



Draft Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 31st, 2025

Location: Online

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84150106543> Webinar ID: 841 5010 6543

Meeting Chair: Chief Cindy Daniels

Expected Participants: CoChair Kate Segall, Christopher Alphonse, Calvin Swustus Senior, Alison Nicholson, Shannon Waters, David Slade, David Froese, Tim Kulchyski, Kristine Sandhu, Arlette Malcolm, Jenna Sutherst

Advisor: Oliver Brandes

Regrets:

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

Guest Speakers: Oliver Brandes, POLIS Project on Ecological Governance

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

Agenda Items

8:30am Coffee and Conversation on the zoom line. *All participants will be temporarily invited to join the zoom webinar as a “presenter” to enable your mic so you can join the discussion. At 9am, the moderator will change guest settings back to “audience”.*

1. **Welcome (9:00 am)**
2. **Agenda Review / Revisions**
3. **Review February 24th, 2025 Draft Minutes**
4. **Announcements, Correspondence and Reporting Out (see below agenda)**
 - Minister Meeting Debrief - CoChairs
 - Walk the Weir, World Water Day Event - Jill
 - March Speakers Night - Jill
 - BC Association of First Nations Water Forum - Shannon, Calvin, Chris, Danni
 - Other - All Board Members
5. **Hul'q'umi'num' Watershed Lesson (9:15 am)**
 - Councillor Christopher Alphonse to lead us through a lesson.
6. **Impact Plan — Final Input and Approval (9:30 am)**
 - Danni Paydli, ED

7. Vancouver Island Whitewater Paddling Society - Requests for Consideration (10:15 am)

Jenna Sutherst (DFO) to address fish concerns, followed by a roundtable discussion.

Please see the agenda package for correspondence from VIWPS and a briefing note from staff.

8. Whole of Watershed Discussion (10:30 am)

Staff, Heather Pritchard to introduce questions for board consideration.

Roundtable Discussion

Advisor, Oliver Brandes to provide advice and guidance to the Board for next steps.

9. Other Business (11:25 am)

10. Adjourn (11:30 am)

Next CWB meeting - April 28th, 2025 in the CVRD Board Room (

Materials referenced below can be found at: <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/meetings/>

Correspondence

- Community Forest K1K, Khowutzun Forest Services - invitation to review Forestry Plan
- Vancouver Island Whitewater Paddling Society - new information package RE request for wave feature at the weir.
- Guy Johnston - email RE concerns about the impact of abandoned vessels in Cowichan Bay
- Michele Zaharia - email and photographs RE concern about erosion of Stanley Creek in Lake Cowichan

Announcements/Events

- Speakers Series - Always at VIU-Cowichan Campus, Room 140, 7pm, FREE. Details at <https://cowichanwatershedboard.ca/content/cwb-viu-speakers-series/>
- Mon. April 14th - [Bernard Schroeder, Marbled Murrelet researcher.](#)

Further Reading

- [Samuna Marsh Wildlife Society] Parrot's Feather Control 2024 Report. Prepared By: Gina Hoar R.P. Bio, and Phaedra Douglass. Prepared for Municipality of North Cowichan.
- [Cowichan Valley Citizen] Guest column: Navigating the future: collaborative fixes for Koksilah watershed. Alison Nicholson, Mar 1, 2025. https://www.cowichanvalleycitizen.com/opinion/guest-column-navigating-the-future-collaborative-fixes-for-koksilah-watershed-7830602?utm_source=Email_Share&utm_medium=Email_Share&utm_campaign=Email_Share
- [British Columbia Magazine] The Future of Water: From floods to heat waves, clear cuts and rising river bottoms, British Columbia's watersheds are in need of some serious attention. [Andrew Findlay](#), January 13, 2025. <https://www.bcmag.ca/the-future-of-water/>