

January 2021

Greetings,

We hope the start of 2021 finds you healthy and safe. As we begin the new year, we're providing Richardson Lake stakeholders with an update on the Middle Dam Repair Project's ongoing progress.

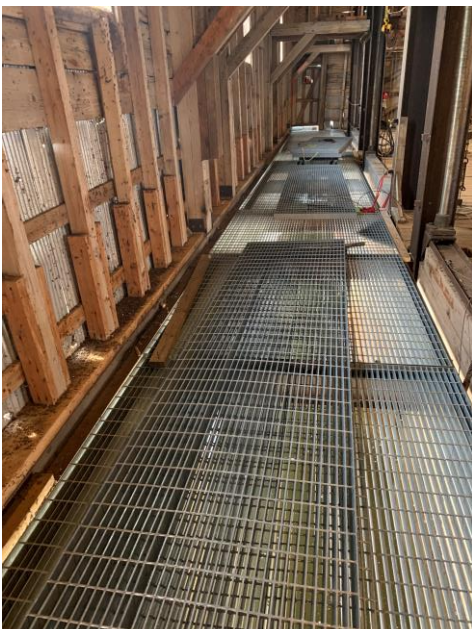
The refiled and resubmitted LUPC permit, which reflects the scope of work change from a rebuild to a repair, was approved in October. The permit will help support the development of a new angler trail to access the tailrace, the construction laydown areas, and components of the crane pad placement. Also, on a compliance note, we conducted the annual loon monitoring program this past summer, with rafts placed on Richardson Lake to assist with the nesting efforts of this iconic bird.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we were able to successfully complete all planned repairs scheduled for 2020. The repairs included installing several new gates and the structure to further support the piers through steel plating installations. Additionally, contractors made repairs to the gatehouse floor, timber log and concrete logs, and miscellaneous pier repairs.

As you may know, we experienced a minor setback in September due to railing failure along the pier during construction, forcing us to temporarily close access. We expect to start the installation efforts in February, with targeted completion by the end of April, to ensure access is fully restored before recreation season. Specifically, the guardrail design on piers #1 and #3 will meet International Building Code (IBC) standards. The rails around the fishing platform and platform deck have been designed and fabricated to accommodate public safety and the gentle catch and release of fish. We also anticipate a similar design for Pier #5 when access is restored towards the end of the project.

For 2021, in addition to the walkway and railing repairs, and as part of our winter work plan, we'll be replacing deep gate #4. We will construct the laydown areas and the angler trail through the summer and fall months, which will conclude our planned work for 2021.

We appreciate the opportunity to keep you informed and work with you as we undergo the Middle Dam Repair Project. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation, patience, and adherence to public safety through the duration of this project.



2020 Middle Dam Project Highlights - Left Photo: New gatehouse floor installation. Center Photo: Gate section installation. Right Photo: Prepping to install steel plating on upstream face of Pier 5