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Miners Bay, Mayne Island:

-          The water lease amendment process with the Ministry of Forrest, Land, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRO), and approvals with Transport Canada and DFO commenced May 2019, an archeological and environmental assessment was carried out previous to submission as they are requirements.

-          An RFQ was issued in August with anticipated approvals to coincide with the RFQ closing and award in September  for float realignment. One submission was received based upon the technical specification of concrete floats, and two alternative submissions were received with differing frame construction and concrete decking. Due to changes in environmental regulation June 21st with little communication on the effects on open applications, the process changed from a minor amendment to a major amendment requiring a longer application review process.

-          CRD is writing to FLNRO to expedite the review process on emergency grounds to try to meet the winter Fisheries Window (December 1st to February 15th).

Anson Rd, Mayne Island:

-          Environmental and Archeological Assessment on the general arrangement presented at the March 2019 open house started in April 2019. The Archeological Overview Assessment (AOA) for onshore works highlighted the requirement for an Archeological Impact Assessment (AIA) due to the proximity of know archeological sites for the onshore works. No additional archeological assessment was required for the marine works. The AOA is a 4 week exercise and the AOA is an approximately 90 day process during the summer months due to the requirement for a 30 day posting period for comments from core Fist Nations. The final AIA and environmental assessment was received at the beginning of September.

-          An initial submission for the marine works (floats, approach and gangway) was submitted to DFO at the beginning of September, DFO had provided initial comment based upon the change of the regulation on June 21st, and had commented on concerns regarding the eel grass and additional commentary required for effects on critical species at risk, like the resident orca population. These are being address through an assessment revision and possible eel grass relocation/planting.

-          Through detailed design of the onshore works and review of permitting requirements of the marine works in August and September, the requirement for shoreline protection was highlighted as a requirement for the Islands Trust Development Permit application for the marine works. Since the extent and type of work required for the shoreline protection may be impacted by the final construction of the onshore works, the onshore works is put on hold until the shoreline protection is finalized so that there is little to no negative impacts to construction and available budget.

-          Onshore works are now anticipated to be undertaken January 2020, with marine works in the summer Fisheries Window of July 15th to September 15th 2020.