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The Big Picture of Water Law in BC: Moving to Watershed and Water-Centric Decision Making

WHO Professor Deborah Curran, Hakai Professor in Environmental Law and Sustainability and Program Director with the Environmental Law Centre, University of Victoria Faculty of Law.

WHAT Free public talk about:

- ▶ BC's 100 year old water law and the problems arising from that regime (such as no water for fish, water quality concerns and lack of coordinated decision making),
- ▶ Highlights from the new Water Sustainability Act
- ▶ Key approaches to moving towards water-centric decision-making

WHEN Wednesday, June 17 at 7 pm

WHERE VIU Cowichan Campus - Lecture Hall – Rm 140



ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Deborah Curran is the Hakai Professor in Environmental Law and Sustainability at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law. She teaches courses relating to land and water law (municipal, real estate, the environmental law clinic and water law), and facilitates a unique field course in environmental law in the Central Coast at the Hakai Beach Institute on Calvert Island. As a Program Director with the Environmental Law Centre at UVic, Deborah supervises students working on environmental law projects for community organizations and First Nations across the province. For over twenty years she has worked with local governments and community organizations on creating sustainable communities through the

implementation of green bylaws. Deborah is the author of the Green Bylaws Toolkit and Smart Bylaws Guide website, and co-founded Smart Growth B.C.

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