected and used to help support the provincial and federal environmental assessment process for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St Martin Outlet Channels Project, and will inform the Crown-Indigenous Consultation process and project planning. Responses and information collected through this questionnaire will be protected by Manitoba Infrastructure but may be shared with other provincial and federal regulatory bodies to meet environmental regulatory requirements.

Overview of Plan and Questionnaire

The Eastern Whip-poor-will Habitat Mitigation Plan (the Plan) presented during consultation and engagement is considered draft and will not be finalized until input is obtained from potentially-affected Indigenous groups and other stakeholders. The Plan will be finalized once applicable feedback has been received, final design details are determined, and environmental regulatory approval conditions are available.

This questionnaire is intended to be completed after reviewing the Plan. It is recommended that the report is read as a whole, so that sections or parts are not read out of context.

The goal of this Plan is to describe habitat mitigation and monitoring opportunities for eastern whip-poor-will that will be implemented within the outlet channel Right-of-Ways (ROWs).

Specific objectives are to:

- Apply revegetation prescriptions (i.e., shrub plantings) and vegetation management practices that provide habitat opportunities for eastern whip-poor-will, while adhering to requirements for the safe operation and maintenance of the Project.
- Monitor the occurrence of eastern whip-poor-will along the outlet channel ROWs to verify the effectiveness of mitigation measures.

A. Introduction

1. Do you feel that past flood mitigation activities have impacted species at risk such as eastern whip-poor-will or others?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain which species at risk you feel have been impacted, and how:

2. The Plan (Section 1.3) identifies that the Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel and distribution line overlaps with an eastern whip-poor-will critical habitat square near the northern part of Lake St. Martin as shown on Figure 1. Based on modelling of habitat attributes, this area is not considered critical habitat for eastern whip-poor-will. Are you aware of any areas that are suitable eastern whip-poor-will habitat?

Yes

No

If yes, please identify these locations on Figure 1.

B. Project Mitigations

3. The Plan (Section 3) describes revegetation prescriptions (i.e., shrub plantings) and vegetation management practices that provide habitat opportunities for eastern whip-poor-will. Do you feel these mitigations are robust enough to enhance forest edge habitat for eastern whip-poor-will along the outlet channel right of ways, where adjacent forest exists?

Yes

No

If no, please explain:

C. Monitoring

4. An eastern whip-poor-will survey (Section 4.1) will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of mitigation measures by examining if eastern whip-poor-will occupy habitats in, or adjacent to the Habitat Mitigation Areas (HMAs). Surveys will be completed daily over a 14-day period during their breeding season and will occur during the first year of construction and will be repeated in years 2, 4, and 6 post-construction. Based on the information provided, do you feel this is robust enough to monitor or understand the effectiveness of this mitigation measure and apply adaptive management (if required)?

Yes

No

If no, please identify how you would change this approach or list any concerns you may have:

5. The Plan (Section 4) describes monitoring activities that will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the Plan, including habitat monitoring along the Project as outlined in the Revegetation Management Plan. Do you feel this monitoring is robust enough to monitor or understand the effectiveness of this mitigation measure and apply adaptive management (if required)?

Yes

No

If no, please explain:

D. Conclusion

6. Do you feel that potential effects to eastern whip-poor-will habitat resulting from the Project may impact your ability to practice tradition use activities?

Yes

No

Not applicable

If yes, please explain:

7. Would you like to be involved with follow-up and monitoring of eastern whip-poor-will and their habitat? If yes, please explain how:

8. How would you like to receive further information about the Plan and the Project?

Email

Mail

Website

All of the above

9. Was the information in the Plan presented in a manner that was easy to understand?

Yes

No

If no, please identify what information requires further clarification:

10. Do you have any general comments or questions?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain:

Thank you for your feedback. Please remember to include the maps with your questionnaire.

We want to hear from you.
 Share your thoughts by highlighting or adding
 sticky notes to the maps provided below.

Figure 1 – Map of Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel

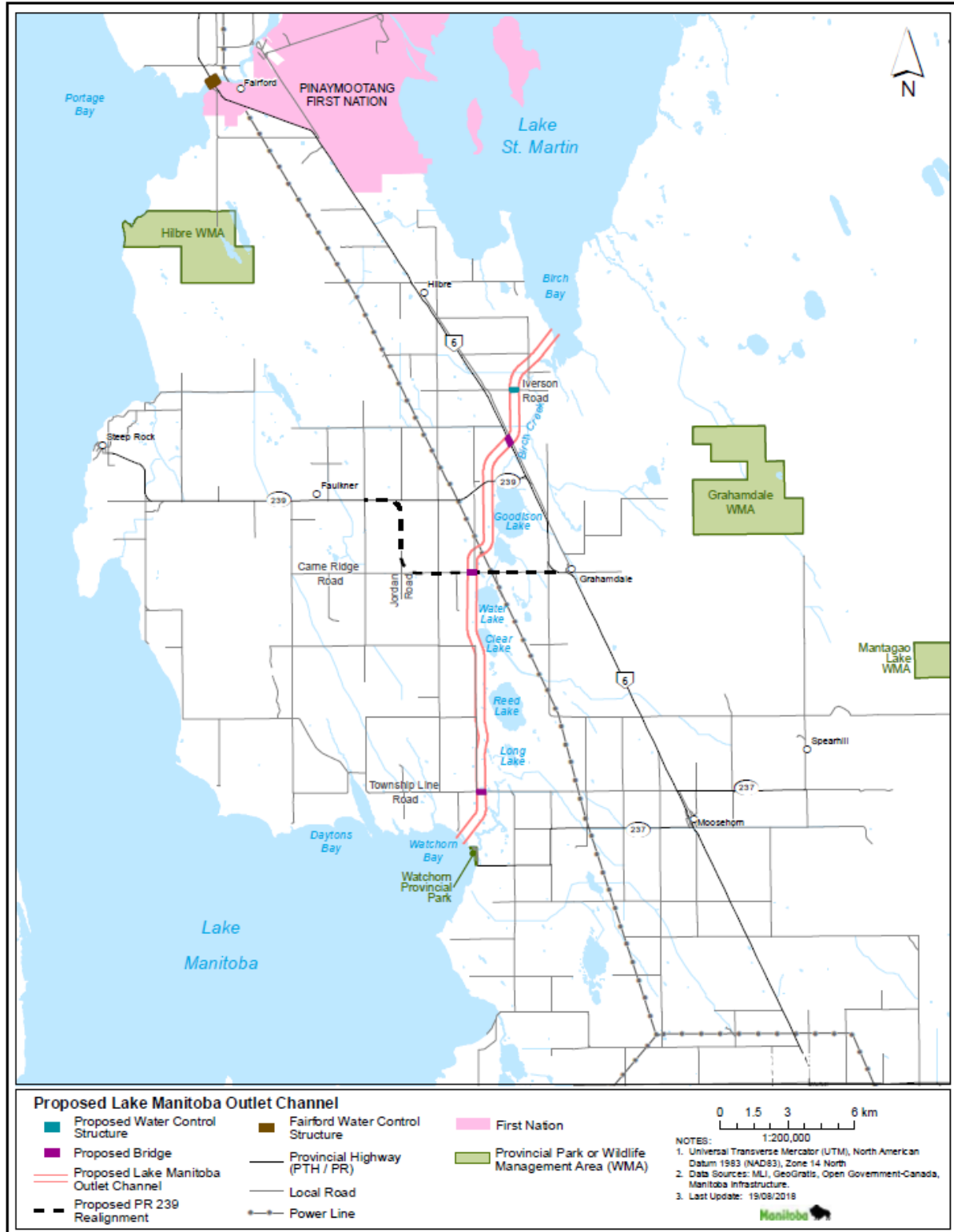


Figure 2 – Map of Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel

