

# Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable

## Partners & Participants

BC Parks  
BC Lake Stewardship Society  
BC Wildlife Federation  
Bill Routley, MLA  
Catalyst Paper  
City of Duncan  
Cowichan Land Trust  
Cowichan Lake & River Stewardship Society  
Cowichan Lake Salmonid Enhancement Society  
Cowichan River Hatchery  
Cowichan Tribes  
Cowichan Valley Regional District  
Cowichan Valley Naturalists' Society  
Cowichan Water Board  
Department of Fisheries and Oceans  
Jean Crowder, MLA  
Local residents  
Living Rivers  
Ministry of Environment  
Ministry of Transportation  
Municipality of North Cowichan  
Quamichan Stewards  
Recreational anglers  
Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society  
Timberwest

## Key Achievements

Stoltz Bluff Remediation Project -  
*National River Heritage Award of Merit*

Cowichan Basin  
Water Management Plan

Ad-hoc Advisory Group on  
Cowichan River summer flow

100 Year Vision for  
Watershed Restoration

## Contact

For more information or to join a meeting, which takes place the third Thursday of each month, contact Kate Miller at:

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The Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable is an **open and collaborative** group that works to protect our water and watersheds, now and for generations to come.

Founded in 2002, the Stewardship Roundtable has proven its ability to act quickly and effectively in a time of crisis, as well as plan for the long term. The roundtable approach allows local residents, industry, government and stewardship groups to address issues and take advantage of limited funding, to create the **greatest good for the greatest number.**

When a drought hit our community in 2003, Roundtable participants worked together to ensure that our basic water needs would continue to be met. When low river flows threatened our Chinook salmon population in 2006, group members acted quickly to relocate spawning fish and protect this fragile species. When the Cowichan River was being clouded by fine clay from Stoltz Bluff, the Roundtable remediated the area and stopped the equivalent of 9 dumptruck loads per day from sliding into the river and suffocating river life. This project won an award for its efforts, but more importantly it protected an important ecosystem and resource for all who rely on it to survive.

As independent stakeholders we have different interests, but as Roundtable members **we share a common understanding:** the health of watersheds is key to the health of our families, businesses and environment.