

*"Everything on this Earth sustains us,  
everything on this Earth is connected  
together" (Hul'q'umi'num elder)*

This is still true for most things but  
arguably Sr. Govts. are struggling with  
the concept of their connectedness to  
our watersheds and sustainable  
watershed management.

### Senior Government Lessons Learned

*We anticipate Joint that the  
CVRD & Cowichan Tribes will  
jointly pursue a Water Storage  
License for conservation of  
salmonids.*

### WORRYING SITUATION

Sr. Govts. lack capacity to fulfill legal  
mandates.

Cuts have led to down-loading and  
unloading of responsibilities.

- Down-loading = Delegating to lower  
level of govt. or others
- Unloading = Withdrawing from  
responsibility.

### LOCAL BODIES CAN'T AND SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE

KEY QUESTION MUST BE ADDRESSED

IF LOCAL BODIES TAKE ON  
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WATERSHED  
MANAGEMENT, WHAT SHOULD SENIOR  
GOVT. DO TO SUPPORT SUCCESS?

## POSSIBLE LIST

1. SETTING CLEAR ENFORCEABLE OBJECTIVES & STANDARDS
2. INVENTORY, MONITORING, DATABASE MAINTENANCE
3. RESEARCH
4. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT
5. ENABLE EFFECTIVE DELEGATION AND ADEQUATE FUNDING MECHANISMS

## Take Away Message

- o Govt. cuts rarely reinstated.
- o In BC the new *Water Sustainability Act* must get it right