
COLUMBIA River Treaty



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**
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- Valemount** Donnie MacLean, Councilor, Village of Valemount
- AKBLG** Ange Qualizza, Mayor of Fernie



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**
- 14. Governance**



- **Ecosystem expertise involved on CRT implementation and local government advisory role**
- **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

5. 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

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Questions & Feedback

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Columbia River ReConnect Mural



Trail Memorial Centre - Trail, B.C.