

Water Engagement Initiative Main Table videoconference Meeting 21

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

9:00 am to 1:00 pm



Draft Agenda

- Meeting summary comment review
- Action items
- WEI Element Updates
 - Communication improvements
 - Reservoir Working Group (Southside Working Group) update
 - Flow-related activities, including Technical Working Group (TWG) summary
 - Related initiatives

Draft Agenda (2)

- WEI scenario building
 - Discussion of objective refinement and Performance Measures (PMs)
 - Discussion of scenario development; and
 - Discussion of simple PMs and scenarios
- Review draft WEI process update
- Next meeting dates
- Adjourn

Main Table Meeting summary review

- No suggested revisions received, with one email saying “looks good to me”.
- Final meeting summary is posted on Get Involved Nechako website:
<https://www.getinvolvednechako.ca/wei>

Meeting 20 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** RR will get photos and information about the Vanderhoof trails from Kevin Moutray and will make them available to Main Table participants
- **Update:** Photo and bathymetry information provided by Kevin included as part of the meeting pre-read package

Meeting 20 Action Items

- **ACTION ITEM:** RR to get report on otter predation of newly released sturgeon from Trevor Rhodes and will share with the Main Table participants
- **Update:** Report requested report from Trevor Rhodes

Meeting 20 Action items

- **ACTION ITEM:** RR will prepare a draft summary that will provide an update from the Main Table
- **Update:** Draft update provided as part of meeting pre-read package. Main Table to review and revise the summary today. Rahul to then finalize the text and post the update

WEI Elements

- Communication improvements (Devrie)
- Reservoir Working Group (Southside Working Group) (Rahul)
- Flow-related activities, including TWG summary (Jayson)
- Related initiatives: World Rivers Day

WEI Element Update: Communication improvements

- Devrie: Flow Facts survey

WEI Element Update: Reservoir (Southside Working Group)

- Rahul to provide update. Key actions:
 - Boat tour (Rio Tinto, Southsiders)
 - Navigation coordinator
 - Ootsa Lake Forestry Camp campsites
 - Rio Tinto making their properties fire smart
 - Continuous improvement: proposed reservoir advisory group

WEI Element Update: Flow-related component update

- Jayson to provide Technical Working Group (TWG) summary

WEI Element Update:

Related initiatives

- World Rivers Day, September 26, 2021
- Global focus on rivers
- Is the WEI interested in participating in some way?

A New Phase

- We are heading into a new phase of the WEI process
- Action oriented, building on the information we have compiled
- Building scenarios, conducting trade-off analyses
- Revised flow

Ecofish presentation

A New Phase, additional support

- We will be adding an additional team member
- Michael Harstone will support WEI participants as a decision analyst
- 20 years of experience working in the water sector as a decision analyst, environmental planner, water resources engineer, and facilitator
- Led the development and implementation of regional, provincial, and transboundary water resource management technical and public planning processes

Michael's role

- Supporting the WEI as we develop alternatives, conduct trade-off analyses, and recommend options
- He is an independent resource
- Principal at Compass Resource Management
- Rahul will continue to be the overall facilitator/process coordinator
- Jayson will be the technical coordinator

Review draft WEI process update

- As discussed at our last Main Table meeting, Rahul prepared a draft WEI summary
- Review and revise it today
- Finalize it and post it

Review draft WEI process update (2)

- Introduction: designed to be inclusive process
- 68 distinct interests across three geographic areas (the Nechako Reservoir, Skins-Cheslatta-Murray Lake system, and the Nechako River).
- Listing of main categories of interests
- Focus on developing and recommending a preferred flow alternative
- Link to Get Involved Nechako website

Next meeting dates

- Main Table meeting: Wednesday, July 14, 2021
- August break
- Try for in-person for the September meeting in Vanderhoof if conditions permit?

Meeting per diems and preparation funding

- Funding is available for your time at meetings
- Funding is also available for your meeting preparation time, especially as we move to the next phase
- I will attach the forms when I send the draft meeting summary from this meeting
- Please connect with me if you have any questions

Adjourn