

COWICHAN STEWARDSHIP ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019: 9am to 12 pm Location: Fish Health building, Freshwater Fisheries Society, 1080 Wharncliffe Rd, Duncan
www.cowichanstewardship.ca

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Time	Agenda Item
9:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and acknowledgement that our meeting is on Unceded Cowichan Tribes territory. Appreciation to Freshwater Fisheries Society for hosting our meetings. Regrets. Attendance list to be circulated.
9:10am CSRT Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording of meeting notes is done by members taking turns. Thank you to Jennifer Hermary for doing March notes. Ken Clements of Sidney Anglers will do April. Looking for a volunteer for May. Update re CSRT website, etc. Edmond Duggan Update re Quw'utsun River Day Celebration, Saturday, September 28, 10-3, Tim and Genevieve
9:20am Round Table	Round-table , Round the Table, check-ins and updates. Please remember if your report out more than three simple points it must be emailed to secretary or co-chairs
10.30	BREAK
10.40	Joy Wade of Fundy Aqua Services, "Cowichan Lake Lamprey"
11:15	Tom Rutherford, Cowichan Watershed Board, "Update from the Board"
11:50	BCCF Jennifer Sibbald, Restoration in the Cowichan River/Estuary Interface"
12	Meeting ALWAYS ends promptly, thank you. Please help with cleanup of room.

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May 16: Richard Lake, Sidney Anglers, more speaker(s) to be announced

June 20: Kenzie Cuthbert, river fishing guide

July 18, Roundtable annual field meeting, 9 -2, Stolz Pool, Cowichan River Provincial Park, picnic barbecue, please be in touch if you have presentation ideas

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9:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome and acknowledgement that our meeting is on Unceded Cowichan Tribes. ● Parking reminder: Please park in the parking spots and along the front of building, we must not block work trucks ● Appreciation to Freshwater Fisheries Society for hosting our meetings. ● Regrets: Edmond Duggan, Rick Bryan - Paddling Community ● Attendance: Parker Jefferson, CSRT Co-Chair, and One Cowichan; MP Alistair MacGregor; Christopher Justice, North Cowichan Councilor; Ken Clements, Sidney Anglers; Maeve Maguire, MLA’s office; Berry Hetschko, SMWS; Eric Marshal, CVNS; Tom Rutherford, CWB; Genevieve Singleton, CSRT; Jennifer Sibbald, BCCF; Klaus Kuhn, CVRD; Hannah Hall, CVNS; Paul Rickard; Joy Wade, Fundy Aqua; Jane Kilthei, CENC; Ken Epps, Mosaic Forest Mgt; Melissa Dymond, Triton Env.; Joe Saysell, Friends of Cowichan; Christine Rikley, BC Parks; Sheila Paul, CERCA; Bernard Juurlink; Bruce Coates, CVNS; Bob Crandall, CLSES
9:10am CSRT Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This was brought forward in Genevieve’s report, but is placed here. ● RT agenda ● Venue thanks ● Regrets ● Minutes next meeting – Hannah Hall, CVNS Bluebird project ● Kenzie Cuthbert – fishing guide, guest speaker in June ● July meeting at Stoltz - pot luck ● Cowichan River Day celebration - Tim and Genevieve - September 28, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm ● Please confirm if you wish booth and can help at the River Celebration.

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Parker Jefferson, CSRT Co-Chair, and One Cowichan:

- Low river, no fry
- Significant loss of salmon eggs

Jennifer Sibbald, BC Conservation Foundation:

- Smolt traps and tagging starting
- Restoration planting finished - 5,000 plants
- Irrigation planned for this year

Klaus Kuhn:

- Low lake water
- Claims gate should have been closed in November
- Possible pumping in June

Hannah Hall, CVNS:

- Blue Bird project - 4 pairs returned. Slower return than usual.
- Fundraiser netted \$4,000
- New trail monitors
- 250 boxes
- Friday, April 26 - Blue Bird blitz

Bob Crandall, CLSES:

- School visits - getting ready for fry release

Paul Rickard:

- Brian Riddell presentation
- BC last place to allow log booms in estuaries
- Westcam Industrial

Ken Epps, Mosaic Forest Management:

- Planting delays - 10 million trees to be planted

C. Justice, NC Councilor:

- Hired full time - Senior Environmental Specialist

Melissa Dymond, Triton Env:

- Has been busy parenting and is returning to the field, looking for new opportunities.

Alistair MacGregor, MP Cowichan/Malahat, Langford:

- Wilkinson fishing announcements
- Bill C68 in Senate
- Habitat restoration

Joe Saysell, Friends of Cowichan:

- Welcome salmon closure
- Trying to get weir project moving
- Upper Cowichan closures
- Knot weed

Maeve Maguire, Sonya Furstenau's assistant, MLA:

- Shawnigan watershed
- Chinook closure

Jane Kilthei, Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre:

- April 22 - 7th anniversary
- PSF funding for estuary
- Upcoming birding event

Christine Rikley, BC Parks:

- New rep for summer
- Stoltz camp ground under boil water notice
- Ongoing clean-up of storm damage
- Illegal harvesting
- Carmanah - major damage from storm
- Province-wide parks - no smoking except in designated camp sites
- Cedar trees dying because of drought

Sheila Paul, CERCA:

- Swallow enhancement project - new boxes
- Art show very successful

Bernard Juurlink, Shawnigan Contaminated Soil:

- New dump in Campbell River

Barry Hetschko, SMWS:

- New viewing tower

Eric Marshall, Swan and Goose count:

- Trumpeter swans decreased over the last 5 years
- Canada geese - 1200 to 1600
- Bald eagles - 150 in January
- Red tailed hawks - 10

Bruce Coates, CVNS/WDWS:

- Fund raising questions
- Casino Hill
- Averyl Creek / spill from farm pond

	<p>Tom Rutherford, CWB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CWB meeting - 5 chiefs from different areas attended ● Water Sustainability Act ● Critical flows ● Koksilah may be studied ● Video - need to secure storage of lake water ● Water license ● Finance ● Group together to address issue ● 6 to 10 year framework <p>Genevieve Singleton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 157 BC Naturalists attending BC Nature conference May 3 to 5 at Ramada Hotel, Duncan, BC ● Knot weed issue, continue to work on a meeting with Cowichan Tribes ● Issues Casino Hill ● Logging and gravel extraction
10.30	BREAK
10.40	<p>Presentations:</p> <p>Joy Wade of Fundy Aqua Services "Cowichan Lake Lamprey"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Found only in Cowichan watershed - nowhere else ● Before government for protection ● Aerial habitat survey - drones, water depth for spawning ● June traps - Robertson, Cottonwood, Meade and Shaw ● 2018 traps cancelled due to low water ● Only 8 fresh water parasitic lamprey, globally
11:15	<p>Tom Rutherford, Cowichan Watershed Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update from the Board ● Water supply ● Environmental values ● Key stream for salmon / chinook ● Need adequate flow both Fall and Spring ● Climate change - ½ less water Cowichan Lake - lake 30% full
11:50	<p>BCCF - Jennifer Sibbald in the Cowichan River / Estuary Interface</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Announced New project ● Lower river and estuary, habitat and restoration ● Work with Cowichan groups for restoration
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