

Hon. Ken McDonald
Chair, Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans
Sent by e-mail to Ken.McDonald@parl.gc.ca

26 March 2019

Re: Study of the National Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Dear Honourable Ken McDonald,

I am writing on behalf of the Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) to request that a representative of the SWC appears as a witness for the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans national study on the Aquatic Invasive Species Program. The SWC has a strong interest in adding our voice to this study, and we would very much like to express to the Committee how important managing and preventing aquatic invasive species is in the Shuswap watershed, located in the Interior of British Columbia. As a regional watershed-based organization, we believe we are well poised to speak to these matters.

Thank you in advance for considering our request. We wish the Committee much success in the study.

Kind regards,



Erin Vieira
Program Manager, Shuswap Watershed Council
c/o Fraser Basin Council
evieira@fraserbasin.bc.ca | 250 314-9660

CC:

Nancy Vohl, Committee Clerk
Mel Arnold, MP for North Okanagan - Shuswap
Paul Demenok, Chair, Shuswap Watershed Council
Jay Simpson, Vice Chair, Shuswap Watershed Council

About the Shuswap Watershed Council

The Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) was established in 2014 as a watershed-based partnership that enhances water quality and safe recreation in the Shuswap. There are 17 SWC members that represent three regional districts, two municipalities, the Secwepemc Nation, two provincial government agencies, and Shuswap communities. The SWC is a collaborative, non-regulatory group. It works alongside organizations that have regulatory roles in managing the Shuswap watershed, complimenting their work and carefully avoiding duplication. Its primary mandate is to enhance, protect, and advocate for water quality in the Shuswap watershed.