


DRAFT BOARD MEETING AGENDA	Mon. May 27, 2024 9:00am-12:00pm Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89121312025 All welcome. Email jill@cowichanwatershedboard.ca to be added to the notification list for future meetings.	 Cowichan Watershed Board
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Meeting Chair: Chair Aaron Stone

Expected Participants: Chief Cindy Daniels, Christopher Alphonse, Calvin Swustus Senior, Alison Nicholson, Shannon Waters, David Anderson, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Michelle Staples, Kristine Sandhu, and Oliver Brandes (Advisor).

Observers: Sheila Freeman, Acting South Coast Area Director (DFO), Arlette Malcolm, Director, Resource Stewardship Operations, Coast Area – West Region (WLRS)

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

Guest Speakers: Paul Fletcher (E.D.) and Paul Gowland (President), Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society; Genevieve Singleton, Nature Interpreter, Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable co-Chair.

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

Everyone is welcome to join the Zoom link early, set yourselves up and share a virtual coffee together from 8:30-9:00 am

1	Welcome	9:00 - 9:02	Chair	
2	Agenda Review / Revisions	9:02 - 9:03	Chair	Decision
3	Review April 29th, 2024 Draft Minutes	9:03 - 9:05	Chair	Decision
4	Announcements & Correspondence (see below)	9:05 - 9:10	Jill, Board members	Information
5	Public Input	9:10 - 9:15	Chair	Information
6	Hul'qumi'num Watershed Lesson	9:15 - 9:30	Cllr. Christopher Alphonse	Learning
7	Presentations: a) Paul Fletcher and Paul Gowland: Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society — Parrot's Feather	9:30-11:00	Presenters	Information, Q&A

	<p>b) Genevieve Singleton: Salmon and the Forest Programme & Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul</p> <p>c) Danni Paydli: Cowichan Watershed Board — River Clean Up</p>			
8	<p>Updates & Discussion on CWB Projects and Initiatives:</p> <p>a) Review Staff Report. Staff available for Q&A</p> <p>Items arising from Staff Report:</p> <p>b) BBQ/Watershed Tour</p> <p>c) Watershed Security Fund application.</p> <p>d) Draft Annual Report for final edits and adoption.</p>	11:00 - 11:45	Danni / staff team	<p>Information, Q&A,</p> <p>a) Quick overview of key projects.</p> <p>b) Confirm date of BBQ/tour & discuss plan.</p> <p>c) Need letters of support before the June 26 deadline.</p> <p>d) Adopt 2023 Annual Report.</p>
9	Other Business	11:45-11:55		
10	Adjourn. Next CWB meeting - June 24 at CVRD Board Room	12:00	Chair	

Meeting materials will be available at: <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/meetings/>

Correspondence

Announcements/Events

- July 20 - Celebrating Water Festival - Weir All Connected. Sayward Park 10am-2pm, including weir tours.
- [Aug 24 - tentative date] Annual Lower Cowichan River Cleanup
- Sept 22 - Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul - Cowichan River Day.
- Job posting - [Cowichan Estuary Nature Center](#). Executive Director

Media/Reading

Extensive media showcasing "Project 84,000" - a community response to last July's Fish Kill.

- <https://bc.ctvnews.ca/community-mourns-thousands-of-fish-lost-as-b-c-drought-risk-looms-again-1.6878222>
- <https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/community-mourns-lost-fish-as-bc-drought-risk-looms>

- <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2024/05/08/news/vancouver-island-community-mourns-fish-lost-bc-drought>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/drought-risk-fish-die-off-1.7197525>
- <https://www.cowichanvalleycitizen.com/community/coming-up-in-cowichan-boating-safety-event-all-about-algae-take-a-read-on-the-wildside-7355292>
- <https://thediscourse.ca/cowichan-valley/community-project-honours-84000-fish-that-died-in-cowichan-river>
- <https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/xwulgwselu/2024/03/84000/>

New report from the POLIS Wildfire Resilience Project. [Learning to Live with Fire: State of Wildfire in B.C. — Policy, Programs & Priorities](#). May 14, 2024. [POLIS Project on Ecological Governance](#).

Summary Notes - Koksilah River Community Info Night, April 2024