Greetings Team!

To remain connected, the HEC Lab is aiming to produce bi-monthly updates, which will be shared via email, our team website (www.heclab.com/a-shared-future), and on Twitter (@fortheHECofit and @H_Castleden).

- We are extremely pleased to announce that Jon Aarsen (Queen’s University) has completed the video of our start-up meeting hosted by T’Sou-ke Nation (March 2017), and we hope you enjoy and share it. The video can be found at: https://youtu.be/3RObUofPiN8. Please circulate the link across your networks, and keep the conversation going on Twitter using the hashtag #A_SHARED_Future.

- In June, Heather Castleden (Queen’s University) travelled to the east coast of Canada to meet with Partners and Project Co-leads for A SHARED Future to develop. These visits included:
  - Labrador: NunatuKavut Community Council (George Russell and Amy Hudson) with Ashlee Cunsolo (Labrador Institute) and Debbie Martin (Dalhousie University) in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. At this meeting, the Project Team focused on community-specific issues regarding alternatives to diesel fuel for heating and powering homes. In Black Tickle, for example, the current fuel supplier has severed ties with the community, leaving this community without a reliable fuel source and subsequently, a source of power. A research project will begin to take shape this fall.
  - Nova Scotia: Bras D’Or Lakes CEPI (Stan Johnson, Albert Marshall, Veronica Sherwood, and Anna Curtis-Steele), Unama’ki Institute of Natural Resources (Lisa Young) with Cheryl Bartlett and Emily Root (Cape Breton University) in Sydney, Cape Breton. At this meeting, the Project Team came to a consensus to evaluate past efforts, and determine the ways in which Two-Eyed Seeing could be used to guide the future direction of the Bras d’Or Lakes CEPI.
  - New Brunswick: Mi’gmawei Mawiomi Secretariat (Tanya Barnaby) – due to illness, Heather was unable to attend, but Diana Lewis (Dalhousie University) and Ken Paul (Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs) were able to attend in Listiguj. At this meeting, the Project Team engaged in a discussion of the research partnership and shifted to a potential project that would explore how MMS is navigating a new Bill 106 – An Act to Implement the 2030 Energy Policy and to Amend Various Legislative Provisions. This Bill is intended to guide Quebec towards North American leadership in renewable energy and energy efficiency.
  - Nova Scotia: Ecology Action Centre (Wayne Groszko, Stephen Thomas, and Rebecca Moore) with Diana Lewis, Ken Paul, and Heather in Halifax. At this meeting, Project Partners had an opportunity to share with each other about the Renewable Energy Portfolio with the EAC and the progress A SHARED Future is making as we get under way, and a discussion about potential synergies moving forward.

- Also in June, Heather, Jeff Masuda, and Rob Stefanelli (Queen’s University) travelled to Ottawa to meet with the following Team Partners: The Native Women’s Association of Canada, the National Association of Friendship Centres, and Natural Resources Canada. They also met with International Advisory Committee Chair, Simon Brascoupé (Carleton University) and Team Elder Barbara Dumont Hill.

- Native Women’s Association of Canada: We say farewell to Amy Nahwegahbow, who has taken up a position elsewhere, and welcome our new representative from the Native Women’s Association of Canada, Courtney Skye. At this meeting, we talked about the programmatic goals of A SHARED Future and ideas about gender considerations across all Projects. Jeff Masuda (Queen’s University) will be leading this conversation over the next five years as our Team’s Sex and Gender Champion.
This report has been prepared by Heather Castleden and Rob Stefanelli.
Readers are encouraged to share this material, unchanged, widely across their networks.