

## **Study or Research Requests under Section 112 – Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA)**

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### **Introduction**

The *Yukon Environmental Socio-economic Assessment Act* (YESAA) arises out of, and gives effect to, the development assessment processes set out in Chapter 12 of the Umbrella Final Agreement (UFA).

YESAA has provisions for the Executive Committee to undertake studies and research set out in section 112. Specifically, studies or research on environmental or socio-economic effects that are cumulative geographically or over time; or research into any aspect of assessment activities. A study or research is triggered by a request from Government of Canada, Yukon government or a First Nation government to YESAB's Executive Committee.

### **Application Overview**

Before making a request, it is useful to read the relevant sections of [YESAA](#) (s.112) and review the Application Form. The form can be found on [www.yesab.ca](http://www.yesab.ca)

The Executive Committee requires a sufficient project overview of the study or research to understand the request. Applicants must provide the main contact details and which entity is requesting the study or research. Identify the type of research or study being requested and identify the funding source and documentation indicating the consent of the Federal minister, if applicable, as well as any supporting documents that might help the Executive Committee make their determination.

YESAB recommends contacting the Executive Committee Manager or Executive Director before making the submission.

### **Application Submission**

The application is submitted to the Executive Committee at the Whitehorse Head Office located at Suite 200-309 Strickland Street, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2J9 or emailed to [yesab@yesab.ca](mailto:yesab@yesab.ca)

### **Process Overview**

The Executive Committee will review the application and contact the applicant if they have any questions or require clarifications. The Executive Committee will make a determination on whether or not to undertake the s.112 study or research and provide a written decision. There are several factors that the Executive Committee must consider before making the decision. These include:

- YESAB's organizational capacity to undertake the study or research;
- Implications to other YESAB core functions if undertaken;
- Potential benefits to YESAB and assessment practice from the study or research; and
- Funding source commitment and support letter(s) included with application form (if applicable).

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It is important to note that YESAB's core funding from Canada (CIRNAC) does not include resources to conduct studies or research under s.112. As a result, the Executive Committee will need written confirmation from the applicant as to the source of funding for the study or research.

## **Additional Provisions**

The Executive Committee may collaborate with the entity making the request or another body to do the study or research, with the approval of the government ministers or First Nation(s) who consent to or made the s.112 request. The EC may establish an agreement regarding the terms of reference, budget, scope, and scheduling of the study or research.

YESAB may obtain contractors to support some aspects of the study or research; however, the Executive Committee and any other entity they collaborate with is responsible for the study or research.

The Executive Committee has the authority to obtain information from various entities to conduct the study or research if necessary. This authority is subject to any other Act of Parliament, territorial or first nation law, such as the *Federal Access to Information Act* or *Privacy Act*.

## **Study or Research - Outcome**

At the conclusion of the study or research, the Executive Committee is required to submit a report on the results and provide it to the requesting body(s). The report will be publicly available.

The report may contain recommendations made by the Executive Committee. YESAA requires that the applicable minister or First Nation give full and fair consideration to any recommendations of the Executive Committee.

For more information, contact the Executive Committee Manager at (867) 668-6420.