



Aboriginal Liaison Program Update

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The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is providing an update on recent activities and status of the Aboriginal Liaison Program (ALP). The ALP is a partnership between Indigenous communities in northern B.C., the Commission, and other provincial natural resource agencies. Initiated by the Commission and Doig River First Nation in 2014, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) now leads the ALP and Commission staff provide operational coordination functions. For additional information, refer to Commission [INDB 2016-02](#) and [INDB 2016-38](#).

Partnering First Nation communities hire a local member as a monitor to observe and report to their communities about resource development activities on their traditional territories. The ALP provides training opportunities to improve Liaisons' knowledge and understanding of development activities and impacts, as well as enabling them to inform their community members with objective, reliable, and sound information.

Interaction with Liaisons and participation in the ALP helps Commission staff learn directly of Indigenous peoples' values and traditional knowledge in relation to oil and gas development. Commission staff regularly work with Liaisons when monitoring compliance and stewardship outcomes resulting from oil and gas activities.

The Commission is committed to full participation in the ALP and supports Liaison involvement in monitoring of oil and gas activities. Permit holders should be aware Liaisons might attend inspections, emergency response plan exercises, audits and environmental monitoring activities with Commission staff. The following First Nations currently participate in the ALP:

- Blueberry River First Nations
- Carrier Sekani First Nations
- Doig River First Nation
- Haisla Nation
- Lake Babine Nation
- Nisga'a Lisims Government
- Prophet River First Nation
- Saulteau First Nations
- Fort Nelson First Nation

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