

Summer Flows Target – Flows and Fish Working Group

The following issue and target statements are from the original CWB target documents. The Flows and Fish WG will use these statements and the proposed principles outlined in implementing work plans and actions. Additional detail is provided to help guide us.

Issue Statement - *Summer water flows are critical and have been declining*

Detail - Current water storage at Cowichan Lake is no longer adequate to meet water flow requirements for domestic, commercial and environmental usages as regulated by the water license.

Target Statement - *Cowichan River summer flows need to be 7cms or higher*

Detail: Cowichan River flow requirements need to be re-examined to confirm or replace existing license discharge levels.

Principles

1. We will use 'whole watershed' thinking when crafting solutions to the issue;
2. Consensus based decision making will be supported, recognizing voices from all sectors of the watershed;
3. The process and the solutions will respect First Nations Rights and Title; and
4. Shared benefits equal shared costs.

Vision

There is adequate water in the Cowichan and Koksilah River to sustain a healthy ecosystem and healthy communities and have adequate capacity to adapt to climate change impacts.