













# Columbia River Treaty Local Governments' Committee

## Update for CRT Fall 2019 Community Meetings

With support from Columbia Basin Trust

## Our Role - Since 2011

- 1. Ensure Basin residents and local elected officials:
  - increase their knowledge on the Columbia River Treaty (CRT)
  - have opportunities to be actively engaged on CRT issues
- 2. Build understanding of regional views and values among Provincial and Federal agencies
- 3. Advocate for specific regional interests
- 4. Work collaboratively with local MLAs and MPs

#### **Members**

RDKB Linda Worley, Area B Director - CHAIR

Diane Langman, Mayor of Warfield

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#### COLUMBIA River Treaty

## **Activities**

**2012-13** Community meetings with BC Review Team

Advice from experts

Submit recommendations

**2014 to now** Support Columbia Basin Regional Advisory

Committee (CBRAC)

Continue to show BC impacts at US events

**2016 to now** Liaise with Negotiating Team

2018 Community meetings with BC Team

Advice from experts

Now Update recommendations



## **Treaty Process Recommendations**

- 1. Local government status
  - Protocol with Negotiating Team is working
- 2. Engagement with Basin residents
  - Continue community meetings, social media etc. and input from CBRAC
- 3. Assess benefits and impacts
  - Information about benefits to Basin residents available to communities for review



## **Treaty Content Recommendations**

- 4. Reduce negative impacts to the Basin
- 5. Equitable benefit sharing
- 6. Expand the focus, especially to include ecosystems
- 7. Flood risk management
- 8. Canadian input to Libby dam operations
- 4. Power generation
- 5. Continue rights to BC water use



## **Treaty Content Recommendations 2**

- 11. Integrate climate change
- 12. Pursue salmon restoration
- 13. Less fluctuation in reservoir levels





- Increased flexibility
- Support for Basin-scale river management organization





#### **Domestic Recommendations**

- 1. Mitigate/compensate for negative impacts
- 2. Community economic development
- 3. Meaningful ongoing engagement of Basin residents
- 4. Koocanusa reservoir
  - Attention to impacts
     consistent with other
     BC reservoirs
     authorized by the CRT





#### **Domestic Recommendations 2**

Water management process for the Kootenay River

## 6. Columbia and Duncan Water Use Plan Reviews

- Lack of community involvement
- Validity of research studies
- Community engagement in upcoming reviews



7. Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program



## We Invite Your Feedback

Pick up a paper copy or get it online by googling AKBLG CRT

Send feedback: by email to our Executive Director:

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Or send written comments to: CRT LGC, Box 2029, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

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## **Questions & Feedback**

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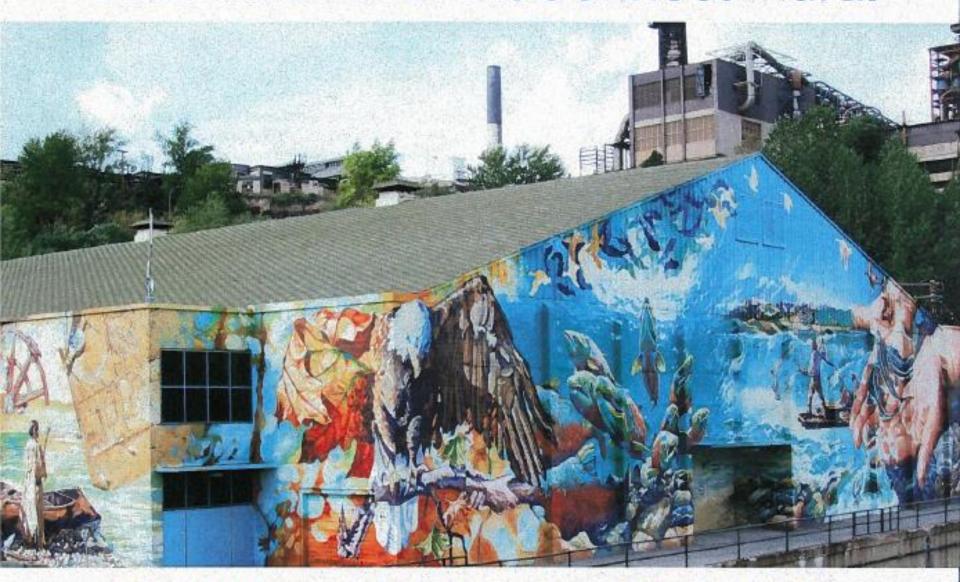








## Columbia River ReConnect Mural



Trail Memorial Centre - Trail, B.C.