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| <b>DRAFT BOARD MEETING<br/>AGENDA</b> | <b>Mon. May 29th 2023</b><br><b>9:30-noon</b><br><b>ONLINE</b><br><b>Link to join Webinar</b><br><b><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82581510481">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82581510481</a></b> | <br>Cowichan<br>Watershed Board |
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**Meeting Chair:** Chief Lydia Hwitsum **Expected Participants:** Stuart Pagaduan, Tim Kulchyski, Alison Nicholson, Kristine Sandhu, Linda Higgins, Shannon Waters, David Anderson, David Slade, David Froese, and Oliver Brandes (Advisor) **Regrets:** CVRD Chair Aaron Stone, Michelle Staples, David Froese, (Darin George, medical leave). **Staff/Project Leaders:** Jill Thompson, Lisa Maria Fox, Tom Rutherford, Heather Pritchard. **Guest Speakers:** Gina Hoar, Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society. **Audience members:** Working group members, volunteers, interested public. **All welcome.**

**Everyone is welcome to join the zoom line at 9am, or stay on the line between adjournment and noon, for “coffee time” - open dialogue about your watershed concerns or projects.**

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| 1 | Welcome  | 9:30  | Chair               |                          |
| 2 | Agenda Review / Revisions /Adoption  | 9:32  | Chair               | Decision                 |
| 3 | Review/Approve Last Meeting Minutes  | 9:33  | Chair               | Decision                 |
| 4 | Announcements & Correspondence   | 9:35  | Jill, Board members | Information              |
| 5 | Public Input   | 9:40  |                     | Information              |
| 6 | Language Lesson  | 9:45  | Stuart or Tim       | Learning                 |
| 7 | Xwulqw’selu Watershed Planning Agreement / S-xats-th ut tst                                | 9:55  | Chief Hwitsum       | Reflections, discussion. |
| 8 | <b>Project Updates</b><br>A. Weir license.<br>B. Koksilah Watershed Planning - next steps. | 10:10 | Tom                 | Information, discussion. |
|   | C. Targets and Working Groups  | 10:30 | Heather             | Information, discussion. |
|   | D. Water Quality attainment sampling.<br>E. Data sharing solutions                         | 10:50 | Lisa                | Information              |
|   | F. Community engagement/ events.   | 10:55 | Jill                | Information              |

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|       | G. Funding Security - BC Budget Consultations; CVRD.  |                |           |             |
| BREAK |   |                |           |             |
| 8     | <b>Presentation:</b> Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society   | 11:10          | Gina Hoar | Information |
| 9     | <b>Operational Updates</b><br>A. Staffing updates - Lisa, Julia, Shiming<br>B. Koksilah WSP - “Responsible Person” and other support to Cowichan Tribes.<br>C. Presentations to Tumuhw and CVRD complete.<br>D. STC/Gov Manual progress | 11:30          | Jill/Lisa | Information |
| 10    | <b>Other:</b>   | 11:40          |           | Information |
|       | Adjourn: Next CWB meeting - June 26th, CVRD Boardroom   | 11:45<br>-Noon | Chair     | Decision    |

Meeting materials will be uploaded to: <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/meetings/>

### Correspondence

- Genevieve Singleton provided a report on her work to provide nature walks with indigenous knowledge keepers through the Commemorating Canada - Reopening Fund. March 25, 2023.

### Announcements/Events

- June 6 - Koksilah Community Info Session by Zoom 7-8:30pm. Register [here](#) for Zoom link.
- June 19- Speaker Night. **One Fish, Two Fish; Why Not More Fish?** Cheri Ayers and Melissa Evans - fish enumeration studies in the Koksilah-Chemainus. Last Speaker Night until Fall. VIU Cowichan Campus Lecture Hall 140 @ 7pm Details will be [here](#).
- June 29th @ The HUB. **Koksilah Watershed Community Meet & Greet, with Treats!** Learn about efforts to research, understand, improve, and be resilient to conditions in the Xwulqw’selu (Koksilah) River watershed. Meet staff and volunteers from organizations and agencies working in the watershed, including the new Xwulqw’selu Watershed Sustainability Planning Project Team. 5-8pm
- **Lower Cowichan River Cleanup 2023** - mark your calendar. Sunday August 27th 9:30am. Meet outside Mini Big House at the end of River Road on Cowichan Tribes Reserve (past Siem Lelum gym), Duncan.
- **Commission for Environmental Cooperation’s** (CEC) 30th annual Council Session will be held in Victoria June 28-29. Registration [details](#) “CEC convenes North America’s top environmental officials, Indigenous Peoples, youth, experts and interested groups and individuals for #CEC30,

where “Indigenous and Urban Approaches to Climate Adaptation” will be at the forefront of the environmental agenda.”

- **Witnessing the Water** - beautiful coffee table book now printed and available soon. Photos with writing contributions from local watershed stewards and knowledge holders. Fundraiser for Cowichan Lake and River Stewards. Order here: <https://www.cowichan-lake-stewards.ca/>

### **Media/Reading**

- Xwulqw’selu Watershed Planning Agreement ( S-xats-th ut tst - We Agree) S-xats-thut, stheyta' tst 'utu xutsmin, shtes kws S'a'lhstuhw tst, tu Tunwhw 't tu mukw1 qa1 ni tutus 'utu Xwulqw'sclu sta'ld / Agreement with each other to plan how we are going to take good care of all the Waters and the Earth connected to the Koksilah River. [Read the agreement here.](#)
  - Xwulqw’selu Watershed Planning Agreement [media release](#)
  - MP MacGregor article Valley Voice RE watersheds and the weir. May 2023 p37. Read [here.](#)
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### **Zoom webinar Link:**

When: May 29, 2023 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: May CWB Meeting

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