

Columbia River Conversations Reflections September 8-10, 2023

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CBRAC MEETING OCTOBER 4-5, 2023

Schedule

FRIDAY

- Intros (noon)
- Canoe fundamentals
- Set-up

SATURDAY

- River locations
- Canoeing
- Arrow low water impacts and mid-elevation scenario

SAT (continued)

- Canoeing
- LGC Recommendations
- Pizza/cider dinner

SUNDAY

- Mock negotiations
- Feedback
- Closing circle (noon)

Participants

NAME	COMMUNITY
Ron Ozust	Golden
Coleen Jones	Trail
Keith Page	Nelson Councilor, LGC member
Cindy Pearce	Revelstoke – LGC ED
Carey Collin	Radium Councilor
Aidan McLaren-Caux	Nakusp Councilor, LGC member
Tom Zelenznik	Nakusp Mayor
Jayne Jones	Castlegar – CBRAC member
Sam Atwal	Sparwood Councilor
Denise Dumas	Creston Councilor
Leslie Payne	Nelson Councilor
Wildsight Team – Graeme, Jenna, Cara, Roger	
4 youth field trip alumni – Theo, Ellie, Stella, Ayla	Nelson, Winlaw, Rossland



Friday -
Learning
canoeing
skills at
Burton



Spawning
kokanee under
Burton bridge

Sat. – Heading
out at Arrow
Park





Sat. – On-site discussion on impacts of low water levels

Sat. – Discussing Arrow
more stable mid-elevation
option







Sun. – Mock negotiations:
US power group explaining
their interests

Other interests were:

- US ENGOs
- US Tribes
- LGC
- BC ENGOs

Note-BC Indigenous
Nations were members of
the Can. negotiating Team



Sun. – Mock negotiations

Our reflections from the event



Possible next steps?

- Do it annually in different locations!! With a 5-year reunion of alumni
- Mock negotiations with the LGC – with youth?
- Mock negotiations with CBRAC – with youth?
- Wildsight alumni review of Treaty agreement-in-principle?