

PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARD



CanoeCreekHydro

The Project Excellence Award will be presented to the 5.5 MW Canoe Creek hydroelectric project located approximately 55 km east of Tofino on Vancouver Island. Canoe Creek Hydro is owned by the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Swiftwater Corporation and is a shining example of a successful collaboration between private developers and First Nations. Embracing sustainability as a guiding principle, the project avoided fish bearing waters, minimized the project footprint, used surplus and used pipe for the penstock and utilized local community trades and suppliers. Canoe Creek, which was commissioned in June 2010, secured a 40-year EPA with BC Hydro which will provide the Tla-o-qui-aht with long-term economic benefits. Revenues from the project are being used to support other economic development initiatives, such as eco-tourism and sustainable forest management within the Nation's Tribal Parkland. Due to the success of the Canoe Creek project, the Tla-o-qui-aht are presently pursuing the development of two more Run-of-River projects.

