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 representing local government (3 seats), First Nations government (3 seats), and NGOs/civil society (3-6 seats).

How are members recruited?
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.

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