



Nicola Watershed Governance Partnership

Nicola RTC

November 2, 2021



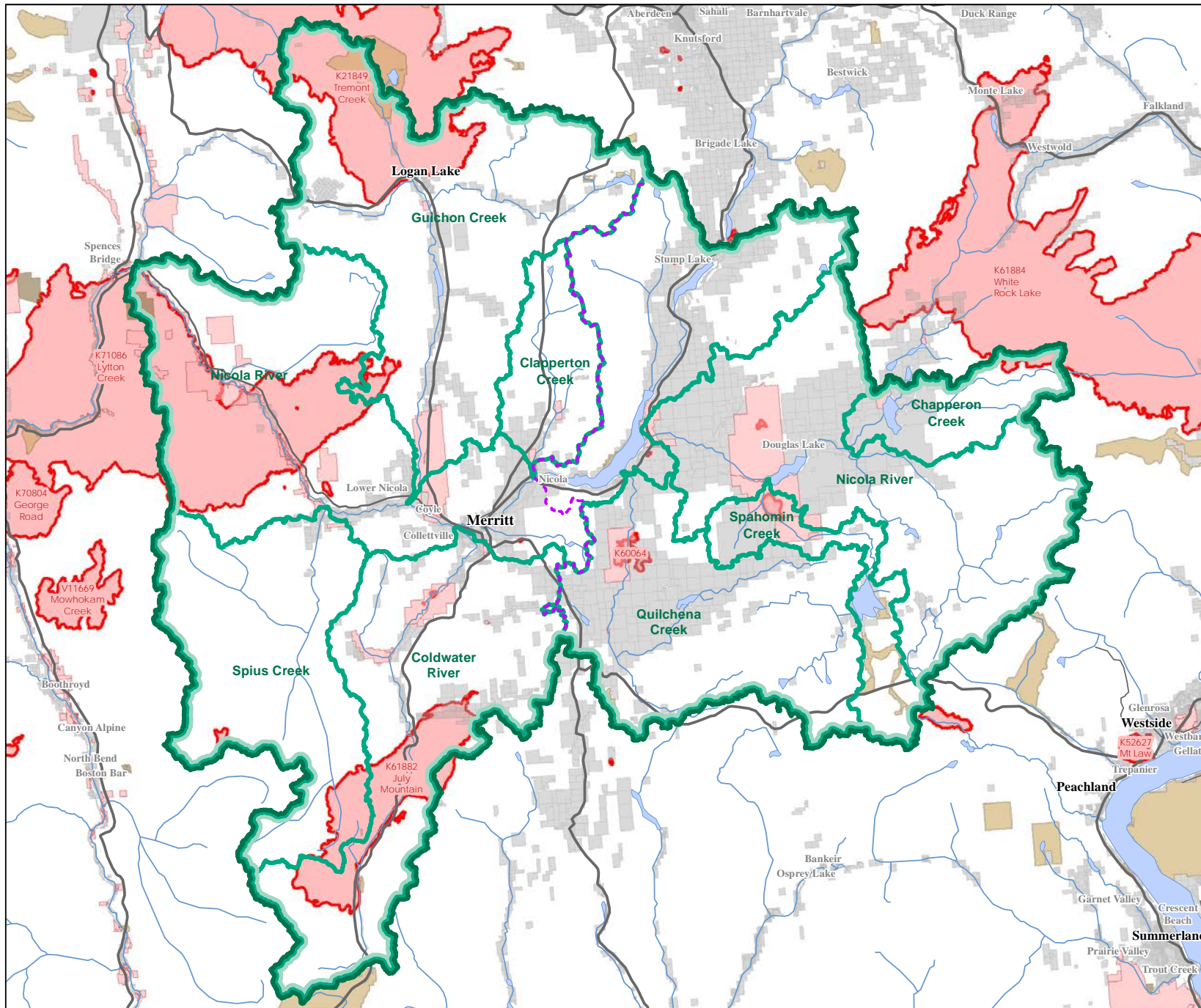
Highlights

- ✓ Indigenous Laws Summary and Strategy
- ✓ Shared Decision-Making for Land and Water
- ✓ Strong G2G Structure
- ✓ 5 Year Plan (draft)
- ✓ Completed Groundwork for Cultural EFNs
- ✓ Nk'e?xép (Drought Response)
- ✓ Pre-Planning in Watershed Plan
- ✓ Website Launch



Nicola Watershed 2021 Wildfires

Aprx. 82,000ha Burnt
in the Nicola Watershed

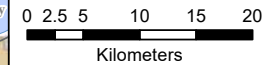


- Nicola River Watershed (FWA)
- Nicola Watershed Main Subbasins (FWA)
- Upper and Lower Nicola Watershed Split (FWA)
- 2021 Wildfire Polygons

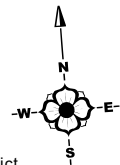
Land Status

- Private Land - Surface (ICF)
- Indian Reserves (Admin.)
- Ecological Reserves (Tantalis)
- Prov. Park, PA, Rec. Area (Tantalis)

NOTE: Private Land is known to have errors - for reference purposes only.



Projection: BC Albers Equal
Area Projection, NAD83
Digital Data: via BCGW



Map created by: Cascades NR District
Date: September 2021
GIS Project: Water StewardshipProjects
Files: NicolaWS_2021Fires_Sep2021.pdf



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Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations

Nk'e?xép (Drought Response) Committee: 2020-2021 Review

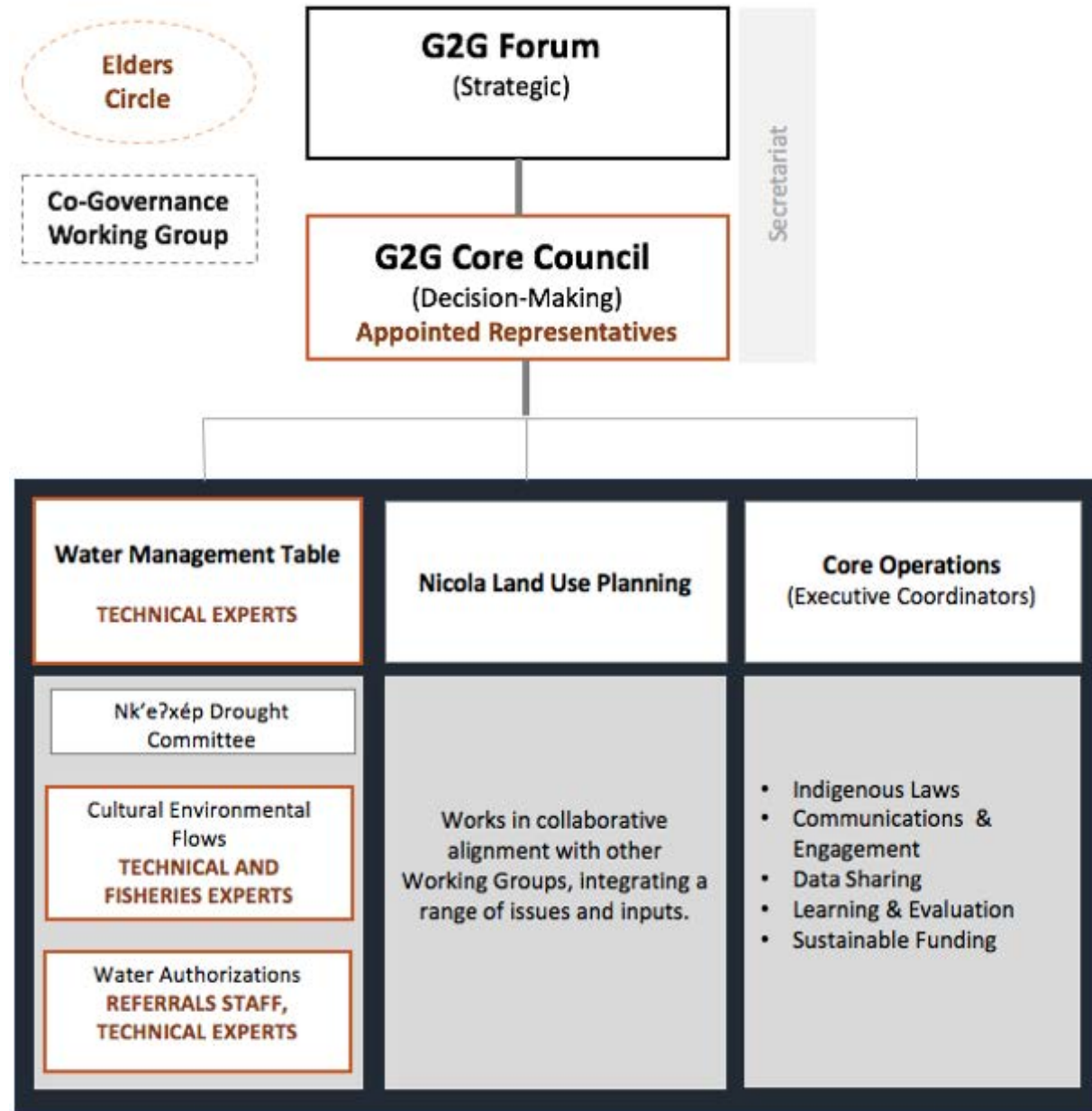
Session objective: ensure all Forum member understand the important progress being made on SDM for drought and clarify any reservations/challenges

Review Next Steps to Advance Shared Decision-Making

- Provide direction to advance the Data Sharing Agreement
- Confirm appointments to the CC and Water Management Table and/or promote discussion to clarify needs and remove barriers

NWGP G2G Structure

- CC is the senior shared decision-making body
- Operational tables complete the legwork
- The CC requires, at minimum, 2 N5 appointees
- Operational tables have some key **vacancies**



MOU Renewal

Chart the path forward to collaboratively renew the MOU

MOU Renewal

- The NWGP is doing shared decision-making for land and water.
- There is shared commitment to continuing this good work.
- There is interest in extending the G2G discussions to rights, title, and jurisdiction.

What is the path forward?

- Should rights and title be addressed within the current MOU and under the NWGP?
- Or should they be addressed in a separate process?

What's on the 5-Year Horizon for Water and Land Shared Decision-Making?

