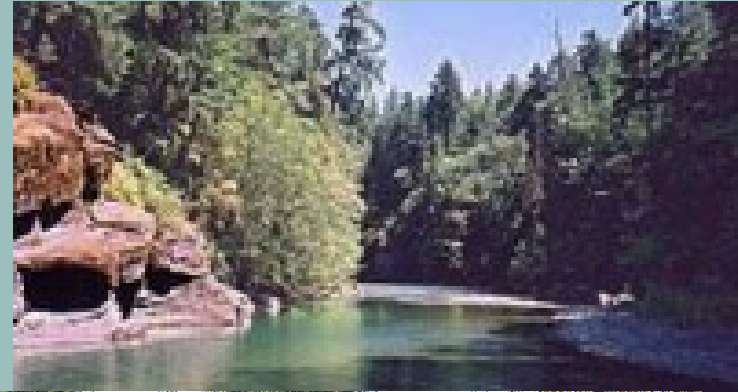


# Wichan Watershed Board

## Update from Staff



## Highlights from May....

May 31

# OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- Cowichan Water Management
- Twinned Watersheds programming
- - discussion/feedback/Questions...

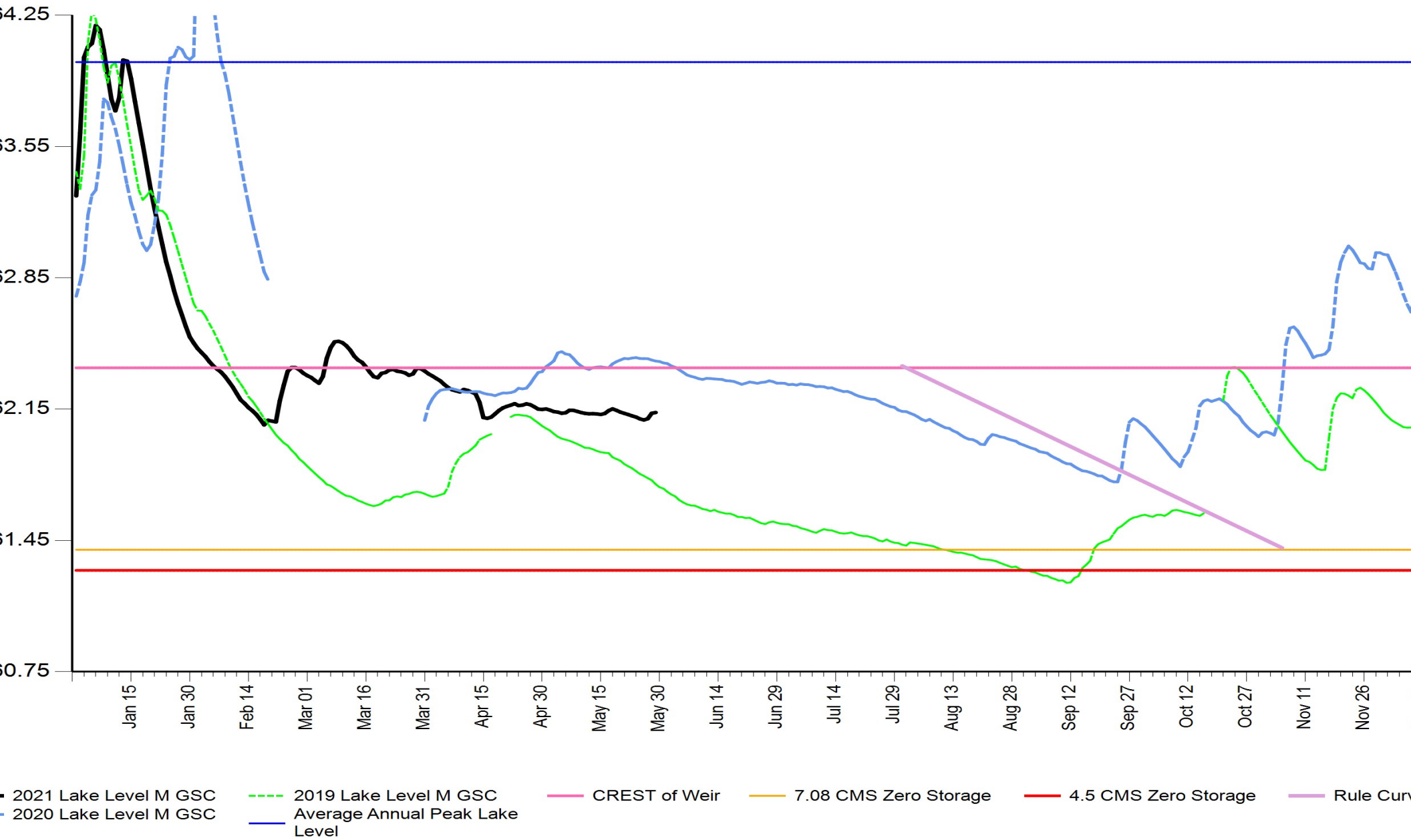


# Cowichan Water Management

- Status of lake levels & River Flows....
- Progress on Facilitated process to ID conservation license holder
- Reaching out to Shoreline property owners...
- Timeline for completion of technical planning for weir



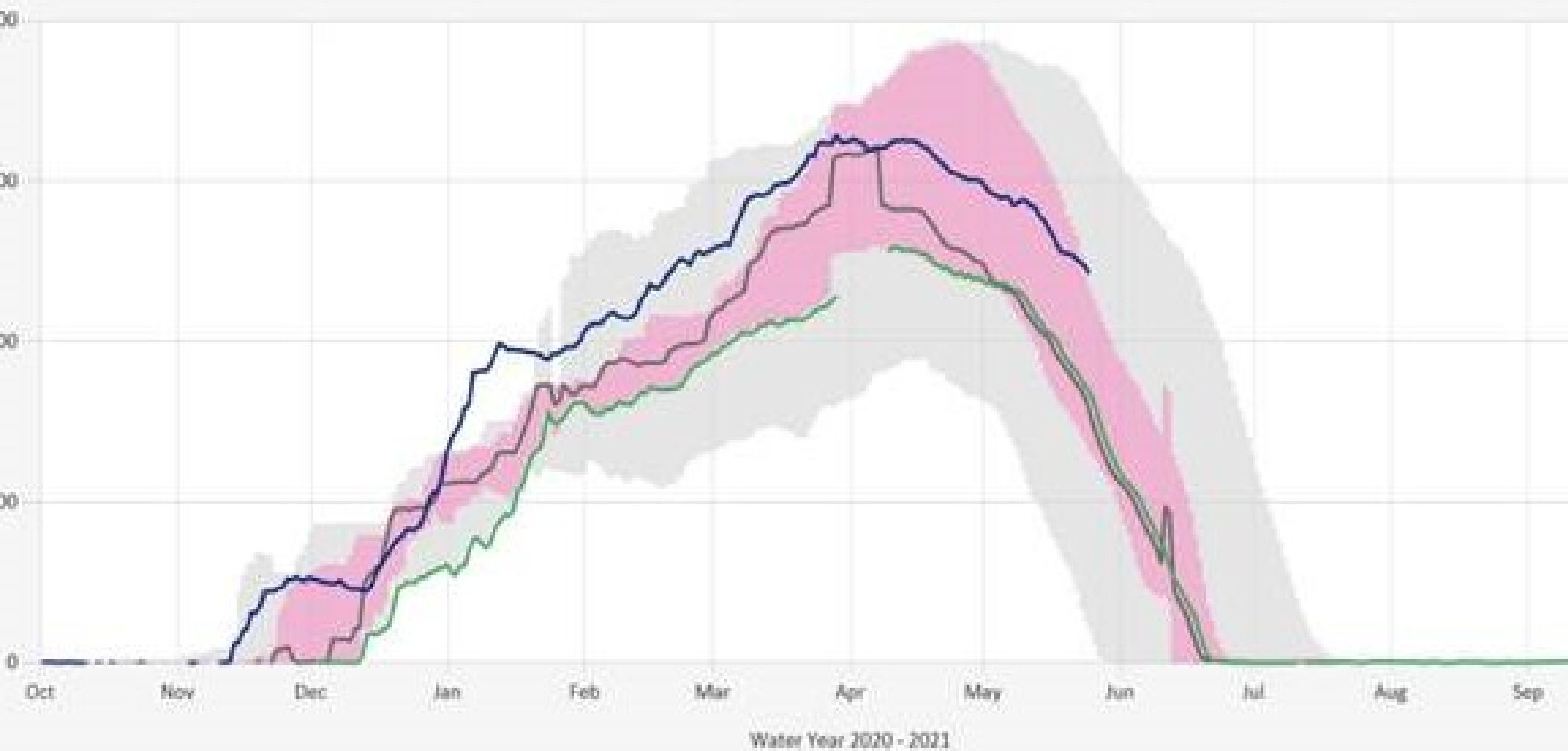
**2021 Cowichan Lake Level - 2021 (Black) & 2020 (Blue) & 2019 (Green)**





ally@3824P

Mountain Upper; Latitude: 48.943875, Longitude: -124.452113, Elevation: 1190 m



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

# TWINNED WATERSHED Projects BCSRIF



ified this month that the BCSRIF proposal will be funded  
unt to be received increased by 170K for a total of close to 1.3 million  
3 years

r George, Bernette Lalibertie, Cheri Ayers and I met with BCSRIF reps  
week

k to begin on finalizing Contribution Agreement immediately

hasing of equipment and retaining of crew to begin as early as later

# CONSERVATION ECONOMIC STIMULUS INITIATIVE

(CESI)

Crews working in Koksilah and Chemainus watersheds

ologists, Hydrologist, 6 field technicians & 2 outreach staff

d and Swiftwater Rescue technician training completed

habitat inventory, instream transect surveys and discharge measurements,  
mapping and inventory all underway – up to 11 people in the field including 2  
reporters”

g with Tracy Fleming Candace Charlie to build indigenous flows process

g long term capacity in our community...





# Sharing the Stories

Introducing Cowichan Watershed  
Board's new Stth'aqwi' mascot!  
Created by Coast Salish artist  
Carmen Thompson.



Intention is to use fun fish to raise awareness about the many unseen  
people out in the watersheds, doing the good work needed to restore  
resilience.

# Sharing the Stories

ummer:

ing Reporters” will visit and interview field crews of  
vinced Watersheds project and other science /  
ation works.

clips and photos on Social media to raise awareness  
onfidence in the good work being done.

Eye video will record the project’s story.





# Sharing the Stories

hearted in tough times. Recognize the concerns  
ocus on hope. Stth'aqwi does a dance when its  
ed.

ust Twinned Watersheds –other helpers  
rated too.

n Eye (owned by Halalt Community member)  
will also record the project overall to tell the  
of the Twinned Watersheds work and the  
ership.





# Other Communications

Notifying communities:  
Postcard for field crews.  
One-page project brief.  
Facebook post to share.  
Coverage on Local Radio

## Chemainus/Koksilah Rivers Twinned Watersheds Project



The Cowichan Watershed Board, Cowichan Tribes, and Halalt First Nation are undertaking research in 2021 in the Koksilah and Chemainus Rivers. This is the first phase of a larger project. This project will gather flow and habitat data in the two rivers, map important vegetation areas, and interview indigenous knowledge holders.



Summary results will be publicly available and will provide communities and decision-makers with information to better protect salmon and river ecosystems in the face of declining summer water levels.

Questions, concerns or observations welcome through Tom Rutherford, Cowichan Watershed Board: [Tom@cowichanwatershedboard.ca](mailto:Tom@cowichanwatershedboard.ca)/ 250-815-5930 (cell) or today's crew supervisor.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support from the Province of British Columbia and the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation.



# Questions or Comments?

