

International Souris River Study Board

Presentation to the Public

Virtual Meeting
June 22, 2021



Core Responsibilities

September 2017 Directive:

1. Examine and report to the Commission on matters raised by Governments of Canada and the United States in reference dated July 5, 2017.
2. Evaluate and make recommendations regarding the Operating Plan contained in Annex A of the 1989 Agreement, and additional flood protection measures, and beneficial water supply measures.
3. Carry out the instructions provided by the Commission to guide the Study Board

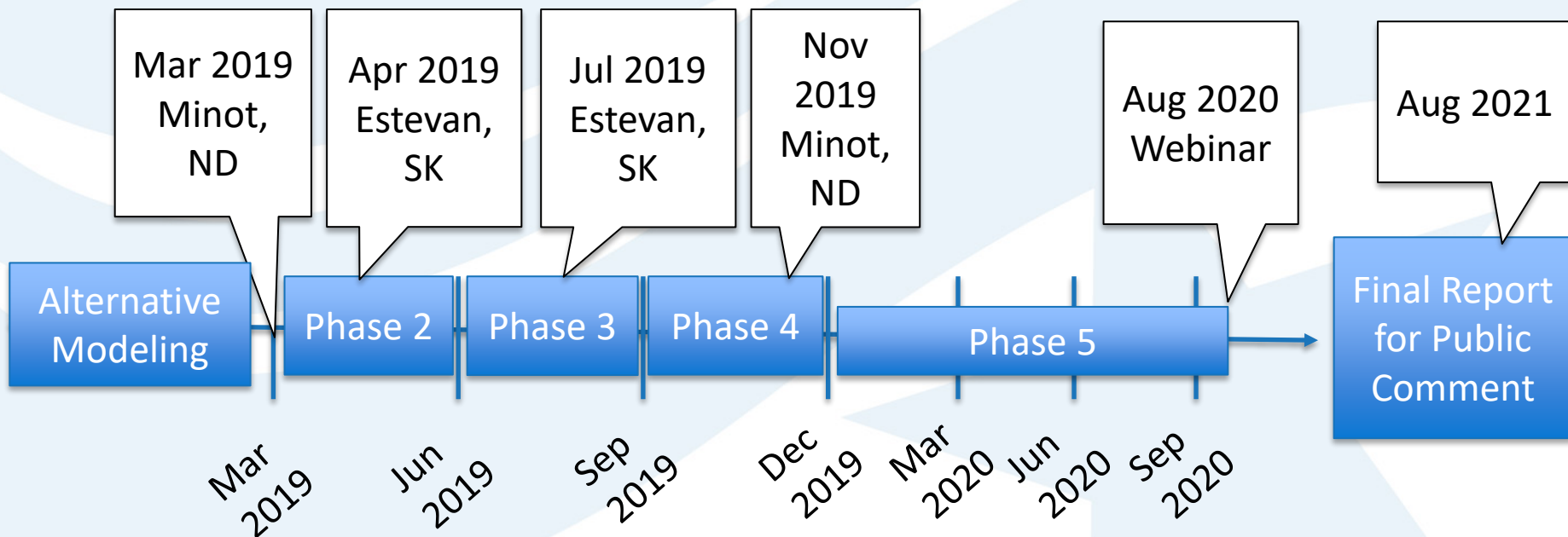
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Four main work plan areas:

- Operating Rules Review COMPLETE
- Data Collection and Management group tasks COMPLETE
- Hydrology and Hydraulics COMPLETE
- Plan Formulation tasks COMPLETE



Public Advisory Group Workshops



Recommendation on Possible Alternative Operations

Goal: Consider changes to the 1989 Agreement of the Souris River to improve flood protection and water supply.

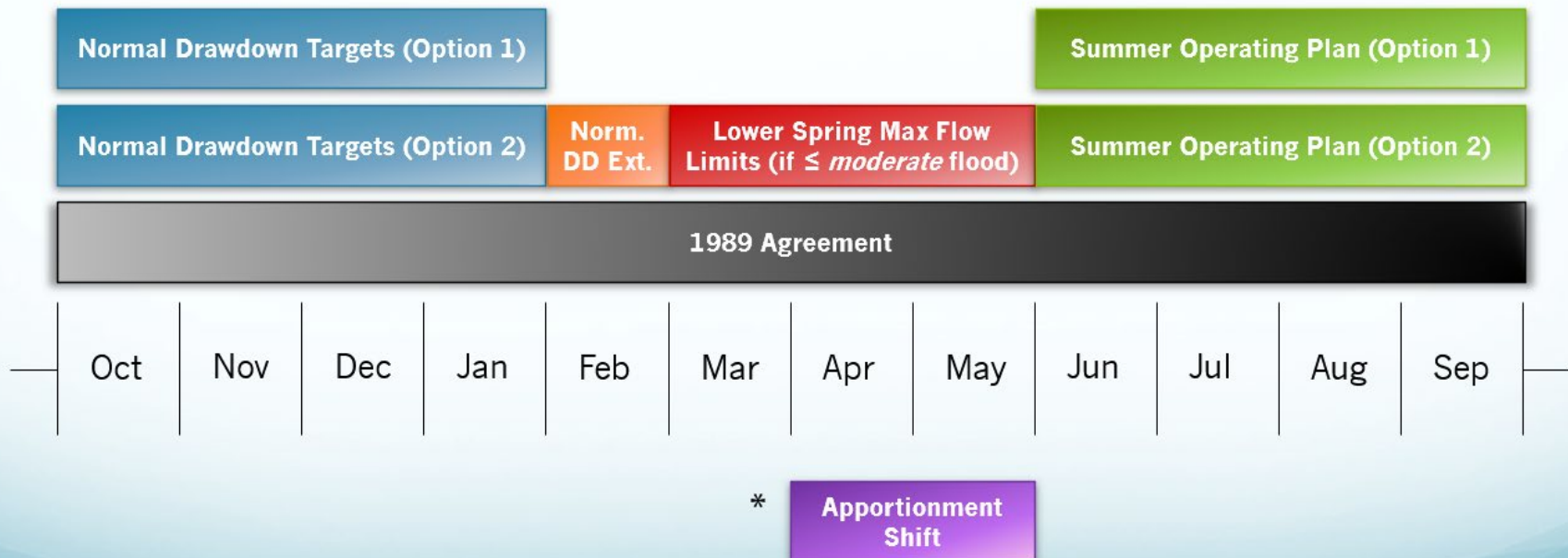
- The 1989 Agreement is a good and balanced agreement which maximizes flood protection and water supply
- The 1989 Agreement can be improved with changes (due to the natural and infrastructure constraints of the Souris River and its basin, improvements are beneficial but marginal; they will achieve greater operational flexibility)
- The Plan Formulation Committee of the ISRSB has selected possible alternative operations to the 1989 Agreement. The ISRSB considers this as the conclusion of the plan formulation work under the study.

Potential Changes to the 1989 Agreement

Changes to the 1989 Agreement were analyzed for improved flood protection and water supply.



Phase 5 Operational Changes



Other Recommendations

- **Recommendations to address gaps in data collection and dissemination.**
- **Artificial Drainage Impacts recommendations to keep experts and the public up-to-date on scientific advancements and legal changes.**
- **Recommendations to clarify the language of the existing agreement.**
- **IJC to consider the creation of a PAG, RAAG and IAG for the ISRB.**

Next Steps – Timeline to Study Completion

- **June 28, Monday: Send working draft of final report for external comment to PAG, RAAG, Indigenous contacts, ISRB and IRG.**
- **July 25, Sunday: Deadline for external comments and IRG review.**
- **August 16, Monday: Full public meeting and beginning of Public comment period.**
- **September 5, Sunday: Deadline for public review period.**
- **September 21, Tuesday: Submission of final report to IJC.**
- **January 5, 2022: IJC submits their report to governments.**



■ Questions?