



Nechako Watershed Roundtable Launch | October 21 & 22, 2015 | University of Northern BC,
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1.0 Background on the Nechako Watershed Roundtable

British Columbians recognize water as one of our most precious natural resources¹ and healthy watersheds are critical to our long-term social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. Yet, the Nechako Watershed – a magnificent river system in north-central BC – is facing significant challenges including impacts of the mountain pine beetle epidemic and salvage logging, climate change, and diversion of water out of the watershed to name a few. Effective stewardship of the Nechako Watershed today is critical to future generations.

In light of these challenges, there is a need to enhance awareness and collaboration to help ensure the long-term environmental health of the Nechako watershed while addressing today's needs for responsible resource development and resilient communities.

Although several organizations have been, and to continue to work to improve the health of the Nechako River, various activities could be better coordinated, limited resources could be pooled more effectively, and increased opportunities are needed for decision makers and the public to become more aware and engaged in the health of the watershed.

In 2012, a group of people undertaking various projects in the watershed came together to explore the potential to better coordinate their activities. They continued to meet informally eventually establishing themselves as the Nechako Watershed Alliance. The intent of this informal group was to share information and knowledge, explore common interests and brainstorm on actions needed to advance watershed health.

In the spring of 2015, the Nechako Watershed Alliance decided to adopt a roundtable governance structure that included representatives of government (provincial, local and First Nations), community groups, academic and research communities and the general public. This would become the more formal Nechako Watershed Roundtable set to formally launch in October 2015.

¹ McAllister Opinion Research. (2014). 'Freshwater Insights BC 2013: A Survey of British Columbian Attitudes on Fresh Water.' <http://www.refbc.com/sites/default/files/V1.02-PUBLIC-RELEASE-BC-WATER-POLL-2013-Final-Topline-Findings.pdf>

Guided by a core leadership committee, the Nechako Watershed Roundtable intends to develop and implement a watershed strategy and to undertake and advise on water stewardship activities in the Nechako River Basin.

Representatives of the following organizations contributed to establishing the Roundtable:

- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council
- Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- City of Prince George
- District of Vanderhoof
- Fraser Basin Council
- Fraser-Fort George Regional District
- Integrated Watershed Research Group, University of Northern BC
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society
- Northern Health
- Saik'uz First Nation

2.0 Overview

The Nechako Watershed Roundtable hosted their official launch events on October 21st and 22nd, 2015 at the University of Northern BC in Prince George. An evening open house and reception took place on October 21st at the UNBC Atrium and aimed to raise awareness about the Nechako Watershed Roundtable, inspire action to improve watershed health and provide a forum for networking. Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant-Governor of BC was among the introductory speakers to provide attendees some thoughts related to the importance of watershed sustainability. About 60 participants attended the evening open house.

The inaugural business meeting of the Roundtable took place on October 22nd at the UNBC Bentley Centre. The meeting aimed to formally launch the Roundtable, to engage the community and broaden participation with interested groups and individuals and to explore priorities and opportunities to work together to improve the health of the Nechako watershed. About 50 participants attended the business meeting.

The discussions and participants' comments during the Roundtable Business Meeting provided useful feedback for the Terms of

Reference and re-affirmed the Roundtable's general approach to date.

This report focuses on the key highlights of the Nechako Watershed Roundtable Business Meeting. It summarizes the key issues and proposed actions for further consideration by the Roundtable.

3.0 Business Meeting Highlights

The business agenda provided an overview of the Roundtable's vision and mission, the Nechako Watershed Health Indicators Report, the NWR and Core Committee Terms of Reference and the proposed Nechako Watershed Strategy. (See Appendix B).

Vision, Mission and Principles of the Nechako Watershed Roundtable

As stated in the Terms of Reference, the vision, mission and principles of the NWR are as follows:

Vision:

For the Nechako watershed to be healthy for generations to come.

Mission:

To protect and improve the health of the Nechako watershed and its communities.

Guiding Principles:

- a) Mutual Dependence – Land, water, air and all living organisms including humans are integral parts of the ecosystem. Biodiversity must be conserved.
- b) Accountability – Each of us is responsible for the social, economic and environmental consequences of our decisions and accountable for our actions.
- c) Equity – All communities and regions must have equal opportunities to provide for the social, economic and environmental needs of residents.
- d) Integration – Consideration of social, economic and environmental costs and benefits must be an integral part of all decision-making.
- e) Adaptive Approaches – Plans and activities must be adaptable and able to respond to external pressures and changing social values.
- f) Coordinated and Cooperative Efforts – Coordinated and cooperative efforts are needed among all government and non- government interests.

- g) Open and Informed Decision-Making – Open decision-making depends on the best available information.
- h) Exercising Caution – Caution must be exercised when shaping decisions to avoid making irreversible mistakes.
- i) Managing Uncertainty – A lack of certainty should not prevent decisive actions for sustainability.
- j) Recognition – There must be recognition of existing rights, agreements and obligations in all decision-making.
- k) Aboriginal Rights and Title – We recognize that Aboriginal nations within the Nechako Basin assert Aboriginal rights and title. These rights and title, now being defined, must be acknowledged and reconciled in a just and fair manner.
- l) Transition Takes Time – Sustainability is a journey that requires constant feedback, learning and adjustment. In the short- term, the elements of sustainability may not always be in balance.

No major points of discussion were raised by participants and the vision, mission and guiding principles were agreed to in principle. Some refinements were suggested for further consideration by the Core Committee. In particular, the principle regarding “Recognition” should not be seen as limiting opportunities for change and for improving decision-making.

State of the Nechako River Watershed

Steve Litke provided an overview of the Nechako Watershed Health Report and Online Atlas which was prepared by the Fraser Basin Council in March 2015² in partnership with members of the Nechako Watershed Alliance and other regional partners. The report and online atlas were created in order to inform actions and decision that could improve the health of the watershed. Best available data was collected and analyzed relating to five themes:

1. Water Quantity and Quality
2. Fish and Wildlife
3. Ecosystems
4. Resource Development and Use
5. Resource Conservation and Stewardship

Some key findings and major concerns highlighted in the report included:

² The Nechako Watershed Health Report can be found online at http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/Library/Water_BCWF/Nechako-Mar31-2015_FINAL.pdf. Data and findings from this report are also available on an online watershed atlas at <http://cmnmaps.ca/Nechako/>.

- Water flows in the Nechako River, diversion of water from the Nechako Reservoir, and flooding and erosion related to reservoir operations.
- Warm freshwater temperatures impacting salmon migration and survival in the summer due to water diversion.
- Loss of forest cover from mountain pine beetle, salvage logging and forest fires resulting impacts on water quality, riparian areas and biodiversity.
- Endangered species such as white sturgeon and mountain caribou.
- Healthy, resilient communities.

Decision-Making by the Nechako Watershed Roundtable

All decisions made by the Roundtable will be by consensus. Should consensus not be reached, the matter will be brought to the Core Committee for future deliberation and revisited by the Roundtable at a later date.

The Roundtable sets the strategic direction on activities it wishes to pursue with the Core Committee serving as the body to advance this direction. The Core Committee membership will be comprised of 10-12 members representing the following sectors:

Category	Members
Local/Regional Government (municipalities)	3
First Nations Government	3
Not for Profits/NGOs/Civil Society (FBC and UNBC temporary)	4
Total Members	10-12 members

During the Roundtable’s launch period, a Founding Core Committee will be established for a one-year term. After this initial year, the appointment terms for the Core Committee representatives will be 1 to 2 years.

Proposed candidates for the Founding (interim) Core Committee were announced at the Business Meeting, including:

Name	Affiliation	Core Committee Category
Lara Beckett	Electoral Area C (Chilako River-	Local Government

	Nechako) Director, Fraser-Fort George Regional District	
Tom Greenaway	Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) Director, Bulkley- Nechako Regional District	Local Government
Brian Frenkel	President, North Central Local Government Association	Local Government
Christina Ciesielski	Fisheries Program Manager, Carrier- Sekani Tribal Council	First Nations Government
Mike Robertson	Senior Policy Advisor, Cheslatta Carrier Nation	First Nations Government
Chief Fred Sam	Chief of Nak'azdli First Nation	First Nations Government
Margot Parkes	Integrated Water Research Group, University of Northern BC	Not for Profits/NGOs/Civil Society
Steve Litke	Senior Manager, Watersheds and Water Resources Program, Fraser Basin Council	Not for Profits/NGOs/Civil Society
Wayne Salewski	Director, Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society (NEWSS)	Not for Profits/NGOs/Civil Society

Participants at the business meeting also provided the following suggestions for additional members of the Core Committee:

- *Member at Large*
 - The Member at Large would not represent a specific organization or sector
- *Youth Member*
 - This would include high school and university youth
 - A Youth Committee could also be established with the Chair as the Youth Member
- *Core Committee Elder*

- The Elder representative would provide guidance and wisdom to the Core Committee
- The representative could be First Nations or non-First Nations

Individuals and representatives from all sectors including industry are invited to participate and sit on the Roundtable provided that they agree and adhere to the Terms of Reference.

Towards a Strategy for the Nechako River Watershed

An early priority of the NWR is to seek input towards the development of a comprehensive strategy for the long-term health of the Nechako watershed, including priorities for early, medium and long-term action. This will engage the communities within the watershed including Prince George, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake and Burns Lake as well as First Nations communities. Representatives of non-government organizations and the private sector will also be engaged in order to garner input from a diversity of perspectives and build a sense of shared ownership for watershed health and a shared commitment to implement the strategy.

4.0 Issues and Priorities for the Nechako Watershed Roundtable (Breakout Session)

For this section of the business meeting, participants were divided into four groups and had the opportunity to provide feedback on the following questions:

1. What are some priority issues that the NWR could focus on?
2. What actions could help advance these priorities?
3. Where do you see yourself/your organization advancing these priorities?

Priority Issues

Water Allocation and Environmental Flows

Participants noted the challenges related to water allocation and environmental flows in the Nechako watershed. Concerns focused on future access to water given the impacts of a changing climate and the many competing uses of water such as agriculture, domestic drinking water, hydroelectric power generation and water necessary for fish and wildlife. The importance of the volume and timing of flows in the Nechako River was cited as an important factor in the maintenance of water temperatures, survival of species in the watershed and overall watershed health. This related to low flows in the watershed but also flooding and its impacts on communities were highlighted. Participants also noted the lack of technical interventions and planning tools to deal with these issues such as a cold water release facility to help establish more natural flows in the river or a water use plan to better coordinate the competing uses of water.

Forestry

Forestry related issues were raised including the impacts on water quantity, flow and temperatures due to the mountain pine beetle and salvage logging, biodiversity and habitat loss, declines in forest supply and impacts of sediment on fish spawning grounds. Participants also noted the impacts of forestry on view corridors and the tourism industry.

Fish

The health of Nechako White Sturgeon and salmon were of concern to participants. Low water levels, high temperatures, sedimentation, impacts to fish habitat, stream connectivity, barriers to fish passage and impacts of a changing climate were noted as major issues for these species. Other impacts included off road vehicles crossing through riparian corridors and run-off from agricultural lands. Participants stressed the need for more integrated planning and management as well as accountability mechanisms to address these challenges.

Current water management approaches

Participants stressed that many of the biophysical challenges related to the Nechako watershed are the result of the lack of integrated planning that takes into account upstream and downstream impacts of activities as well as the cumulative impacts of past and present development. Rapid resource development continues to occur without adequate planning practice and/or consultation. This demonstrated the need for some kind of integrated planning process such as a Water Use Plan or Water Sustainability Plan and a change in current management approaches that focus on water as an industrial asset rather than a public good.

Data Gaps

Many gaps in data and studies related to the health of the Nechako were identified by participants. These included:

- Integrated assessment of biophysical values (e.g. flow, sediment, etc.)
- Hydrological studies, flow balance and water availability
- Land coverage change studies
- Baseline groundwater data and observation of groundwater wells
- Mapping of private wells in the watershed
- GIS maps

In addition to these data gaps, challenges with data fragmentation demonstrate the need for a centralized hub of data and information for organizations and the general public.

Climate Change

There are many gaps in knowledge of the impacts of a changing climate in the Nechako watershed. Participants discussed the need for climate adaptation strategies to better prepare and educate communities.

Public Engagement and Education

Participants noted that more awareness of the importance of the Nechako watershed and issues impacting its health is needed among the general public. This could be driven through their engagement and increased involvement in restoration projects and through targeted media coverage. Youth engagement was also identified as a priority issue for the Roundtable.

Communication between different interests

Given the diversity of stakeholders involved in the use, management and stewardship of the Nechako watershed, there is a need for an entity to facilitate communication between them, foster collaboration and mediate conflict.

Other Issues

Other issues mentioned were:

- Aboriginal rights and title
- The health and well-being of communities
- Air quality in Prince George

NWR Actions to advance priorities

Engagement of and communication between different watershed interests

Participants saw the Nechako Watershed Roundtable playing a key facilitation and mediation role by setting a safe table for all of the key interests in the Nechako watershed. Key interests to engage include federal, provincial, local and First Nations governments, industry, academia, NGOs and civil society. The impartial role of the NWR could also help manage any conflicts between the different interests. Participants noted that the Roundtable would enable organizations to do their work individually but also provide a forum that brings different interests together to share information, best practices, stories of success and activities to foster partnerships. Participants also agreed that the Roundtable could be influential

through communication and dissemination of its research and recommendations for actions bettering watershed health. These recommendations could be communicated to groups on the ground but also decision-makers and key government representatives such as Members of the Legislative Assembly, regional directors, provincial Ministers, First Nations Chiefs and Councils, etc. It was suggested that informing these representatives that the Nechako Watershed Roundtable has launched should be an early priority action.

Data Gaps and Studies

A gap analysis of data and information related to the Nechako watershed was identified as a key action for the Roundtable. Some examples and suggestions for data and studies included:

- Sediment and impact on fish and water levels
- Climate adaptation and mitigation strategies
- Watershed health assessment reports
- Groundwater mapping
- Environmental flow and thresholds: how much water does the river need?
- Homes in flood plain: why were they there?
- Implications of dredging Tahtsa Narrows
- Stream connectivity map

Participants saw the NWR as a clearing house for data and information and a place where this information could be centralized and accessible. This would require coordination among data collectors and managers and a mechanism to transfer data. UNBC is currently creating a Water Portal that could serve as this centralized information hub.

Collaboration with UNBC faculty and students was also seen a key action to address data gaps. Faculty could suggest thesis and project topics to students that would directly address data and information needs identified by the Nechako Watershed Roundtable. This information would then create the baseline for further assessments of watershed health and the formulation of recommendations.

Watershed Planning Tools

To help better inform decision-making related to the Nechako watershed, participants discussed the role of the NWR in creating watershed planning tools. These included examples such as target

objectives and guidelines, watershed assessments, a watershed strategy and a water use or water sustainability plan.

Public Engagement and Education

Keeping the momentum and excitement about the Nechako Watershed Roundtable was discussed as an important next step for the NWR. Several recommendations on how to best engage the public were put forward. Public open houses / community information sessions were suggested as an important forum to disseminate information and work well in communities like Vanderhoof. To engage youth, integration of stewardship activities within school curricula is already underway in some communities. Continued partnerships with the school districts across the watershed would help this work continue and roll out in other communities. Social media, online webinars and other online mechanisms were suggested as ways to engage the public and keep them informed. Getting people out into their streams was also noted as an important way to build connections to the watershed.

Environmental Flows

To address the issue of environmental flows, participants suggested several actions. The costs and benefits of the status quo should be analyzed as well as the costs and benefits of alternative future scenarios. These would assess the costs/benefits of inaction, current damage to the environment, the impact of flooding and of dredging the Tahtsa Narrows. Further exploration of the proposed regulations of the Water Sustainability Act may also have implications for environmental flows in the Nechako watershed. It was also suggested that a process should begin to reopen the 1997 and 1998 agreements that relate to flow.

Funding

Funding was noted as a major challenge to undertaking any watershed related work. The NWR could be a source where people could get information on where to secure funding to do various projects and initiatives aimed at advancing watershed health.

Commitments to advancing priorities

Commitment	Name	Organization/Affiliation
Partner with Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium (CIRC) to plan symposium in 2015	Margot Parkes	Integrated Water Research Group, UNBC
Serve on Core Committee (communication, engagement, travel for presentations, archive of data for portal) and engage with BC and Rio Tinto Alcan	Mike Robertson	Cheslatta Carrier Nation
Local government level action – lobbying	Art Kaehn	Fraser-Fort George Regional District
Getting people/communities involved through the NCLGA network, First Nation involvement, lobbying	Brian Frenkel	North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)
Education, community engagement, involvement, etc. Canadian water network student involvement, youth activities	Ken Young	School District 91
Bringing in aboriginal youth, sturgeon awareness	Christina Ciesielski	Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council
Participation, education (how	Lianne Olson	Rio Tinto Alcan

operations work) ideas to mitigate. RTA wants involvement and needs an invitation to the table.		
Serve on the Technical Advisory Committee. Data and information sharing and management.	Omineca region FLNRO team	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO)
Look at revisiting the planning process for projects	Chris Buse	Cumulative Impact Research Consortium (CIRC)
Look into funding and present findings to the Roundtable	Nadine Frenkel	Constituency Assistant to MLA John Rustad
Any projects that need technical analysis, UNBC can provide those services.	Hossein Kazemian	UNBC

Conclusion and Next Steps

The inaugural Nechako Watershed Roundtable Business Meeting was successful in engaging a broad range of participants and eliciting feedback on the Roundtable’s Terms of Reference and future priorities and actions. Many helpful questions, comments and suggestions were brought forward by presenters and participants creating a rich foundation of information and insights to begin the Roundtable’s work. Core Committee appointments were also brought forward filling all vacancies. These events mark an exciting step forward for the NWR!

The key next steps are to confirm appointments to the Core Committee, convene the first Core Committee meeting, finalize the Terms of Reference and continue the process to develop a strategy for a healthy Nechako watershed. This will involve a Technical Advisory Committee as well as a series of community meetings throughout the region.

Appendix A: Public Open House Agenda

NECHAKO WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE LAUNCH PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Public Open House
Wednesday, October 21st, 2015
6:00pm – 9:00pm with registration at 5:30pm
UNBC Atrium, Administration Building - University of Northern BC Campus

Objectives:

- To raise awareness about the Nechako Watershed Roundtable.
- To inspire action to improve the health of the Nechako River watershed and its communities
- To facilitate opportunities for networking with the Nechako Watershed Roundtable members.

AGENDA

- 5:30 pm On-Site Registration, Refreshments and Networking**
- 6:00 pm Welcome Remarks**
- A. Terry Robert, Fraser Basin Council and Margot Parkes, University of Northern BC (Event Emcees)
 - B. First Nations Welcome - Chief Terry Teegee, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and Edie Frederick, Lheidli T'enneh
 - C. Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia
 - D. Khast'an Drummers performance
 - E. President Daniel Weeks, University of Northern BC
 - F. Lara Beckett, Fraser Fort-George Regional District
 - G. Bill Miller, Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
- 6:45 pm Who are we? The Story of the Nechako Watershed Roundtable**
- A. The Nechako Watershed Council and history of collaborative work in the Nechako watershed
 - Joan Chess, Fraser Basin Council
 - B. Collaboration in Action: The Nechako Watershed Alliance to the Nechako Watershed Roundtable
 - Theresa Fresco, Fraser Basin Council
 - C. Presentation for the NWR Story
 - Christina Ciesielski, Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council
 - Barry Booth, University of Northern BC
 - Cory Williamson, Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative
 - Kevin Moutray, District of Vanderhoof
 - Chelton van Geloven, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

7:30 pm Where do we go from here? Opportunities in the Nechako watershed

- A. First Nations and watershed governance in the Cowichan
 - Tim Kulchyski, Cowichan Watershed Board
- B. Restoration in the Nechako Watershed: NEWSS' work and the NWR
 - Wayne Salewski, Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society (NEWSS)
- C. Research and Community Connections
 - Ellen Petticrew, Integrated Water Research Group, University of Northern BC
- D. Next Steps for the Nechako Watershed Roundtable
 - Steve Litke, Fraser Basin Council

8:05pm – 9pm Networking and Refreshments

Appendix B: Nechako Watershed Roundtable Business Meeting Agenda

NECHAKO WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE LAUNCH BUSINESS MEETING

Nechako Watershed Roundtable Meeting
Thursday, October 22nd, 2015
9:00am-4:00pm with registration at 8:30am
Bentley Centre - University of Northern BC Campus

Objectives:

- To formally launch the Nechako Watershed Roundtable
- To engage the community and broaden participation on the Nechako Watershed Roundtable with interested groups and individuals.
- To explore priorities and opportunities to work together to improve the health of the Nechako River watershed.

AGENDA

- 8:30 am On-Site Registration, Refreshments and Networking**
- 9:00 am Welcome Remarks**
- A. Steve Litke, Fraser Basin Council (Event Emcee)
 - B. First Nations Welcome
 - C. Mayor Lyn Hall, City of Prince George
 - D. Stephen Dery, Integrated Water Research Group, University of Northern BC
 - E. Brian Frenkel, North Central Local Government Association
- 9:30 am Who's in the Room and Why are we Here?**
- 10:15am Business Agenda**
- A. Vision, Mission and Principles of the Nechako Watershed Roundtable
 - Q & A with meeting participants
 - B. State of the Nechako River Watershed
 - C. Decision-Making by the Nechako Watershed Roundtable
 - Highlights from Terms of Reference
 - Introduction of transitional Core Committee members
 - Discussion about inclusion and observer status of the industry representatives
 - Amendments and adoption of the Terms of Reference
 - D. Towards a Strategy for the Nechako River Watershed
- 12:15pm Lunch and Networking**
- 1:00pm Issues and Priorities for the Nechako Watershed Roundtable: Breakout Session**
- What are some priorities that the NWR could focus on?
 - How could they advance on these priorities?

3:00pm **Facilitators back in plenary**
• Next Steps for the NWR

4:00pm **Adjourn**

Appendix C: Participant List (October 22nd)

Name	Organization / Affiliation
Art Kaehn	Fraser-Fort George Regional District
Barry Booth	Integrated Water Research Group, UNBC
Brian Frenkel	North Central Local Government Association
Chelton van Geloven	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Chief Fred Sam	Nak'azdli First Nation
Chief Terry Teegee	Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council
Chris Buse	Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium, UNBC
Cory Williamson	Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative / Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC
David Loewen	Northern Health – Aboriginal Health
Dennis Wood	Nechako Retreat
Diana Tescon	Fraser Basin Council
Edie Frederick	Lhedli T'enneh First Nation
Ethan McLean	UNBC
Gina Layte Liston	City of Prince George
Henry Klassen	Former Chair of the Nechako Watershed Council
Ian Picketts	UNBC
Jeremy Greenfield	BC Timber Sales TPG
Jianbing Li	UNBC
John DeGagne	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Jon Erickson	Canfor
Jun Yin	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
June Wood	Nechako Retreat
Kariann Aarup	Rio Tinto Alcan
Kate Hewitt	UNBC
Keith Prakke	Vanderhoof resident

Ken Young	School District 91
Lianne Olson	Rio Tinto Alcan
Lori Borth	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Margot Parkes	Integrated Water Research Group, UNBC
Mayor Lyn Hall	City of Prince George
Mike Robertson	Cheslatta Carrier Nation
Nadine Frenkel	Constituency Assistant to John Rustad
Natasha Cvenkel	UNBC
Natasha Overduin	POLIS Project on Ecological Governance
Norm Billodeau	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phil Owens	Integrated Water Research Group, UNBC
Sandra Allison	Northern Health
Sarah Bale	UNBC
Sharon Bennett	
Sharon Hurd	Chilako River Group
Sharon Tower	Omineca Beetle Action Committee
Stephen Dery	Integrated Water Research Group, UNBC
Steve Korpi	Fraser Basin Council Committee Member
Steve Litke	Fraser Basin Council
Terry Robert	Fraser Basin Council
Theresa Fresco	Fraser Basin Council
Todd Doherty	MP for Cariboo-Prince George
Tom Greenaway	Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
Wayne Salewski	Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society (NEWSS)