


<b>DRAFT BOARD MEETING AGENDA</b>	<b>Mon. Sept 25 2023</b> <b>9:30am-noon</b> <a href="#">Zoom webinar</a> (Passcode: 381215)  <b>Email <a href="mailto:jill@cowichanwatershedboard.ca">jill@cowichanwatershedboard.ca</a> to be added to the meeting notification list.</b>	 Cowichan Watershed Board
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**Meeting Chair:** CVRD Chair Aaron Stone **Expected Participants:** Chief Lydia Hwitsum, Stuart Pagaduan, Alison Nicholson, Shannon Waters, David Anderson, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Michelle Staples, Darin George, and Oliver Brandes (Advisor). **Regrets:** Linda Higgins, Kristine Sandhu.

**Staff/Project Leaders:** Danielle Paydli, Heather Pritchard, Tom Rutherford, Jill Thompson

**Guest Speakers:** Kevin Pellett, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

**Audience members:** Working group members, volunteers, interested public. All welcome.

*Everyone is welcome for coffee time from 9-9:30am.*

1	Welcome.	9:30	Chair	
2	Agenda Review / Revisions	9:32	Chair	Decision
3	Review July 2023 Minutes	9:33	Chair	Decision
4	Announcements & Correspondence	9:35	Jill, Board members	Information
5	Public Input	9:40		Information only
6	Language lesson	9:45		Learning
7	Estuary Restoration Project	10:00	Tim Kulchyski	Information and Discussion
8	Fish kill report	10:20	Kevin Pellett	Information and Discussion
9	<b>Project Updates</b> a) Targets TOR; WQ sampling results and the target.	10:40	Heather	Information and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Roundtable of Board reflections on updates.</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Target Working Groups Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>
	b) 2023 River Flows and rebuilding the Weir; Koksilah WSP	11:10	Tom	
	c) WIKD update and invitation to workshop	11:30	Danni	
10	<b>Operational Updates</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial seat(s) on the Board - what outcomes would Province contribute to?</li> <li>Leadership Team and Society Discussion Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 funding and staffing transition.</li> <li>Updated CWB Governance Manual.</li> <li>Comms - Approving Key CWB Messages on Priority Projects. Correspondence protocol.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	11:35	Jill/Danni	Discussion/Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial seat(s) - defining purpose, intent; what outcomes would Province contribute to? Start dialogue.</li> <li>Direction RE sharing Gov Manual update with partners - Leadership Team?</li> <li>Direction RE Key Messages for next steps or publication.</li> </ul>
11	<b>Other</b>	11:45		
12	<b>Adjourn.</b> Next CWB meeting - Oct. 30 in the CVRD Boardroom	Noon	Chair	Decision

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

### Correspondence

- Friends of the Cowichan: letter to Forests Minister
- David Hilton: Cowichan Lake Level
- Scott Griffiths: Cowichan Lake Level
- Rick James: (a) Decline of southern B.C. killer whale population (b) Forest Management

- [Unanswered from June – Roger Wiles – Cowichan Bay dumping issue]

### **Announcements/Events**

- Town of Lake Cowichan Town Hall Meeting, including weir update - Sept 25 6:30pm
- OCP/Regional Agricultural Plan Meeting, September 26, 2023 at the Cobble Hill Community Centre: <https://www.cvrld.ca/Calendar.aspx?EID=5238>
- Invitation extended to the Board for the October 19th (closed workshop) on Watershed Information, Knowledge and Data (WIKD) – Exploring Solutions
- Invitation to CWB CoChairs to Water Funders Gathering - November.
- Job Posting - CVRD Environmental Tech position

### **Media/Reading**

- Extensive media regarding drought and fish impacts. See our website here. <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/news/>
- Nature Trust - Estuary Restoration Project Background and FAQ <https://www.estuaryresilience.ca/cowichan-estuary-restoration-project/#faq>
- South Coast Salmon Bulletin, September 14, 2023 Escapement Update #1 — Chinook, Coho and Chum – Area 18 Cowichan River. See Agenda package.
- Catalyst Weekly Cowichan Watershed Update: Sept 19, 2023 See Agenda package.