KOKSILAH INTERIM LETTER OF AGREEMENT

CWB PRESENTATION

FEB 2020
MELISSA TOKAREK
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
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• 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
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