

MEMORANDUM

March 9, 1951.

TO: Mr. A. J. Whitmore, Chief Supervisor of Fisheries.  
FROM: C. H. Clay, Division Engineer.

The plans and specifications for the Sproat Falls Fishway are nearing completion, and will be presented for approval in the next few weeks. In the meantime, it is believed that an immediate start should be made on clearing the site with the Indian Affairs Branch and the Provincial Government, with a view to maintaining the following construction schedule:

Call tenders before April 30  
Award contract by May 15  
Completion construction by Sept. 30

The contract contemplated will be a lump sum bid for the complete job. In order to maintain the above schedule, it is considered that the site should be available before tenders are called in April, in which case, judging by experience at Moricetown Falls, an immediate start on negotiations should be made.

Attached are copies of a plan showing the location of the fishway on the Indian Reserve. As in the case of Moricetown Falls, it is not known whether all or only part of the fishway is on the Reserve, but this will be known after a B.C. Land Surveyor has surveyed the site. For the present, then, it would be desirable to engage a Surveyor as soon as possible to make this survey. Before doing so, it must be decided whether we are to purchase or lease the site, and also whether site should comprise only the fishway area (shaded in dark on the plan) or the complete working and disposal area (shaded in dark and light on the plan). The complete area would include the fishway area, the area needed only temporarily for the contractor's use for storage and working, the area needed for access roads, and the area needed for the piling of about 500 cu. yds. of excavated rock from the fishway. If no trouble is encountered in negotiating with the Indians, possibly it would be better to secure the total area mentioned, as no access permit would then be required from the Indian Department.

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