

LNG Environmental Stewardship Initiative

Breakout Session #2

GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

SCOPE

Should these guidelines include a principle around “ensuring spiritual and cultural values are represented in ESI projects?” If so, how would we do that?

What is the threshold for consensus decisions by the Regional Stewardship Forum (RSF): all members? 70% of members? Or should it be left up to each regional group? What other principles of consensus should the RSF consider?

Project Teams and RSF’s should aim for consensus in decision-making. Can the RSFs be positioned to support disputes that arise within Project Teams? How should RSF deal with disputes if they arise? Is there a role for the GWG?

In some cases funding bodies prioritize projects that have leveraged funding from other sources as part of the project. Should this be added as one of the criteria for ESI projects?

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Should there be a criteria that prioritizes project that have a tangible benefit to the community/ “on the ground”? If so how would we do that?

Do you have any comments or questions about the technical requirements guidelines? Did we miss anything?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Do you have any comments or questions about the accountability guidelines? Did we miss anything?

TRANSPARENCY

Should the minutes, decisions and products of the ESI initiative (from RSFs, GWG and any associated working groups) be public, or just the results of projects?

Do you have any comments or questions about the transparency guidelines? Did we miss anything?

REPORTING

Do you have any comments on the reporting guidelines for the regional stewardship forums or project working groups?

FUNDING

Should ESI funding be equally allocated to each of the regions?

To maximize the return on ESI funds, should the criteria include a maximum allowable percentage for administration?

To date, the ESI is not a source of capacity funding for individual First Nations to participate in meetings – all parties are contributing in-kind by participating. Do you think the ESI should support the capacity of parties to participate in meetings?
