

Ktunaxa Nation CRT Renewal Interests 'Micqaaqas ?a.kinmituk'



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Ktunaxa Nation concepts

Akxamis qapi qapsin (All Living Things)

“Everything that keeps us alive as a living thing, from water and rocks to the sky and the language we speak and feelings we feel. It is about how we find balance in our lives. It is also about the connections between all living things.”



TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KTUNAXA NATION



Ktunaxa
Nation
territory
encompasses
CRT dams
and
reservoirs,
including
Libby/
Koocanusa



Ktunaxa CRT Interest: The Ktunaxa Nation continues to exercise its stewardship responsibility for water throughout the CRT 2014-2024 negotiation process. Ktunaxa participation in CRT decision-making.

Ktunaxa principles

- Future CRT actions or decisions by Canada and BC must meet the Crown's legal duties and ensure meaningful and informed engagement with KNC.
- KNC participation in CRT re-negotiation should be direct, not mediated through BC or Canada.



Ktunaxa CRT Interest: Protection of Ktunaxa aboriginal rights

Ktunaxa principles: Negotiations on the renewal of the Columbia River Treaty must ensure that Ktunaxa Nation aboriginal rights (including future Treaty rights) are identified, acknowledged and protected.



Ktunaxa CRT Interest: Restoration of salmon to the Upper Columbia

Ktunaxa Principle: The re-negotiation of the CRT must be accompanied by coordinated, joint and adequately funded efforts to address restoration of salmon to the Upper Columbia.

Chinook: swaqmu

Sockeye: kanusqupak



Ktunaxa CRT Interest: Protection of cultural heritage resources

Ktunaxa principle: CRT re-negotiation process must include assessment of current and potential future impacts to Ktunaxa cultural heritage resources from CRT facilities, both Canadian and US.

Tangible (e.g. archaeological sites and resources) and intangible



Ktunaxa CRT Interest: Ecosystem management



Ktunaxa Principle:
Ecosystem function is made a co-equal purpose of a renewed CRT, equal in importance to hydro power and flood control.



Ktunaxa CRT Interest: Libby/Koocanusa co-management

Ktunaxa principle: Libby dam to be brought within Canada-US co-management regime that incorporates management principles of ecosystem function and cultural heritage preservation



Ktunaxa CRT Interest: Redress of historic and ongoing impacts of CRT dams, transmission lines, other infrastructure and operations

Ktunaxa principle: CRT re-negotiation must occur in parallel with collaborative tri-partite process to achieve reconciliation of historic and ongoing impacts of CRT facilities to Ktunaxa title and rights.



Above Cummins River Delta
Weaver Collection



Ktunaxa CRT Interest: Ktunaxa participation in economic benefits

Ktunaxa principle: The KNC will share in benefits to BC and Canada from the CRT and related facilities.



Ktunaxa CRT Interest: Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Ktunaxa principles: (1) Mechanisms must be incorporated into a renewed Columbia River Treaty that will provide for adaptive management and incorporation of climate change scenarios (with uncertainty) into system operations planning.

(2) Columbia hydro system operations optimization to include climate mitigation (emissions reductions)



THANK YOU!

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