





Fwd: River Photos

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Hi Jill & Tom

This was sent to me from a resident on the Cowichan River just passed the Greendale trestle. She is concerned with the low river and the spawning beds where tubers are standing on and disturbing. If you have any problems opening the pictures let me know.

Thanks Kristine

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From: Jayne Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 7:20 AM To: Kristine Sandhu <ksandhu@lakecowichan.ca> Subject: River Photos

First photo is a person walking thru the rapid water area so low rocks showing and he was grounded. Portaging..

The second photo is of the spawning bar across from our home which has endless people on it daily and all summer till tubing slows in middle of September.

My concerns the years of this behavior on the spawning beds and under the canopies of the trees where the fry are hiding in the cool in this drought type weather. We have a spring on the other side of the river not known to many other then locals and we appreciate that is where our fish are hiding in that cool water in these conditions. I am concerned when tubers hide under the canopy and disturb the fish.

I often wonder what the long term effects of this many people on our Heritage River will do in time. Probably not likely see the effects til well after I am gone. WE have had overwhelming amount of wildlife in our area deer, bears, cougars, otters mink, herons kingfishers to name a few. I am not even seeing the heron anymore.

Thanks Jayne

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