



# Newsletter Update for Indigenous Peoples Related to Bills C-68 & C-69

June 2019

## Status of the Bills

Bill C-68, An Act to amend the *Fisheries Act* and other Acts in consequence, and Bill C-69, An Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, to amend the *Navigation Protection Act* and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, were passed by the House of Commons and the Senate. The Governor General gave Royal Assent to both Bills on Friday, June 21, 2019. The timing of coming into force of both Bills will be determined at a later date.

For more information about this legislation visit [Canada.ca/environmentalreviews](http://Canada.ca/environmentalreviews).

## Current and upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Initiative	Department / Agency	Start Date	End Date	Other Notes
<a href="#">Discussion Paper on the Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework</a>	Task Team on the Environmental and Regulatory Reviews	May 16, 2019	June 28, 2019	To submit feedback, or to view comments and submissions please visit <a href="http://letstalkindigenousknowledge.ca">letstalkindigenousknowledge.ca</a>
<a href="#">Comment on Transport Canada's proposal to add 25 Heritage and longest wild and free flowing rivers to the Schedule of the Canadian Navigable Waters Act</a>	Transport Canada	June 19, 2019	July 19, 2019	A call for Participant Funding to support feedback for these initiatives was launched on June 10, 2019.
<a href="#">Discussion Paper on the Minor Works Order</a>	Transport Canada	May 6, 2019	July 30, 2019	

## Purpose

To provide Indigenous peoples with information related to Bills C-68 and C-69, including engagement opportunities on regulatory and policy development.

## **Background**

In February 2018, the Government introduced two pieces of legislation.

- Bill C-68, *An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Acts in consequence*; and,
- Bill C-69, *An Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, to amend the Navigation Protection Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*.

The objectives of Bill C-68 are to restore lost protections and incorporate modern safeguards into the *Fisheries Act*, provide greater certainty for industry, ensure strong and meaningful protection for our fish and waters, and advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The objectives of Bill C-69 are to deliver better rules for the assessment of major projects, to protect the environment and waterways, to ensure public confidence in how decisions about resource development projects are made, and to advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, while providing certainty to industry and investors.

## **Additional Information**

Check the Environmental and Regulatory Reviews website for information about the Bills, as well as engagement opportunities: [www.canada.ca/environmentalreviews](http://www.canada.ca/environmentalreviews).

This will be the final Newsletter Update for Indigenous Peoples related to Bills C-68 & C-69. The Interdepartmental Task Team on the Environmental and Regulatory Reviews will be monitoring the email address, [ec.equipetravail-taskteam.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.equipetravail-taskteam.ec@canada.ca), over the summer months, and can respond to questions you may have.