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| DRAFT MEETING AGENDA | Mon. Oct. 28th 2019 9:30-11:45 am CVRD Boardroom 175 Ingram Street, Duncan |  Cowichan Watershed Board |
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Chair: CVRD Chair Ian Morrison

Participants Chief William (Chip) Seymour (co-chair), Shannon Waters, Alison Nicholson, Darin George, David Anderson, David Slade, Debra Toporowski, Tim Kulchyski, Laura Brown, Lori Iannidinardo, David Froese, Kristine Sandhu, Tom Rutherford. **Regrets:**

Guests: Nejma Belarbi (unconfirmed); Kim Lagimodiere/Larry George (unconfirmed)

Minutes: Heather Pritchard

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| 1. | Welcome | 9:30 | Co-chair | |
| 2. | Approve Agenda | 9:31 | Co-chair | Decision |
| 3. | Review / approve Minutes of last meeting | 9:32 | Co-chair | Decision |
| 4. | Correspondence and Announcements - see below* | 9:34 | Tom Rutherford | Information |
| 5. | Opportunity for public comment. | 9:40 | Co-chair | Information |
| 6 | Updates a) Cowichan weir progress; in-season decision making framework b) Salmon returns so far and coho-chinook hybrid. c) Drinking Water and Watershed Protection – process update d) Koksilah – scoping Water Sustainability Plan – FLNRO/Cowichan Tribes meeting | 9:45-10:45 | a) Tom b) Tim c) Tom d) Tom (Kim/Larry - unconfirmed) | Information |
| BREAK 15 min | | | | |

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| 7 | Report from delegation to Nicola Watershed co-Leadership Workshop. | 11:00 | Chief Seymour | Information Discussion |
| 8 | Provincial Water Security Fund initiative – overview and CWB role. | 11:15 | Tom, Chief Seymour | |
| 9 | Presentation: Can Rivers have legal rights? | 11:20 | Nejma Belarbi (unconfirmed) | Information |
| 10 | Other | 11:40 | Co-chair | |
| | Adjourn. Next meeting Nov.25 th 9:30am | 11:45 | Co-chair | Decision |

Announcements

1. Speaker Series – Joy Wade – Vancouver Island Lamprey - Nov. 28

Correspondence

1. Our Water BC, Sept 25 2019 Email. - Request to join, terms of membership, updates (for discussion next month)

1. Email from Our Water BC / Canadian Freshwater Alliance. [received Sept 25 2019]

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2. Other items of interest:

- **Code Blue Campaign:** As mentioned the call, this is the campaign, which has been developed as a public facing element of the work we all rally around. Please [check it out](#). We recognize that not everyone can be a public champion but if you can and would like to be profiled as such on the website, please let me know. *****NOTE - this is not yet ready for a big public push! Please do not share with your supporters yet - I will let you know when we are ready to do so.****
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