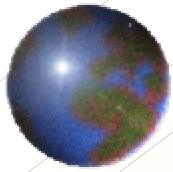


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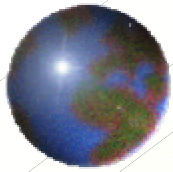
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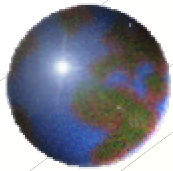
Overview of presentation

- ✚ Brief Background on EA of Trade Negotiations
- ✚ Key public participation elements
- ✚ Consulting Canadians on EA of trade
- ✚ Nature of inputs thus far
- ✚ Opportunities for improvement/ lessons to be shared?



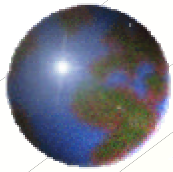
EA Framework: Background

- ❖ 2001 Framework for Conducting Environmental Assessments of Trade Negotiations
- ❖ 2 objectives: inform negotiators and address public concerns
- ❖ Establishes a process and methodology
- ❖ Domestic focus, environmental effects
- ❖ Environmental analysis flows from economic analysis
- ❖ Consultative approach



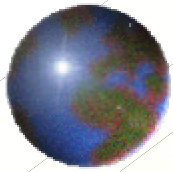
Public Participation Elements

- ✿ Engagement: Federal departments and agencies, SAGITs, C-Trade, and the public
- ✿ Mechanisms: Canada Gazette notices, Web site postings, Press Releases, Direct Notices, other consultations as appropriate
- ✿ Timing: announce intention to conduct EA, release of Initial, Draft, and Final EAs
- ✿ Duration: determined as appropriate +/- 60 days



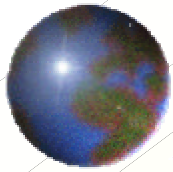
Consulting Canadians on the EA of Trade

- ✚ Notices of Intent
- ✚ Initial EA s issued
- ✚ Minimal input received thus far



Opportunities for Improvement/ Lessons to be learned

- ✚ Transparency and public access
- ✚ Resource constraints
- ✚ Roles and responsibilities
- ✚ Managing expectations



Summary...

- ✦ Method and process for conducting EAs of trades negotiations established
- ✦ Contributes to enhanced coordination of policy development
- ✦ Opportunities for public engagement
- ✦ Modest beginnings: incremental steps

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