



Nechako Water Engagement Initiative – Provincial Interests

Water Stewardship Interests:

- Environmental Flow Needs, Watershed Health, Sturgeon, Salmonids
- High and Low Flows – Flood/Drought – Planning, Preparedness, Response, Recovery – Flow Management
- FLNR technical review role? Capacity, Competing Priorities, Managing Expectations
- Climate change considerations

Reconciliation Interests:

- Alignment with the provincial commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia
- Fulsome engagement with First Nations in the process;
- Improved communications, relationships, and trust between all parties
- Economic and employment opportunities for First Nations
- Ongoing role for First Nations in water use monitoring and management

Socio-Economic Interests:

- Fulsome engagement of communities and stakeholders in the watershed
- Flood/Drought – Planning, Preparedness, Response, Recovery – Flow Management
- Rural resilience/diversification and water use planning (Agriculture/Range, Settlement, Tourism, Recreation...)
- Climate change considerations
- Improved communications, relationships, and trust between all parties
- Robust, integrated, low carbon footprint electric power grid supporting communities and economic activities

Process Interests:

- Support an effective, proponent led, Water Engagement Initiative
- Align with provincial objectives of inclusiveness, transparency and reconciliation with indigenous peoples
- Manage expectations and scope to within 'Water use Planning'
- Avoid potential duplication or conflict with other provincial initiatives, e.g. Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI), negotiations/agreements with Carrier Sekani First Nations, provincial Land Use Planning
- Work within the legal framework of water licencing and regulation