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Introduction

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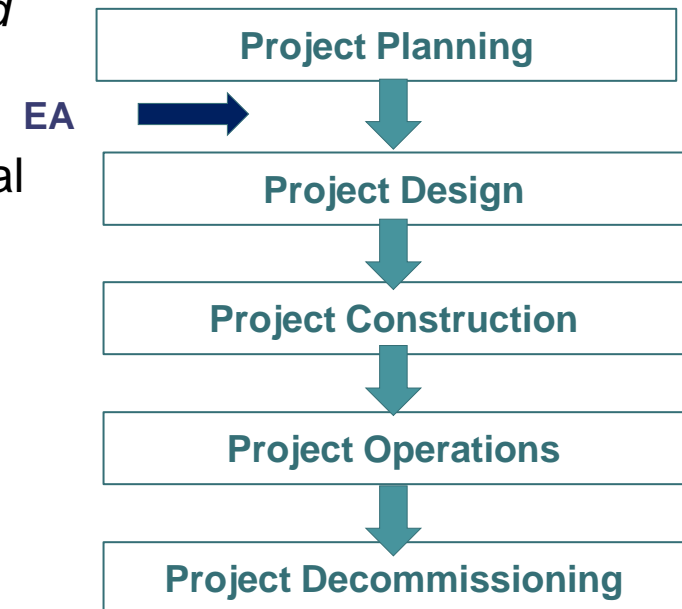
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Environmental Assessment (EA)

A regulatory review process applied to proposed development projects to predict and evaluate their potential environmental effects, so that these can be considered and addressed in project planning and decision-making

- Understanding the existing environment (biophysical and socioeconomic)
- Identifying environmental issues and predicting project effects
- Consulting with governments, Aboriginal and stakeholder groups, the public
- Proposing measures to avoid / reduce adverse environmental effects and optimize benefits
- Project planning and decision-making (go / no-go, design, scheduling, mitigation)



- Proposed development projects in Newfoundland and Labrador may be subject to provincial and/or federal EA requirements:
 - NL *Environmental Protection Act* (Part 10) and *EA Regulations*
 - *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA 2012)* and *Regulations*

Today's EA Practitioners' Forum:

- Overview of EA Requirements and Processes
- Sharing of Perspectives and Experiences (EA processes, methods, outcomes)
- Lessons Learned and Opportunities

Overview and Agenda



- Welcome and Introduction
 - Environmental Assessment (EA) Overview
 - Purpose and Objectives of Today's EA Practitioners' Forum
- Government (Provincial) Perspective
 - Overview of NL EA Legislation and Process
 - Elements of Good Practice, Recommendations
- Government (Federal) Perspective
 - Overview of CA EA Legislation and Process
 - Elements of Good Practice, Recommendations
- Industry (Proponent) Perspective
 - Recent EA Experience and Lessons Learned
- Industry (Consultant) Perspective
 - Observations and Advice for EA Practice in NL
- Group Discussion