



Roots of Resilience: Forests and Water for a Sustainable Future



NECHAKO
WATERSHED
ROUNDTABLE

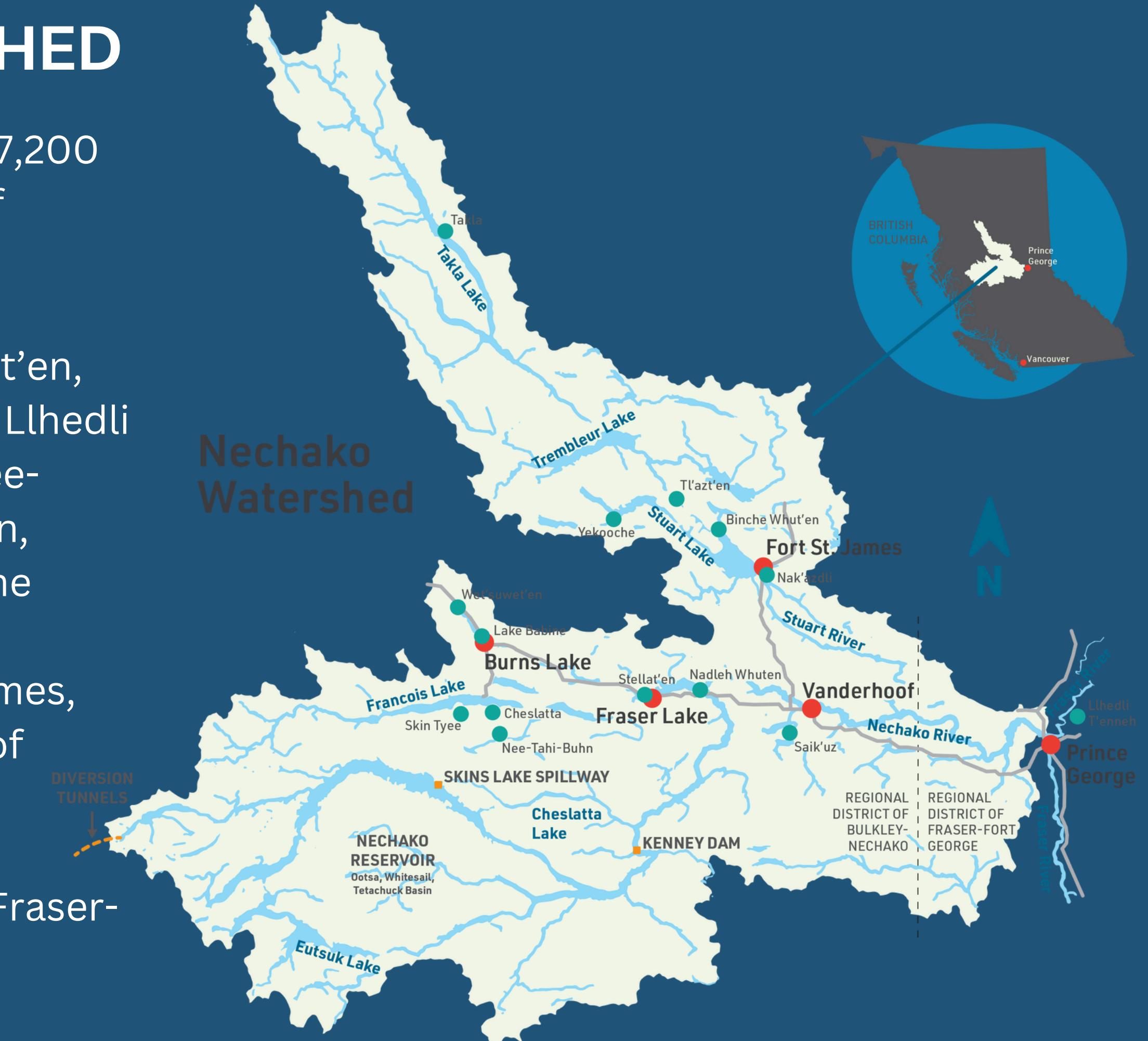
THE NECHAKO WATERSHED

The Nechako Watershed is a roughly 47,200 km², which is over 1.5 times the area of Vancouver Island (31,285 km²).

Indigenous Communities: Binche Whut'en, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Lake Babine, Llhedli T'enneh, Nadleh Whuten, Nak'azdli, Nee-Tahi-Buhn, Saik'uz, Skin Tyee, Stellat'en, Takla, Tl'azr'en, Wet'suwet'en, Yekooche

Municipalities: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Prince George, Vanderhoof

Regional Districts: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George



AGENDA

9:00am NWR UPDATES

- Introduction & Lands Acknowledgement
- NWR Update
- Lakes Monitoring Update
- Youth Engagement Update
- IWRG/'Nechako Portal Update

9:45am FORESTS & WATER FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

- NWR Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience (CCAAR)
- CCAAR Recommendations on Economic & Industrial Impacts
- Community Forest Expansions
- Provincial Forest Landscape Planning
- Breakout Groups & Plenary Discussion

11:05am Break

11:15am

- Regional Support for Resilient Agriculture
- Advancing Sustainable Communities Through Indigenous-Led Forest Initiatives
- BC First Nations Climate Strategy & Action Plan
- What We Heard - Meeting Recap
- Closing Remarks
- 12:30pm Adjourned

Core Committee Members

NWR Chair:

- **Gina Layte Liston**, Member-at-Large

Core Committee Members:

- **Dominic Fredrick**, First Nations Member
- **Eduardo Martins**, University of Northern British Columbia
- **Jonathan Doyon**, Youth Representative
- **Kim Menounos**, Fraser Basin Council
- **Lara Beckett**, Regional District of Fort George
- **Ray Klingspohn**, Nulki-Tachick Lakes Stewardship Society
- **Shirley Moon**, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- **Tannis Reynolds**, First Nations Member
- **Martin Elphee**, District of Fort St. James

Core Committee Cont.

- **Mike Robertson**, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- **Wayne Salewski**, Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society

Coordinators:

- **Tasha Peterson**, Lead, Fraser Basin Council
- **Scott Brown**, Youth Engagement, Fraser Basin Council

Core Committee Working Group Leads:

- **Youth Engagement**, Johnathan Doyon
- **Lakes Monitoring**, Wayne Salewski
- **Nechako Portal**, Stephen Dery
- **Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience**, Kim Menounos

WELCOME TO NEW CORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dominic Fredrick
First Nations Member



Tannis Reynolds
First Nations Member



Dr. Eduardo Martins,
UNBC
(filling in for Dr. Stephen Dery)



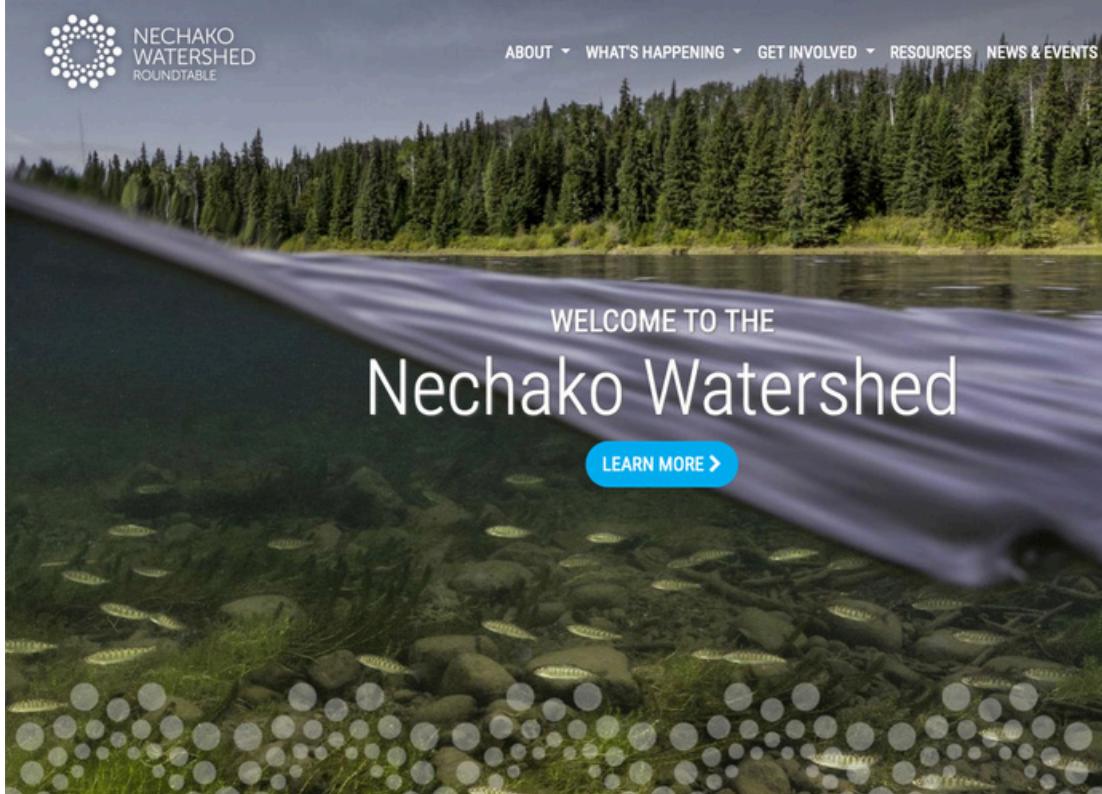
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- Canada Water Agency/ Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- District of Vanderhoof
- Drax Foundation
- Four Rivers Co-op
- Integris Credit Union
- Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
- Living Lakes Canada
- Ministry of Forests
- Nechako Environment & Water Stewardship Society
- Nak'azdli Whut'en
- Real Estate Foundation of BC
- Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- Regional District of Fraser Fort George
- Saik'uz First Nation
- School District 91
- School District 97
- Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative
- Nechako Valley Search and Rescue
- Northwest Invasive Plant Council
- Nulki-Tachik Stewardship Society
- Takla Nation
- TD Bank
- University of Northern British Columbia
- Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance

We are only as strong as we are united

NWR Celebrating 10 Years!

- Annual and Spring Technical Meetings & Events
- BC Rivers Day Event
- Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Workshop
- Large Lakes Monitoring Strategy
- Local and Provincial Advocacy
- Nechako Watershed Portal
- Partnership Development
- Stories of the Nechako Video Series
- Strategic Facilitation
- Strategic Plan Development 2022 - 2026
- Watershed Project Funding & Support
- Youth Engagement Activities
- Youth River Trips



NWR Launch October 2015 at UNBC

NECHAKO WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE | STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2026

2025 Spring Technical Meeting

- "Action in the Nechako: Progress and Potential Across the Watershed"
- Partnership with Nak'azdli Whut'en in Fort St. James
- 50 participants
- Nak'azdli Hatchery and Stuart Lake tours



Lakes Monitoring Working Group

- Monthly Lakes Monitoring Working Group meetings
- Large Lakes Monitoring Strategy (LLMS) phased implementation as funding realized
- Monitoring strategy & equipment partnership with Takla Nation & Nakaz'dli Whut'en
- Lakes monitoring training opportunity and programming coming to the watershed in 2026/27 in partnership with Living Lakes Canada
- Watershed wide paleolimnology partnership in progress



LMWG Paleolimnology Project & Partnership[

Dan Selbie, DFO



Youth Engagement Committee

Siobhan Klassen, YEC Member

- Youth Outreach (Spring 2025)
- Youth Engagement Committee (Summer 2025)
- BC Rivers Day event (Sept 28th)
- Next Steps (Winter/Spring 2026)



Integrated Watershed Research Group & 'Nechako Portal'

Stephen Dery, IWRG/UNBC



Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience

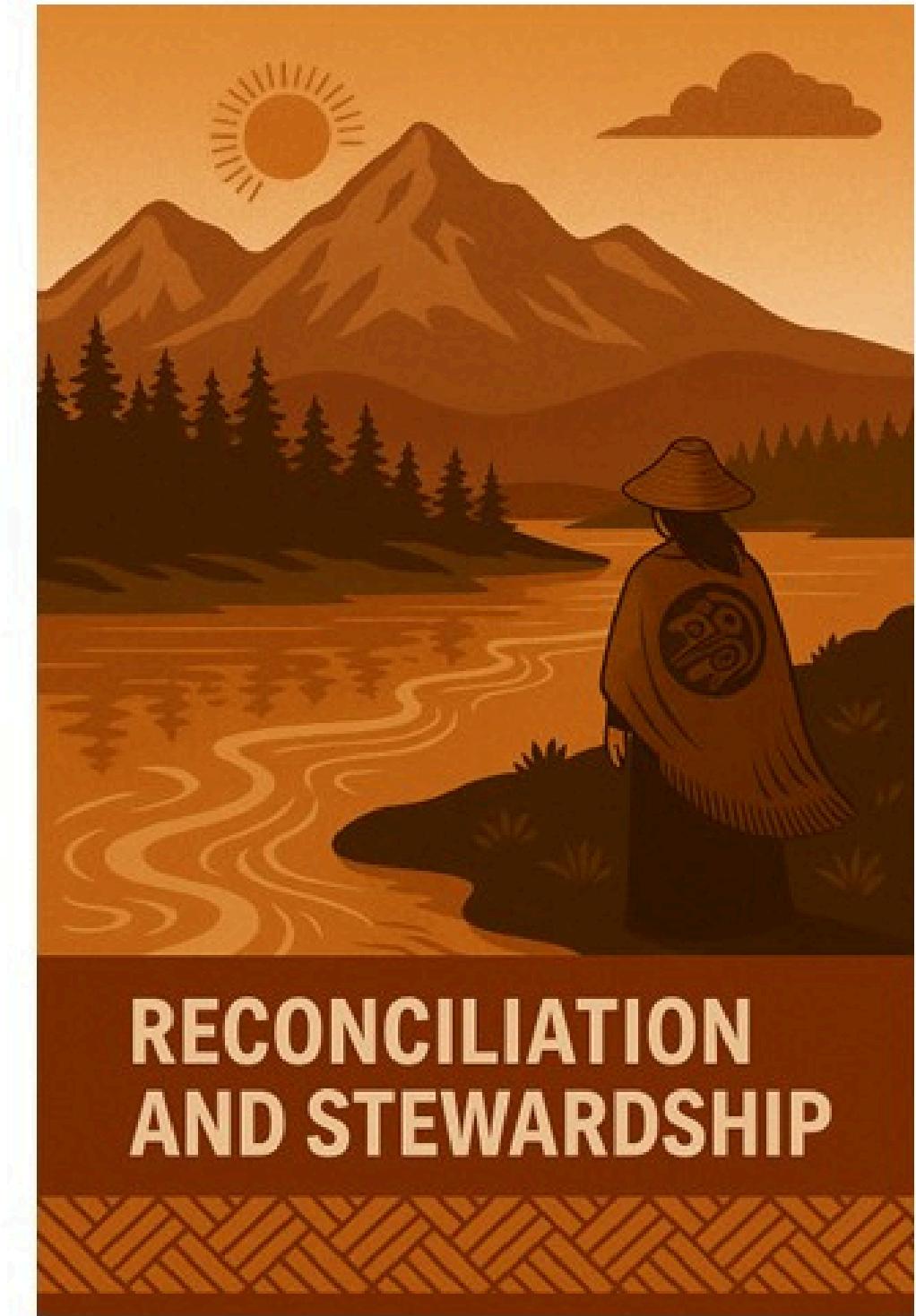
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- First workshop, “The Water that Connects Us” held on November 29th, 2024 in Prince George
- Leaders from local and provincial govt, First Nations, academia, health care, NGO’s and others
- Facilitator by Dan George of Four Directions Management Services (FDMS)
- Workshop summary and FDMS report now available on website
- Stay tuned 2026



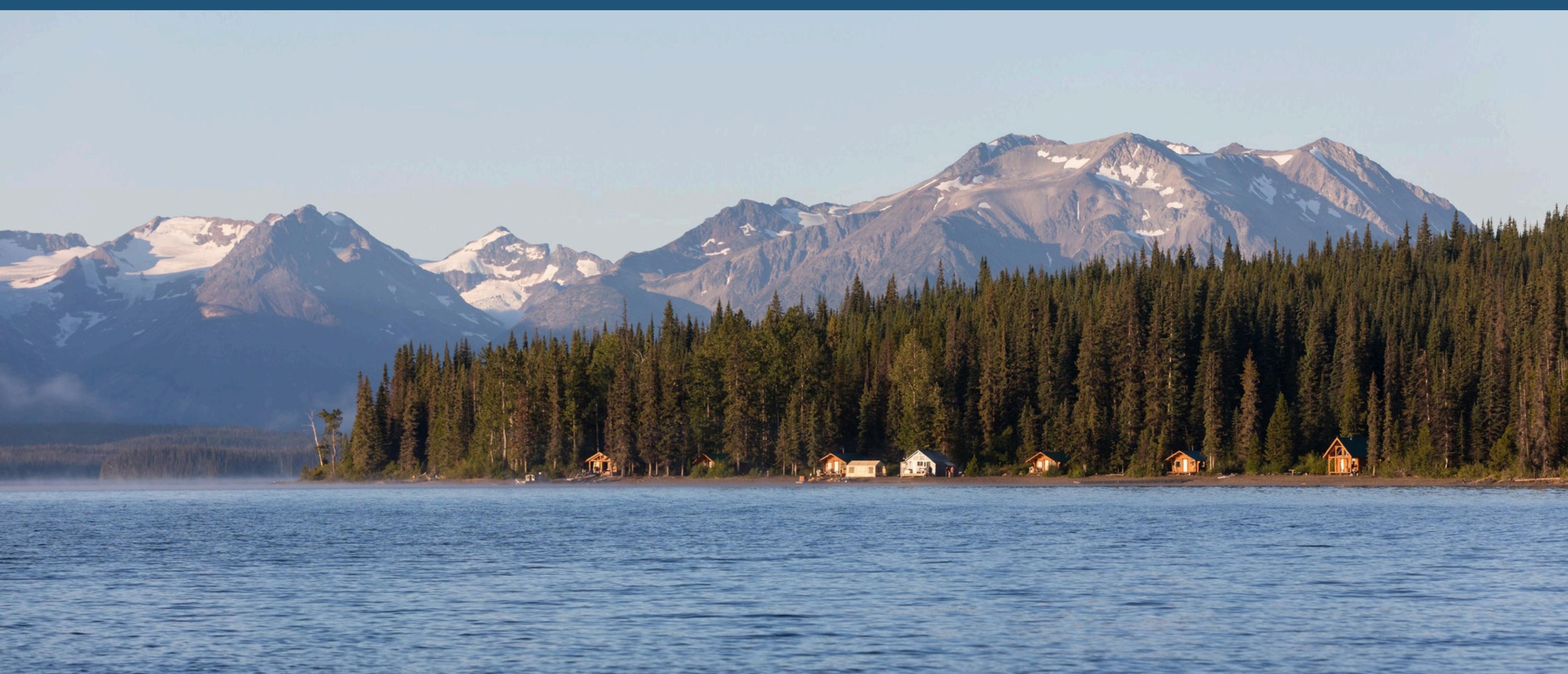
Walking Together for a Healthy Future — Stewardship Through Shared Leadership

- A Healthy Environment Means a Healthy Economy
- Shared Governance — Reconciliation in Practice
- Partnerships and Shared Knowledge
- Responding to Climate Change — Together
- Walking Forward Together



NWR Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience

Kim Menounos, CCAAR Lead



CCAAR Recommendations on Economic & Industrial Impacts

Dan George, Four Directions Management Inc.



Community Forest Expansions

Kevin Moutray, Mayor, District of Vanderhoof



Provincial Forest Landscape Planning

Chris David & Julie Castonguay, Ministry of Forests



Breakout Group Discussion Questions

1. What are your (or your community/organization's) forest management priorities?
2. What role should the NWR play in supporting forest management planning?



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Regional Support for Resilient Agriculture

Megan D'Arcy, Regional District Bulkley-Nechako



Advancing Sustainable Communities Through Indigenous-Led Forest Initiatives

Jason Fisher, Forest Enhancement Society of BC



BC First Nations Climate Action Strategy & Action Plan

Tannis Reynolds, Stellat'en First Nation



What We Heard - Meeting Recap

Dan George, Four Directions Management Inc.



Photo: 2025 Spring Technical Meeting