

# Cowichan Watershed Board

Executive Director Update

March 29, 2021



## Quick Updates on:

Cowichan Flows report

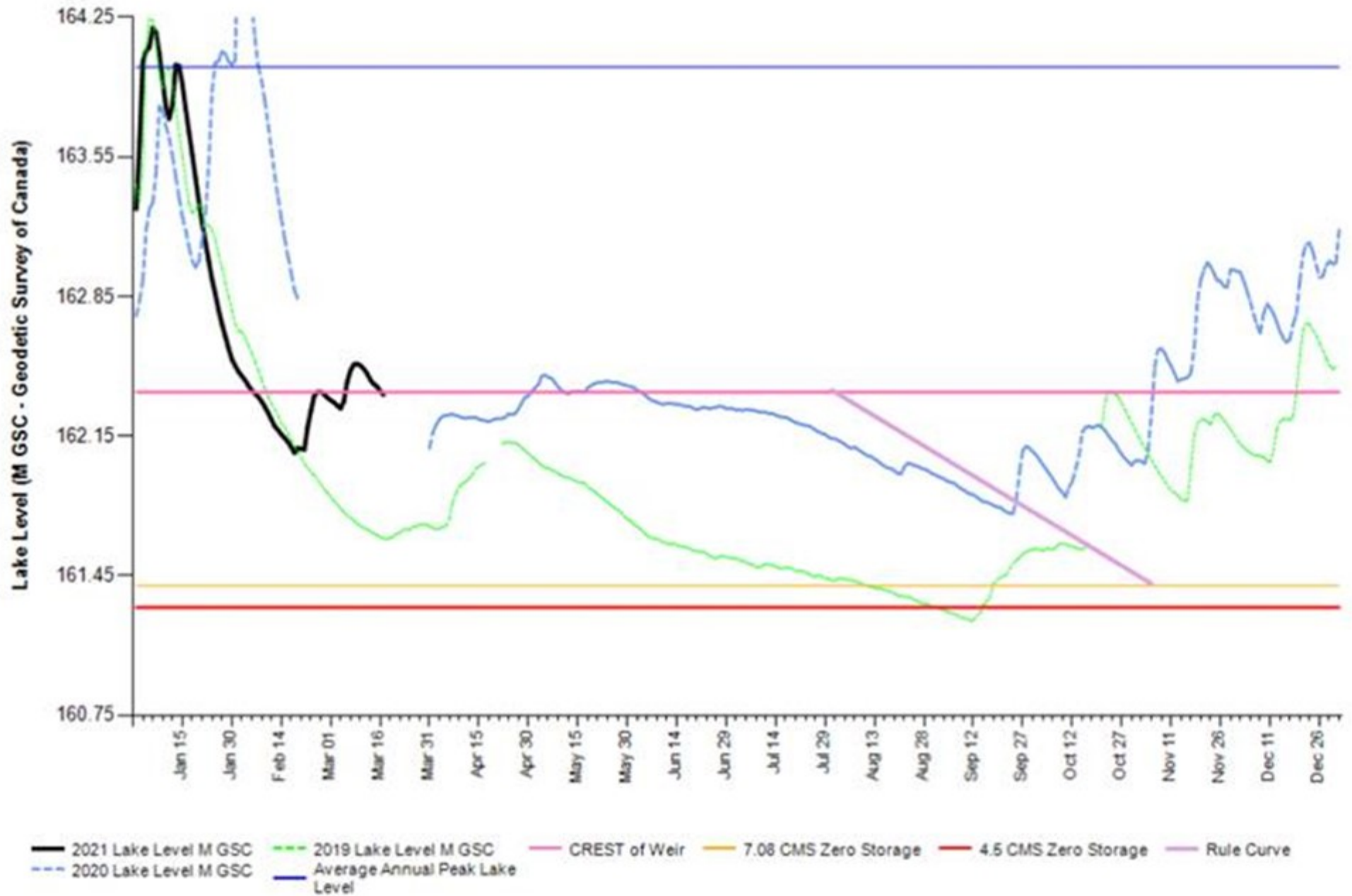
Conservation Economic Stimulus  
Initiative Grant

Ministerial correspondence

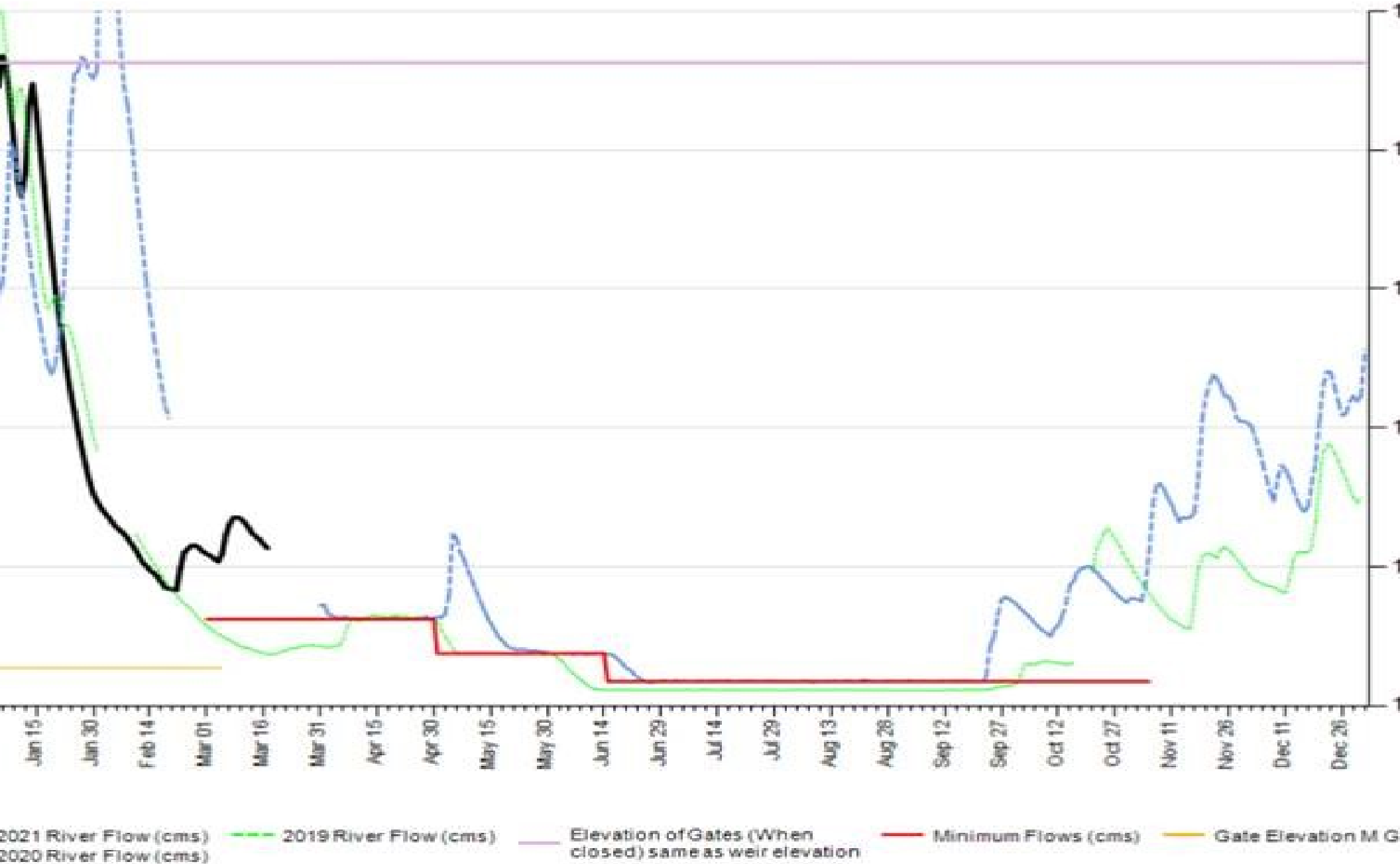
Presentations to Foundational  
Partners



2021 Cowichan Lake Level - 2021 (Black) & 2020 (Blue) & 2019 (Green)



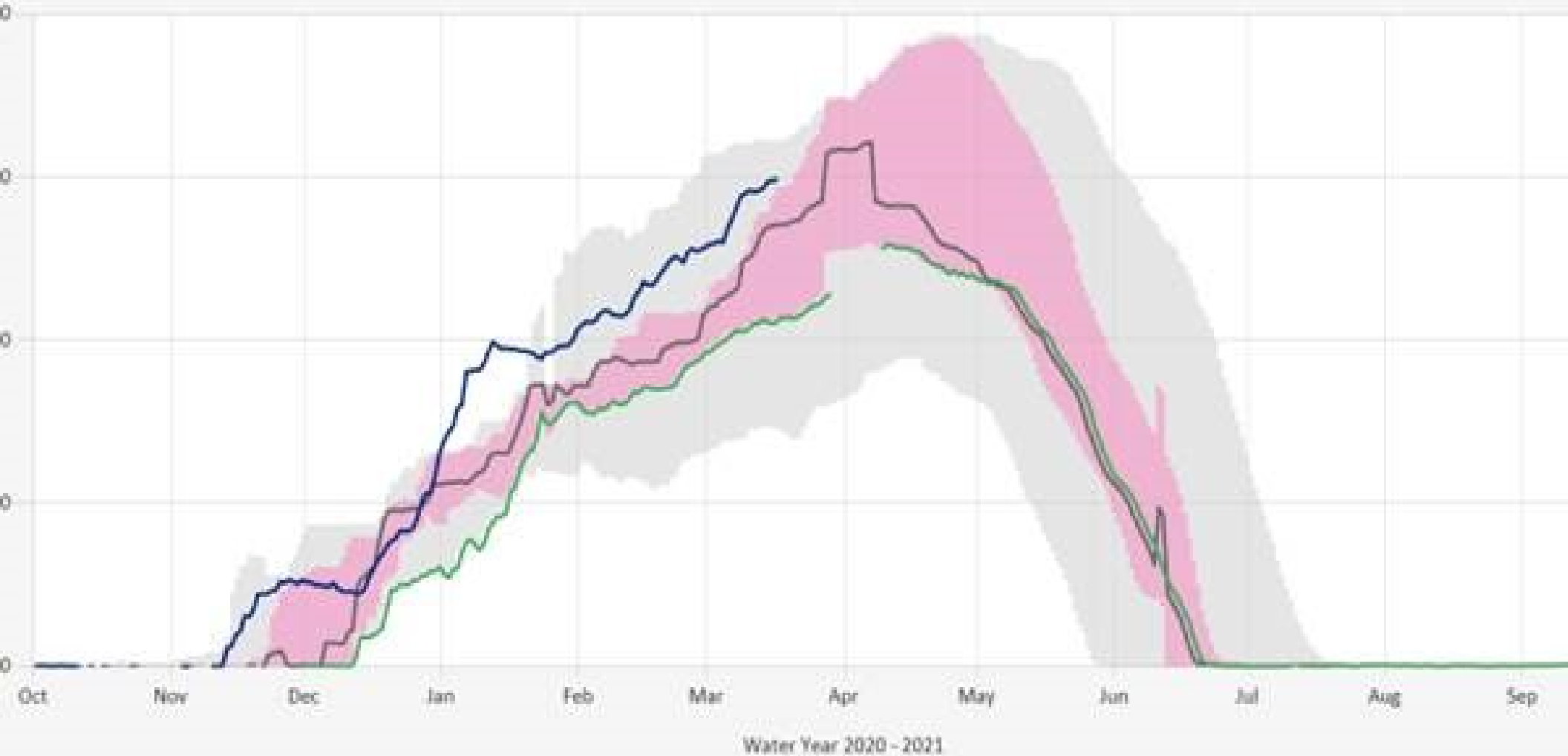
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Mountain Upper, Latitude: 48.543875, Longitude: -124.452113, Elevation: 1190 m



- 2021 2019 - 2020 Historical Daily Median Historical 25-75 Range of Min & Max (Jul 26, 2015 - Sep 30, 2020)

# CESI Grant

## ackground

Conservation Economic Stimulus Initiative – Provincial funding

CWB successful proponent for 500K grant to be allocated by Dec. 15 2021

“Twinned Watershed Approach – Koksilah/Chemainus

Habitat Inventory, E-flows development and Community Outreach focus – relationship between water flows and critical salmonid habitats – including Indigenous flows component

Outcomes will be critical to supporting Koksilah WSP process



# ESI Grant

## Update

- Agreement signed – Cheque for 50% of total contract received
- Project leads – under contract:
  - Jill Thompson – Communications and Administration
  - Cheri Ayers – fish and flows
  - Heather Pritchard Riparian
- Operational leads contracts being developed:
  - Dr. Melissa Evans – fisheries
  - Geomorphpic – Jeffery Anderson – Hydrology
  - Khowutzun Forest Services – Riparian & Field Crews
  - MC Wright and Associates – GIS services
- Lidar/imaging flown by Terra Remote last Saturday
- Field training/transect selection to begin April 19
- Using this opportunity to build lasting community capacity...



Water levels in the Koksilah River dropped to a critical point last summer (2014) but

## Guest column: The Koksilah River is a canary in the coal mine

River flows dropped so low officials preparing to issue Environmental Flow Protection Order

Sep. 25, 2014 3:52 p.m. / DOCUMENTS / OPINION



# Ministerial Correspondence

Drafting letter requesting meeting with Ministers Conroy, Heyman, Rankin, Cullen to discuss CWB requests.

Working with Foundational Partners to do so





# Presentations This Month...

Michan Tribes Fisheries Committee (with Cheri Ayers)

Support for, and input to CESI and BCSRIF projects

D Regional Services Committee (with Tim Kulchyski)

Presentation of Annual Report and Business plan – CWB update



# Questions, Comments, Advice....

