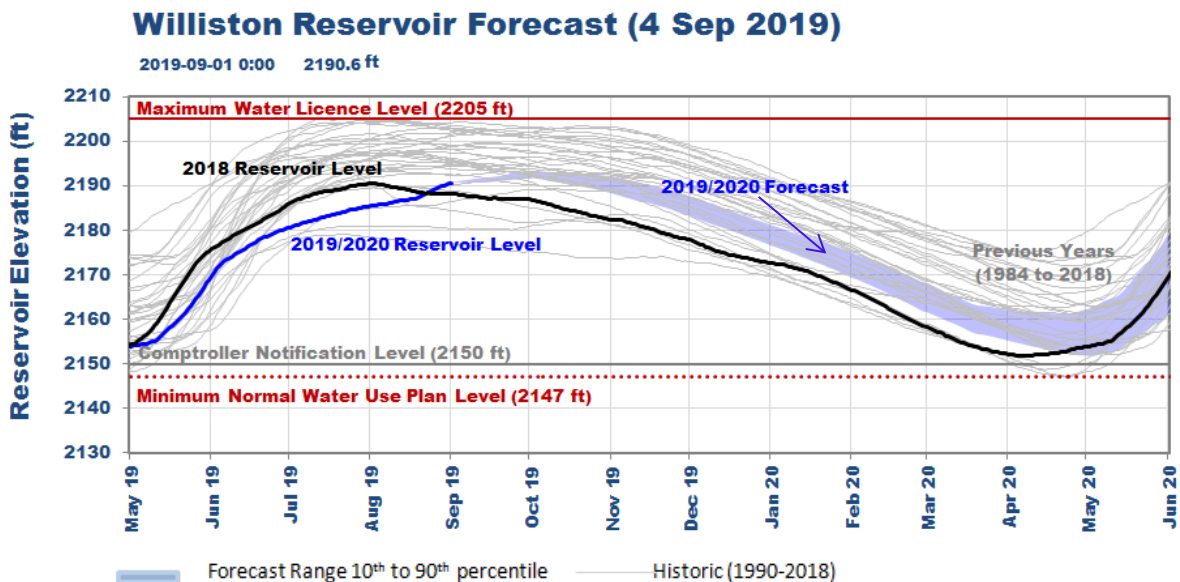


BC HYDRO UPDATE: WILLISTON RESERVOIR OPERATIONS SPRING 2020 (September 9, 2019)

- Northern B.C. is in a 3rd consecutive year of below average inflows. For 2019 the Williston Reservoir water supply forecast is at 85% of normal (September), up about 7% from the August forecast.
- Across this fall and winter and into spring 2020, Williston Reservoir is now forecast to operate to levels close to, or greater than, those observed during 2018 and 2019.
- BC Hydro will continue, similar to last year, to operate Williston Reservoir to avoid drafting below elevation 2150 feet (655.32 m) in spring 2020 under most conditions.
- Under some adverse scenarios (below average fall rain, a cold winter, and/or a delayed spring snowmelt), the possibility of drafting below 2150 feet remains. Notification to draft below 2150 feet was submitted to the provincial Comptroller of Water Rights earlier this summer, in accordance with the Peace Water Use Plan Order.
- Compared to this time last year, the likelihood of needing to draft below 2150 feet in spring 2020 is now much less. Well above average August rains have improved Williston levels considerably. The reservoir is now about 5 feet above our previous forecast peak level.
- BC Hydro will continue our offer to meet with First Nations, with local government and the forest industry in a timely manner to update operations and solicit feedback.
- BC Hydro will also continue to provide monthly updates for Williston Reservoir forecasts.



Updated: September 9, 2019 based on the September 2019 Water Supply Forecast and current operations.