



Limestone Quarry, Parsons Creek, Fort McMurray

Fort McMurray (AB)

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Reference Numbers

Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry: 07-01-29050

Fisheries and Oceans Canada: 06-HCAA-CA1-01801

Environmental Assessment Type

Screening

Responsible or Regulated Authorities

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Reasons for a Federal Assessment

On May 14, 2007, it was determined that an environmental assessment was required in relation to the project because Fisheries and Oceans Canada considered taking action in relation to subsection 35(2) of the *Fisheries Act*.

Project Description (as posted in the Notice of Commencement)

Parsons Creek Aggregates proposes to construct, operate and reclaim the proposed Parsons Creek Aggregates Limestone Quarry Project. The project is located on 391 hectares of Crown land located 800 metres north of the Fort McMurray Urban Service Boundary, east of Highway 63 and along the Athabasca River. Initially, the capacity of the Project will be 250,000 tonnes per year with a future peak production of 2,000,000 tonnes per year after 10 years from opening. The lifespan of the project including quarry decommissioning and final reclamation will be at least 40 years. The limestone quarry will be developed in phases from north to south, with each mining block reclaimed once it has been mined. Six watercourses flow through the mining area and will be impacted to varying degrees by the project.

The scope of project includes all physical activities associated with the construction, operation, decommissioning and reclamation of the limestone quarry, along with any associated approaches and related works, storage areas and other undertakings directly associated with the works.

Final Decision

The environmental assessment was terminated on June 18, 2012 because the project as proposed by the proponent no longer triggered the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.