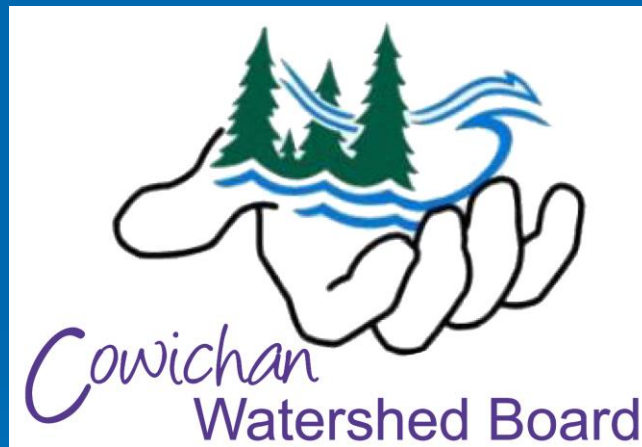


Cowichan Watershed Board Update



April 27, 2020

4 Update Topics today....

- Cowichan Water Management Planning
 - Tim & Brian
- CWB Target Review
- Cowichan Weir – BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund
- Koksilah Water Sustainability Plan



Cowichan In-season water Management

- Dedicated agenda Item
- Considerable work (and progress) over the winter
- Tim and Brian to provide update
 - Brain – “current situation”
 - Tim – Draft “Model” to assist with in-season decision making



CWB “Target Review

- Process lead by Heather Pritchard
- “Second Round” of engagement via Zoom
- Reminder to the Board of level of engagement, elicitation and expertise devoted to this process (and the hard work of accommodating everyone’s interests and concerns!)



For Example...

Riparian WG meeting last week:

- Chris Morley – Fisheries bio. & consultant
- Ken Traynor – President CLRSS
- Pam Jorgenson – RPF, Mosaic Forest Management
- Parker Jefferson – CSRT Co-chair
- Dr. David Preikshot – District of North Cowichan
- Stephanie Cottrell – Executive Director, Cowichan Land Trust
- Dave Polster – Ecological Restoration Consultant
- Don Hare – Executive Director, Coastal Invasive Species Committee
- Genevieve Singleton – Naturalist, Co- chair CSRT
- Tim Kulchyski – Cowichan Tribes Fisheries Biologist – CWB member
- David Slade – CWB member
- Heather Pritchard – RPF, Silva Forest Foundation director
- Tom Rutherford – Fisheries biologist, CWB Executive Director

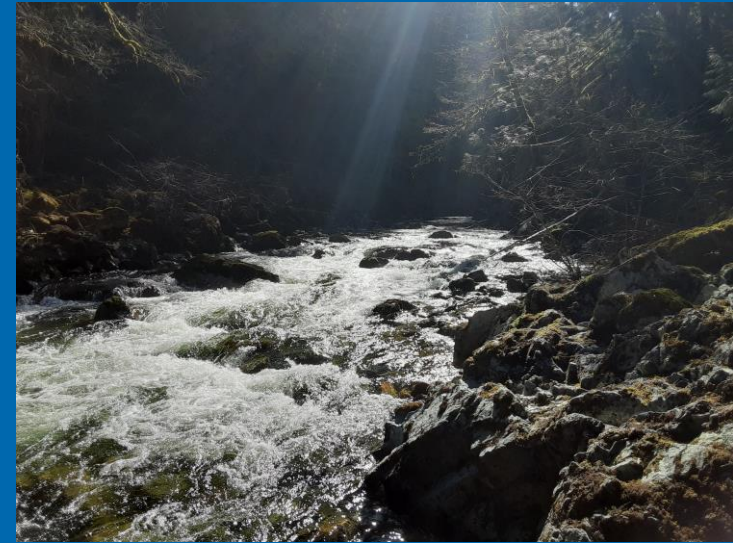
BCSRIF – Cowichan Weir

- PTAC has not met since last CWB meeting – scheduled to meet April 29
- Can provide written update via email after Wednesday's meeting
- Stantech has been onsite and technical work carrying forward
- RFP for “natural boundary” work (local FLNRORD water authorizations staff have been helpful)
- Issue: Use of CWB logo in comms material being prepared by Stantech



Koksilah Water Sustainability Plan

- “Scoping” pilot currently underway for Koksilah Watershed
- This work represents an opportunity to change the way we manage our water and watersheds in British Columbia
- Technical Work associated with Scoping Pilot is progressing
 - Hydrology to clarify contributing factors to low water



Koksilah Water Sustainability Plan

- Community outreach and engagement
 - Increase knowledge and awareness of ‘Koksilah Community’ and key stakeholders in the watershed as to rationale and current status of WSP scoping exercise: “why is this process happening and where is it at?”
 - A clear understanding of the “water and watershed interests” of community and key stakeholders, their support for a watershed planning process (or not) , what the process should look like and how they would like to be involved.

- Separate Engagement process for Cowichan Tribes Elders, Knowledge holders and Community Members

Koksilah Water Sustainability Plan

- CWB staff resourced to contribute to this process by BCFLI
- Current role:
 - Advisory role in Steering Committee
 - Tasked by SC to report back to Cowichan Tribes on Stakeholder Outreach Working group
 - Secretariat Role for Steering Committee
 - Will require additional resources to maintain this role if process moves on from scoping phase...



Questions & Dialogue...

