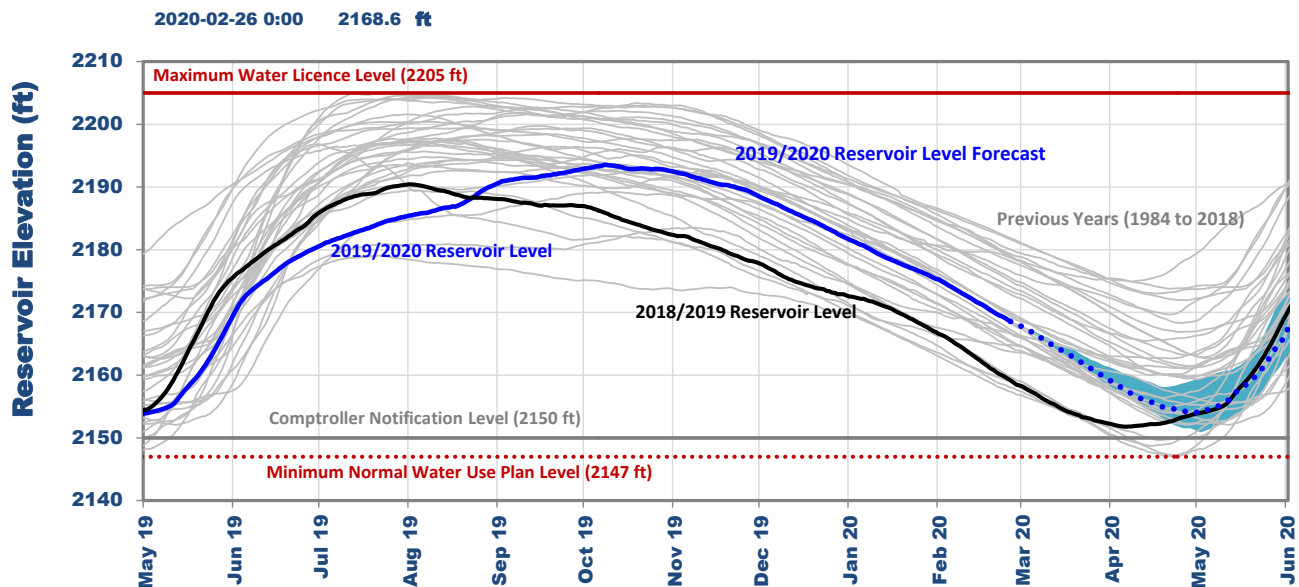


BC HYDRO UPDATE: WILLISTON RESERVOIR OPERATIONS SPRING 2020 (February 28, 2020)

- The Water Supply Forecast is the volume of water expected to flow into Williston Reservoir across the period of February to September 2020. The February forecast is slightly above average (~104% of normal), an increase of ~3% since January. For comparison, last year, the February Water Supply Forecast was ~97%.
- While overall annual volume remains slightly below normal, the reservoir is now about 9.5 feet higher than it was at this time last year. This is a result of above average inflows in the late summer and fall of 2019 and the winter to date. And, unlike last February with the unusually cold temperatures, additional customer demand was not observed in February 2020.
- For spring 2020, Williston Reservoir is forecast to operate at levels above those observed during spring 2019. The likelihood of drafting below elevation 2,150 feet for spring 2020 is very low.
- Last summer, BC Hydro submitted notification to draft below 2,150 feet to the provincial Comptroller of Water Rights in accordance with the Peace Water Use Plan (WUP) Order. BC Hydro was granted authorization to draft below 2,150 feet this spring, but does not expect to use it.
- Preparations for diversion of the Peace River at Site C for dam construction are considered in Williston operations planning for the spring and summer of 2020. BC Hydro is planning to manage these requirements within existing Peace WUP operation limits.
- We will continue our offer to meet with First Nations, local government and the forest industry to share updates on operations and solicit feedback and will continue to provide updates on Williston Reservoir forecasts as needed.

Williston Reservoir Forecast (2020 Feb 26)



Updated: February 26, 2020 based on the February 2020 Water Supply Forecast and current operations.