

## WORKSHOP – ADVANCING WATERSHED SUSTAINABILITY

**April 15, 2015 (9:00am – 4:00pm with registration at 8:30am)**  
Simon Fraser University – Harbour Centre, Room 1400  
515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC

### **Workshop Objectives:**

- To present and discuss key findings from three projects on watershed governance, financial mechanisms and independent oversight.
- To present and discuss updates on key policy initiatives relevant to watershed sustainability.
- To share feedback, knowledge and perspectives on watershed projects and policy initiatives.
- To explore interest and opportunities to collaborate on advancing watershed sustainability.
- To facilitate opportunities for networking among watershed practitioners from across BC.

### AGENDA

**8:30 am On-Site Registration, Refreshments and Networking**

**9:00 am Welcome, Opening Remarks & Workshop Overview**

**9:15 am Project Presentations and Panel Discussion**

A. Collaborative Watershed Governance Keys to Success and Case Studies in BC

- Presenter: Theresa Fresco, Fraser Basin Council

B. Financial Mechanisms and Models for Collaborative Watershed Governance

- Presenter: Steve Litke, Fraser Basin Council

C. Natural Resource Practices Board

- Presenter: Al Martin, BC Wildlife Federation

Panel Discussion on Watershed Governance, Financing and Independent Oversight

**10:45 am Refreshment Break**

**11:00 am Breakout Groups – How do we move forward? (Round One)**

- What is needed to advance watershed sustainability?
- Where do you see opportunities or leverage points?
- What are you / your organization most interested in collaborating on?

Select one of the following breakout groups:

- Collaborative Watershed Governance Keys to Success and Case Studies in BC
- Financial Mechanisms and Models for Collaborative Watershed Governance
- Natural Resource Practices Board

**12:00 noon Lunch**

**12:45 pm**

**Watershed-Relevant Policies**

A. BC's Water Sustainability Act

- BC Ministry of Environment – Ted White

B. Assessing and Managing Cumulative Effects

- BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Jennifer Psyllakis

C. Managing for Water Shortages

- UBC Okanagan – Dr. John Janmaat

D. Panel Discussion on Watershed-Relevant Policies

**2:15 pm**

**Refreshment Break**

**2:30 pm**

**Breakout Groups – How do we move forward?**

The focus of discussion would be something like:

- What is needed within each of the themes to advance watershed sustainability?
- Where do you see opportunities or leverage points?
- What are you / your organization interested in collaborating on?

Select one of the following for discussion in breakout groups:

- BC's Water Sustainability Act
- Assessing and Managing Cumulative Effects
- Managing for Water Shortages

**3:30 pm**

**Highlights from Breakout Groups**

**3:50 pm**

**Concluding Remarks & Wrap-Up**

**4:00 pm**

**Adjourn**