



BIOGRAPHIES

Rahul Ray, B.Sc., MRM, RPP, MCIP from EDI is the Lead Facilitator for the initiative. Rahul is a Senior Planner with EDI and a Registered Professional Planner in BC. His social science planning and facilitation work is supported by his education and experience in the biological sciences. He has prepared socio-economic studies for major projects across central and northern British Columbia; participated in the North Coast, Morice, and Sea-to-Sky Land and Resource Management Plans (LRMPs), as well as the Haida Gwaii Land Use Plan; and led community

engagement programs and planning processes. He has worked in many of the communities in the Nechako watershed.

Rahul is a strategic planner in profession and personality. He has experience as a project manager, facilitator, technical specialist, field biologist, information analyst, engagement lead, business owner, and operational leader for a team of 25 professionals.

His inclusive project approach and willingness to listen has allowed connections with people across western Canada, and enabled him to build strong, respectful relationships focused on understanding issues and developing solutions.

For the WEI effort, Rahul will focus on understanding community perspectives, helping to develop options, and support meaningful actions. The management alternatives will build on the extensive research and efforts that have been undertaken by many people and groups across the watershed to date, guided by the input and alternatives developed through this WEI effort.



Jason Collier, B.Sc., EP, is an environmental scientist with EDI, whose professional experience has focused largely on multidisciplinary projects. He has worked with proponents; local, provincial, federal, and Indigenous governments; and diverse stakeholders in finding viable solutions to challenging environmental issues.

Jason prides himself on his ability to collaborate with a wide range of individuals and groups, his understanding of differing perspectives, and his creative solution-finding skills. He will play a support role on EDI's independent facilitation team, helping to ensure transparency throughout the engagement process by preparing clear meeting summaries and reports, recording key decisions, and providing additional support where needed.