

Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

Technical advisory committee to the OBWB



October 2017

Council Members

(Term 7: November 2016 – April 2018)

Appointed representatives / alternates

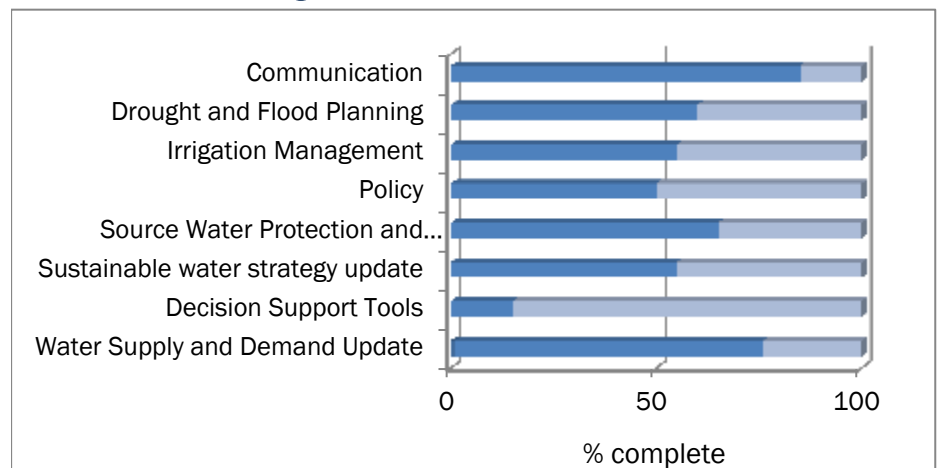
• AAFC, Research Branch Denise Neilsen / Tom Forge
• APEGBC Don Dobson / Susan Lapp / Shawn Badasha
• BC Agriculture Council Hans Buchler / Christine Dendee
• BC Cattlemen's Association Lee Hesketh / Linda Allison
• BC Fruit Growers Association Glen Lucas / Kevin Day / Richard McDonald
• BC Ground Water Association Marta Green / Remi Allard
• BC Ministry of Agriculture Andrew Petersen / Stephanie Tam
• BC Water Supply Association Bob Hrasko / Patti Meger
• BC Wildlife Federation – Region 8 Doug Flintoft / Lorne Davies
• Canadian Water Resources Association Brian Guy/ Rod MacLean/ Dwayne Meredith
• City of Kelowna Joel Shaw
• City of Vernon Ed Stranks / Rob Miles
• Fisheries and Oceans Canada Doug Edwards
• Interior Health Rob Birtles / Judi Ekkert
• Kelowna Chamber of Commerce Tom Dyas / Jeff Robinson
• IIABC Ted van der Gulik / Bruce Naka
• Ministry of FLNRO: Fish/Wildlife Lora Nield
• Ministry of FLNRO: Resource Mgmt Robert Warner / Ray Crampton
• Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Scott Boswell / Tanis Gieselman
• Okanagan College Allison MacMillan / Rob St Onge
• Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board David O'Keefe / Howard Neufeld
• RD of Central Okanagan Danika Dudzik
• RD of North Okanagan Renee Clark / Jennifer Miles
• RD of Okanagan –Similkameen Zoe Kirk / Evelyn Riechert
• Shuswap Okanagan Forestry Association Murray Wilson / Michael Bragg
• UBC Okanagan Bernard Bauer / Carolina Restrepo-Tamayo
• Okanagan Nation Alliance (observers) Zoe Eyjolfson /Elinor McGrath /Natasha Lukey
• ECCC Canada– Pacific&Yukon (observers) Kendall Woo / Ian Rogalski

Council Meeting Highlights*

- Nomination committee proposal approved by the Council in September to support up to three 'unaligned' former council members and the continuation of a standing membership committee was approved by the Board.
- Invasive mussel prevention program continues to be a priority in the Okanagan.
- Member organizations were encouraged to take advantage of funding offered by UBCM to support flood mapping and planning (deadline Oct. 27th, 2017).
- **Dr. Michael Russello, UBCO** presented the summary of studies examining the challenges and opportunities of genetics-based fisheries management. This research has a number of implications for conservation and hatchery management practices including maintaining genetic diversity in line with natural selection mechanisms and supporting natural reproduction processes.
- A report on water management issues in 2017 was presented by **Shaun Reimer** and **Brian Symonds, FLNRO**. The presentation highlighted numerous challenges faced by water managers this past spring/summer and some of the implications for future policy development, resource monitoring and planning.
- Detailed reports as well as member presentations will take place during next Council meeting in November 2017.
- Livestock watering regulations to be signed and released shortly.
- BCWF conservation app for android is available to download.
- Blue Ecology Workshop interweaving western and indigenous thought on water takes place in Richmond on Nov 28
- Wetland Workshop for local governments will be held November 20, 2017.
- The symposium by American Fisheries Society Washington – BC Chapter will be held in Kelowna in early 2018.

* Council meeting minutes are posted at: www.obwb.ca/wsc

Active council working committees



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