

KOKSILAH INTERIM LETTER OF AGREEMENT

CWB PRESENTATION



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BACKGROUND

- On-going concerns with low water flows in the Koksilah River during summer months and flash floods in the winter
- Everything that happens in the upper watershed of the Cowichan and Koksilah Rivers affects Cowichan Tribes' operations, infrastructure, land management and the safety and well-being of our members
- Cowichan Tribes works to reduce impacts to the community through on-going integrated watershed management solutions:
 - Gravel Removal
 - Log Jam Removal
 - Flood Protection (integrated flood management planning, engineering devices, early warning flood system, data collection)
 - Salmon protection and enhancement projects



BACKGROUND

- Section 88 of the Water Sustainability Act - Temporary Protection Order (August 2019)
- Began the process of developing a Koksilah Water Sustainability Plan (WSP) in the fall of 2019
- Acknowledge the need for action in the Koksilah watershed to protect fish, ecological communities, Cowichan Tribes' Indigenous rights and employment and economic interests
- Government-to-Government commitment through an Interim Letter of Agreement



SIGNIFICANCE



NEXT STEPS?



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