

Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting held on Monday, July 14, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the Cowichan Tribes Lands Meeting Room 5760 Allenby Road, Duncan, BC V9L 5J1

**PRESENT:** Chair Ron Diederichs, Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations  
Tracy Fleming, Cowichan Tribes  
Ann Kjerulf, Cowichan Valley Regional District  
Lori Iannidinardo, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Cowichan Bay Director  
Brigid Reynolds, Municipality of North Cowichan  
Mark Harvey, MFLNRO  
Larry George, Cowichan Tribes Lands Management

**OTHER:** Laura Robertson, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Recording Secretary

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**M1** **It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Cowichan Estuary Environmental Management Committee Meeting of June 19, 2014, be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING**

**BA1** FLNRO responded to the committee regarding "indefinite" moorage replacements, saying the government would provide more information for the lease holder by September from Lands. Batched automatic renewal notices have gone out, this was of concern to Cowichan Tribes, but apparently each lease renewal will be processed individually. Those with concerns identified will be addressed specifically and files in the Cowichan Estuary identify the requirement for CEEMC review prior to renewal.

**BA2** **Action item: Chair have the Ministry request a Legal opinion regarding Western Forest Products complying with the Agreement with Province of BC and Government of Canada (1986 Doman).**

#### **DELEGATIONS**

**D1** Paul Nuttall and Derek Haupt from Western Forest Products Inc. regarding 2013 and log boom lease renewals. Review of the report on Log Booming Lease Use, Intertidal and Subtidal Habitat Assessment and Environment Impact Statement by AquaTerra Environmental Ltd. Paul also provided a background and opinion on the original CEEMP designations and the role of those designations in relation to the leases. Both delegates took questions from the committee.

**Action Item: Tracy will get reports from Sheri regarding studies on the impact of dredging and log booming in intertidal lands, and distribute to the committee members, she will also pc Derek and Paul.**

**REPORTS**

**R1**

Verbal report by Ron Diederichs regarding a meeting with Crown Lands Staff on their participation and commitment to provide information to the CEEMC, the results of this meeting was that Lands will pursue information more diligently; information may often come through Ron Diederichs due to limited staff resources.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting September 11, 2014, at 9:00 am at CVRD in the CR2 Meeting Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Recording Secretary