



Nechako Watershed Roundtable Core Committee

How is the Nechako Watershed Roundtable governed?

The NWR has been in existence since 2015 as a collaborative group including perspectives from local and First Nations governments, provincial and federal government agencies, and private sector and civil society with a shared commitment and concern for the health of the Nechako watershed. The NWR does not have decision-making authority in the watershed, and instead seeks to add value and support collective efforts across the watershed that further its mission. The Roundtable sets the strategic direction of these activities with the Core Committee serving as the decision-making body to advance this direction. The meetings and work of the NWR are not considered as official or legal consultation for First Nations or any other participating groups or individuals.

What is the Nechako Watershed Roundtable Core Committee?

The primary role of the Core Committee is to oversee and advance the work of the NWR and to make decisions on behalf of the Roundtable. Core Committee members provide leadership to implement the mission and goals of the NWR. More information, about the Nechako Watershed Roundtable and the Core Committee can be found within the NWR Terms of Reference:

https://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/Library/Water_NWR/Nechako_Terms_of_Reference_Updated_July_23_2019.pdf

What is expected of Core Committee Members?

Core Committee duties include:

- Attending quarterly Core Committee meetings (including preparation and follow-up)
- Actively supporting activities and decisions of the Core Committee
- Actively participating in discussions and decision-making process of the Core Committee
- Sharing information relevant to Core Committee projects and discussions, including but not limited to: the Nechako Watershed Roundtable; key interests, objectives, jurisdictions and concerns; relevant data, information, and knowledge; and policies, regulations, planning processes, referrals, and decisions
- Willingness to commit to a 2-year term (renewable)



Who is on the Nechako Watershed Roundtable Core Committee?

Currently sitting on the NWR Core Committee are the following individuals:

Margot Parkes (NWR Co-Chair)	Integrated Watershed Research Group-University of Northern BC
Kevin Moutray (NWR Co-Chair)	District of Vanderhoof
Christina Ciesielski	Carrier Sekani Tribal Council
<i>Outgoing as of Spring 2021</i>	
Clint Lambert	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Garth Frizzell	City of Prince George
Kim Menounos	Fraser Basin Council
Mike Robertson	Cheslatta Carrier Nation
Norm Bilodeau	Member-at-large
Wayne Salewski	Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society
<i>Open Position</i>	<i>First Nations Seat</i>

How do you become a Core Committee Member?

Vacancies in the Core Committee will be announced through NWR communications and at Roundtable meetings. Local and First Nations government candidates are nominated by their respective organizations. Non-government and civil society candidates are nominated by their organizations or self-nominate. Candidates submit an application (available from the Secretariat) and a formal letter of appointment from their organization. Current Core Committee members will decide on the approval of incoming members.

For more information, contact the NWR Secretariat or visit [www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/Nechako Watershed Roundtable.html](http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/Nechako_Watershed_Roundtable.html)



Nechako Watershed Roundtable Core Committee and Co-Chair Membership Structure, Recruitment, and Succession

What is the structure of the Core Committee?

The Nechako Watershed Roundtable (NWR) Core Committee is comprised of 9-12 members affiliated with local government (3 seats), First Nations government (3 seats), and NGOs/civil society (3-6 seats).

How are members recruited?

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How does reappointment and succession happen?

The term for Core Committee members is two years (renewable) unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is the responsibility of Core Committee members to notify the Co-chairs in advance of a resignation. Reappointments can be made with a formal letter of support from the member's organization. If a reappointment is not made, the seat does not have to be filled by that same organization. An empty seat may be filled by another individual in that seat's sector.

How does Co-chair nomination and succession happen?

The Core Committee members select a Chair or Co-chairs from among the Core Committee. The aspiration is for the Co-chairs to come out of two out of the three Core Committee sectors. Interested individuals provide 100-200 words on why they want the position, and send their self-nomination to the Secretariat. Discussion and deliberation about Chair nominations is held at a Core Committee meeting, in the absence of nominees. The Co-chairs are selected according to the following criteria:

- Availability and capacity to fulfill leadership roles
- Experience in chairing, moderating, and/or facilitating meetings
- Ability and willingness to serve as a spokesperson for the NWR
- Willingness to commit to a 2-year term
- The support of their organization(s) to serve in this role