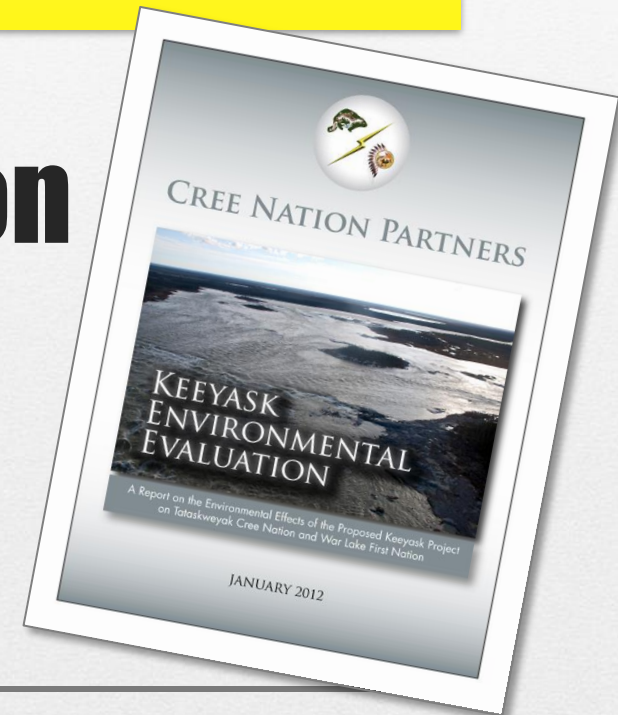




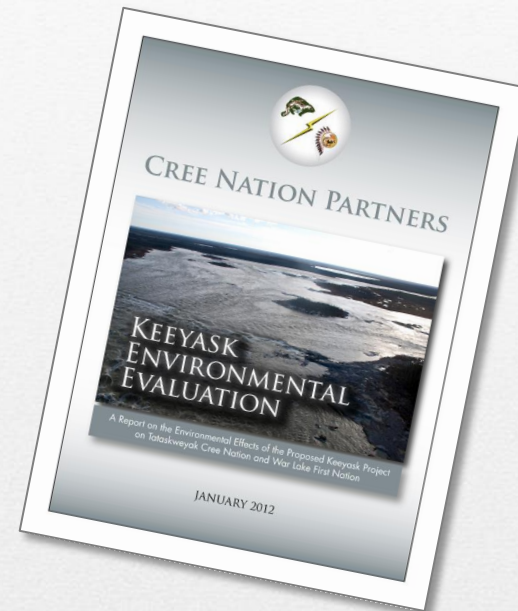
**Cree Nation Partners**

# **Environmental Evaluation of the Keeyask Generation Project**

**November 6, 2013**



- A description of the Cree Worldview
- A description of our vital relationships with Mother Earth
- A description of the Mother Earth Ecosystem Model
- Identification and Evaluation of environmental issues
- Participation in the mitigation of adverse effects
- Our influence on a variety of aspects related to the development of Keeyask (i.e. – Project Description)
- An overview of the training, employment and business activities we negotiated in the Joint Keeyask Development Agreement
- A description of the benefits in our Adverse Effects Agreement
- Our overall assessment of Harmony and Balance in our homeland ecosystem



# An Overview of Our Report



## CNP Committees

- The Council and Elders Gull Planning Committee
- The Overview of Water and Land Process



## CNP Reference Groups

- The OWL Reference Group
- The Keyask Employment and Training Agency
- The Keyask External Relations Committee
- The Keyask Internal Relations Committee
- The Business Contracting and Economic Strategy Reference Group

## Consulting Our Members





# JOINT COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

- Partners and Regulatory Licensing Committee
- The Coordinators Team
- Key Issues Working Groups
- Environmental Studies Working Groups
- Project Description Committee
- Expert Committee on Adverse Effects



## Consulting Our Members



# MEETINGS

- General Membership Meetings
- Information and Planning Meetings
- Negotiation Meetings
- Youth Meetings
- Consultation Meetings Leading to the Ratification Votes



## Consulting Our Members

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# CONSULTATION DATA

- 134 Reference Group Meetings
- 1,455 Information and Planning Meetings
- 456 Negotiation Meetings
- 30 General Membership Meetings
- 7 Youth Meetings
- 15 Consultation Meetings Leading to the Ratification Votes

## Consulting Our Members

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# MEDIA

- Interviews and Questionnaires
- Community Newspaper and Journals
- Radio Programs
- Websites



## Consulting Our Members



- We are part of the natural world.
- All things are related.
- All things are at the same time spiritual and physical.
- We see the earth as the Mother that bears all things as her children.
- We have a responsibility as caregivers for Mother Earth.
- There is no separation between living and nonliving parts of the natural world.
- Spiritual, physical and emotional relationships with land and water are the essence of our culture.
- Our spiritual, emotional and physical needs can only be met when we live in harmony with Mother Earth.

## Consulting Our Members – Outcomes

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# RELATIONSHIPS AS THE BASIS OF OUR EXISTENCE AND OUR CULTURE

- Spiritual relationships with Mother Earth
- Historical Relationships with the Land
- Life Sustaining Relationships with Mother Earth
- Caregiver Relationships
- Hunting, Fishing, Gathering and Trapping Relationships
- Educational Relationships
- Physical Relationships
- Emotional Relationships
- Social Relationships within the Community

## Consulting Our Members – Outcomes

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# IDENTIFYING AND EVALUATING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THROUGH THE OWL PROCESS



- Identification through Questionnaires, Interviews, Discussion Groups and Workshops
- Resulted in a list of over 60 issues
- Reinterpreted these environmental issues as effects on our ability to exercise the customs, practices and traditions integral to our Cree identity

## Consulting Our Members – Outcomes

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- Helped define Fundamental Features through the Project Description Committee
- Developed other plans and programs to address specific issues (i.e. Reservoir Clearing and Waterways Management Program)
- Ensured a low-head design to reduce flooding
- Changed the name of the Project from “Gull” to “Keeyask”

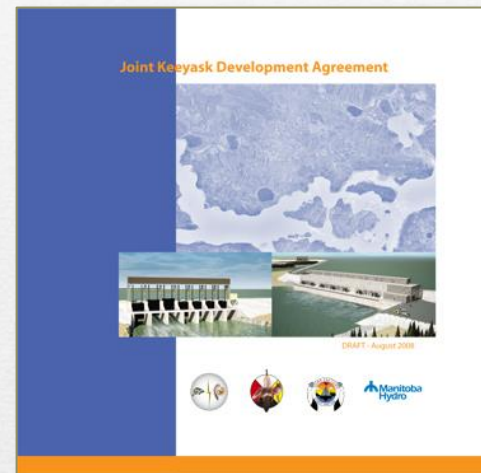
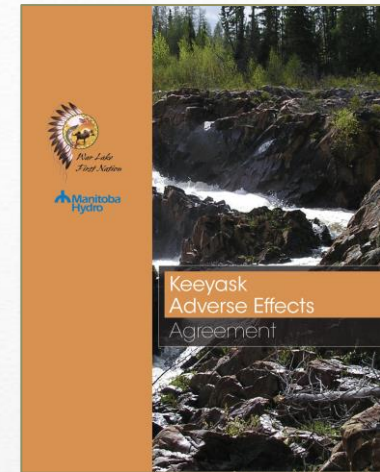
## Consulting Our Members – Outcomes

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- CNP Members voted to ratify the Joint Keeyask Development Agreement and our Adverse Effects Agreements in 2009.



# Our Agreements



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**Thank You**

