

Nicola Lake Working Group

Terms of Reference

Background

The Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and the City of Merritt (CoM) would like to create a plan that will create a vision for Nicola Lake (*the what*) and a planning process (*the how*) that balances the economic, social, cultural, and recreation values and issues in the plan. The Fraser Basin Council has been tasked with coordinating this effort.

Support for a planning process for Nicola Lake was expressed by more than 70 people at a meeting on September 19, 2012; it was agreed that a working group be formed to report back to a larger public audience in spring 2013.

Purpose

The purpose of the Nicola Lake Working Group (NLWG) is to utilize input from the September 19, 2012 public meeting, to develop a draft Nicola Lake Plan and implementation/management options for presentation to the public in spring 2013 for feedback and endorsement.

Objectives

- Review and integrate existing plans and new information
- Develop the draft Nicola Lake Plan for presentation to the public in spring 2013
- Develop implementation/management options respective to the goals in the draft Plan, for presentation to the public in spring 2013
- Communicate back to respective membership

Proposed Deliverables

The deliverables of the Nicola Lake Working Group are as follows:

- Draft Nicola Lake Plan and management process that integrates existing plans and new information
- Implementation of Eurasian watermilfoil control techniques
- Recommendations for governance

Composition and Structure

The NLWG is composed of representatives from four orders of government (federal, provincial, local, first nations), organizations, ranches, recreation groups, and property owners.

Organization	Name	Status
BC Parks	Bruce Petch	cc
Beaver Point Estates	Lorna & Vern Latremouille	lead
C& E	Bob Warner	cc
C& E	Pat Tobin	cc
City of Merritt	Susan Roline	lead
Douglas Lake Cattle Company	Stewart Murray	lead
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Dave Pehl	cc
Fraser Basin Council	Mike Simpson	facilitator

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Gerard Guichon Ranch/NWCRT	Allison Guichon	lead
Harmon Estates	Mike & Jenny Ohata	lead
Kamloops Sailing Association	Trevor Owen	lead
Lower Nicola Band	Arnie Narcisse	lead
MFLNRO	Andy Oetter	cc
MFLNRO	Kim DeRose	lead
MFLNRO	Peter Lishman	cc
MFLNRO	Valerie Cameron	cc
MOTI	Dennis Kurylowich	cc
Nicola Lakeshore Estates	Frank Rizzardo	lead
Nicola Lakeshore Estates	Harry Sandur	alternate
Nicola Lake Stewardship Society	Ian Gordon	lead
Nicola Ranch	Matt Williams	lead
Nicola Tribal Association	Neil Todd	lead
Nicola Tribal Association	Tracy Wimbush	alternate
Nooaitch Band	TBD	lead
Qualified Environmental Professional	Kim Poupard	lead
Quilchena on the Lake	Michael McDonald	lead
Quilchena on the Lake	Peter Schmid	alternate
Quilchena Ranch	Guy Rose	lead
SIWMC	Jo-Ann Fox	lead
TNRD Area M	Randy Murray	lead
TNRD Area N	Herb Graham	alternate
TNRD CAO	Sukh Gill	cc
TNRD Planner	Barb Jackson	lead
Upper Nicola Band	TBD	lead

Support to the Nicola Lake Working Group

The Fraser Basin Council is an impartial organization that provides support to the NLWG but is not a member. Support to the NLWG will include but is not limited to coordinating meeting and workshop logistics, facilitating meetings, providing meeting summaries, and communicating with other members of the public who attended the September 19, 2012 meeting.

Reporting

The NLWG will report to the larger public through a meeting in spring 2013. Meeting summaries of the NLWG will be posted on the website www.nicolaplan.ca for transparency to members of the public.

Meeting Frequency

The NLWG will meet as needed, based on the task(s) at hand.

Decision Making Process

The NLWG will operate on a consensus decision making model wherever possible. Where consensus cannot be reached, a decision will be delayed until the subsequent meeting, or dissenting opinions will be noted, or options will be presented to the public meeting in spring 2013.

Funding

The NLWG has no specific financial responsibilities or budget.

Process to Modify the Terms of Reference

The TOR will be updated as needed and agreed to by consensus of the members.

Completion

The Nicola Lake Working Group is a temporary group and will cease to exist at the spring 2013 public meeting. Prior to that time, the NLWG will make recommendations for a more permanent body (society or similar). If there is funding and a need for ongoing guidance from a more permanent body, it will be decided and confirmed in the spring of 2013.