



Pre-Engagement Meeting: FNLC Water Rights Strategy Update

April 27, 2022
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Online Via Zoom
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Purpose:

- To provide updates on the state of water for First Nations in BC and to set a preliminary framework that will inform the First Nations Water Rights Strategy amendments.
- To identify the key water-related issues that First Nations are facing in their communities and identify First Nations' key concerns at the local, regional, provincial and/or national level.
- To gain feedback from First Nations on the 2013 First Nations Water Rights Strategy in terms of what is still relevant and what priorities and key themes need to be adapted or amended.

AGENDA

Time	Description
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer - Sheryl Rivers, Squamish Nation • Housekeeping – Agenda Review (Castlemain) • Opening Comments – FNLC Political Executive, Robert Philips, Northern Secwepemc te Qelmucw (Shuswap) of the Canim Lake First Nation • Water Ceremony (Sophia Iliopoulos)
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Context Setting – Sophia Iliopoulos (BC Assembly of First Nations) State of Water for First Nations in BC Presentation
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Breakout Rooms Priorities and Issues at the Community Level Questions <i>1. What are key water-related priorities, issues and/or concerns in your community?</i> <i>3. How can the FNLC support your communities' priorities and concerns?</i> <i>3. What does UNDRIP implementation look like in relation to water? What does co-development look like?</i>
10:45-11 AM	Break
11 AM – 11:30 AM	Technical Briefing – Hugh Braker, Tseshaht First Nation (First Nations Fisheries Council President) First Nations Fisheries Council Update: First Nations Water Caucus
11:30-11:45 AM	Audience Q&A
11:45-12:45 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM - 1:15 PM	Technical Briefing – Guillaume Vadeboncoeur (Deloitte) Drinking Water Class Action Lawsuit Update

1:15-1:30 PM	Audience Q&A
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Context Setting – Josh Kioke (Union of BC Indian Chiefs) Review of 2013 Water Rights Strategy and Next Steps
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	<p>Roundtable Dialogue Feedback and Recommendations</p> <p><i>Roundtable Questions</i></p> <p><i>1. How relevant are the themes from the 2013 Strategy? What are we missing?</i></p> <p><i>2. What resources and tools would support your community with asserting and implementing your inherent rights to water?</i></p>
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	<p>Closing Prayer/ Wrap Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Comments - FNLC Executive Kukpi7 Judy Wilson, Neskonlith Indian Band • Closing Prayer - Sheryl Rivers, Squamish First Nation