



**our water bc**

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## **Our Water BC**

is a joint initiative of organizations and individuals working to make sure waters in BC are healthy and thriving for everyone who lives here.

## **Our purpose is**

To unite freshwater advocates, defenders and stewards in an alliance focused on building a public movement that supports greater legal protections for the health of BC's waters. |

# What Unites Us

## Our Priorities:

### **Reconciliation**

1. *Priority #1: Advance reconciliation with respect to freshwater planning and decision-making.*

### **Adaptation to the Changing Climate**

1. *Priority #2: Place water at the center of a modernized strategic land use planning regime.*
2. *Priority #3: Build a B.C. Water and Climate Resiliency Strategy*

### **Conservation and adequate Funding for Water Management and Monitoring**

1. *Priority #4: Provide adequate resources to implement the innovative legal, policy, and management tools needed to protect freshwater.*
2. *Priority #5: Develop a rigorous provincial strategy for water monitoring, data, and compliance and enforcement.*



**OBC** **Partner Organizations**



# Governance

## I. STEERING COMMITTEE

Inaugural steering committee is made up of founding members of the network, including: Canadian Freshwater Alliance and Watershed Watch Salmon Society.

### A. Responsibilities

1. Day to day operations
2. Seek out and incorporate policy advice from key experts (e.g. Polis Water Sustainability Project - University of Victoria, Organizing For Change, BC Freshwater Legacy Initiative, and BC Water Funders Collaborative)
3. Recruit and onboard new member organizations
4. Create networking opportunities for members
5. Host regular meetings
6. Develop campaign materials within scope of priorities
7. Act as spokespeople for Our Water BC

## **II. MEMBERS**

### **A. Definition**

1. Organizations who engage proactively in some or all OWBC activities.
2. Members self-identify when and how they engage beyond membership endorsement.

### **B. Opportunities**

1. Join networking opportunities with other groups working on freshwater health in BC.
2. Access to trainings, webinars and other knowledge-based opportunities for your group and your members.
3. Member stories and projects can be profiled on the OWBC website, within media, etc.
4. Opportunity to access support for events focused on freshwater priorities (financial, marketing, etc.).
5. We all get to be part of a larger movement to leave a lasting legacy for healthy freshwater in BC!

### **C. Responsibilities**

1. Endorse the freshwater priorities..
2. Participate in, and encourage their members and supporters to participate in, action appeals, when/where appropriate.
3. Host events profiling key freshwater priorities
4. Members agree to acknowledge Our Water BC membership on their website.
5. Share logos



**CODE** **BLUE** **BC**

**The Code | Blue | BC Plan has 3 parts:**

1. Ensure big industrial/commercial users pay a fair amount to use BC's water and reinvest that back into a BC Water Security Fund.
2. Fund local people to restore and manage their local water sources.
3. Get tough on water wasters and polluters.

**It's time we start treating our watersheds like our lives depend on them.**



“Advance water sustainability in BC by providing a dedicated, sustainable, annual funding source for First Nations, local government, local watershed protections agencies and community partnerships.”





PARTNERSHIPS



PLACES



PEOPLE



- INDEPENDENT
- SUSTAINABLE
- CO-GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



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# Questions

