

Cowichan Watershed Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes



July 7, 2011
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Oceanfront Suites,
Cowichan Bay, BC

Participants: Chief Lydia Hwitsum Co-Chair, Rob Hutchins Co-chair, David Anderson Ross Forrest, Bruce Fraser, Darin George, Lori Iannidinaro, Tim Kulchyski, Klaus Kuhn, Lorna Medd, David Slade

Coordinator: Rodger Hunter

Guests: Wilf Luedke and Tom Rutherford Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Regrets: Don Radford

1. Welcome; Introductions, Invocation; Opening Remarks	Co-chair Chief Lydia Hwitsum welcomed and thanked Board members, Technical Advisory Committee members, guests and members of the public for attending the meeting. Tim Kulchyski offered a prayer and provided insights into the meaning of prayer for Cowichan people. Chief Hwitsum thanked Lori Iannidinaro for the wonderful slo' food meal that she prepared for Board and Technical Advisory Committee members before the meeting.
2. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented.
3. Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2011 meeting and update on Business Arising from Minutes:	The minutes were approved as presented. It was noted that Low Tide Days in Cowichan Bay had been very successful once again this year.
4. Presentation Watershed	Wilf Luedke Chief Biologist DFO South Coast Area made a presentation on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• overarching context of salmon policy;• status of Cowichan salmon;• issues affecting them; and,• the Dept of Fisheries and Ocean's proposed actions in relation to the watershed. In particular he emphasized the importance of the river and estuarine habitats to juvenile salmon survival and the critical importance of juvenile survival to rebuilding Chinook stocks. Wilf's presentation can be found at http://www.cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-meeting-07jul2011 , and click on Materials1

<p>5. Presentation on and initial set of recommended Targets for the Watershed</p>	<p>Tom Rutherford of the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans summarized the Technical Advisory Committee's recommended targets for the watershed. The presentation and other materials related to the targets can be found at http://www.cowichanwatershedboard.ca/date/cwb-board-meeting-07jul2011 and click on Materials2</p> <p>Decision: The Board approved the targets in principle. It was agreed that in future it would be desirable to include other salmon species in a fish target. The Board also agreed to apply for funding from the Pacific Salmon Commission to further assess juvenile salmon needs and to support development of a juvenile salmon target. Targets are to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting for further discussion.</p>
<p>Next meeting– Date and Agenda Items</p>	<p>The Board wishes to devote its next meeting to discussion of the targets. The Coordinator is to contact Board members to determine the date of that meeting.</p>