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Shawnigan Basin Society
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Dear Shawnigan Basin Society:

Notice of Authorized Changes - Changes In and About a Stream (File 1006032)

Thank you for your Authorized Change Application for changes in and about a stream regarding the Control of Eurasian Watermilfoil work, for the project on Shawnigan Lake littoral zone at 48.6167000, -123.6333000. This letter acknowledges that the proposed activities meet the requirements as identified for Authorized Changes under the *Water Sustainability Act*.

All works shall be completed in accordance with: the Application submitted March 26, 2024, the Eurasian Watermilfoil Known Occurrences and Habitat Suitability by Depth Location Map prepared by Madrone Environmental Services Ltd, dated February 28, 2028, and the submitted Dredging Vessel Schematic drawing.

Should the work plan or scope of work change, you must notify the Habitat Officer. If the proposal is outside the authorized changes as described by Section 39 of the *Water Sustainability Regulation*, you will be directed to obtain an Approval under Section 11 of the *Water Sustainability Act*.

All work shall be carried out in accordance with the Provincial "*Requirements and Best Management Practices for Making Changes In and About A Stream in British Columbia (2022)*" [wsa-cias-requirements-bmps.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/wsa-cias-requirements-bmps.pdf) and "*A Users' Guide for Changes In and About A Stream in British Columbia (2022)*" [wsa-cias-users_guide.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/wsa-cias-users_guide.pdf)

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As the Habitat Officer under the *Water Sustainability Act*, I am requiring that the proposed changes in and about a stream be made in accordance with the following terms and conditions to protect fish, fish habitat, and/or water quality as per Section 44(2) of the *Water Sustainability Regulation*.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

As a Habitat Officer I authorize a variance for your instream works; permitting works from September 15, 2024, to October 31, 2024, with conditions:

Containment booms must be erected around locations where aquatic weeds are to be harvested. Any cutting or propagules must be removed and appropriately disposed of.

Minimize the amount of time the work site is in a disturbed state by completing work as quickly as possible, while considering worker safety and minimizing environmental risk.

Fuelling and servicing of vehicles and equipment must occur a minimum of 30 metres away from all streams, lakes and waterbodies. Keep a spill containment kit on site and train onsite staff in its use. Immediately report any spill of a substance that is toxic, polluting, or deleterious to aquatic life of reportable quantities to the Provincial Emergency Program 24-hour phone line at **1-800-663-3456**.

Do not work in weather conditions likely to contribute to sediment production to the stream.

Measures must be taken to ensure that equipment (e.g. water pumps) does not harm aquatic life.

Proponents are responsible for complying with the federal *Fisheries Act*. No serious harm to fish is authorized by this document, where serious harm is the death of fish or any permanent alteration to, or destruction of, fish habitat.

Retain a copy of this document on site during construction of the works.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Patricia.Halinowski@gov.bc.ca who can also be reached at 250-736-6893.

Sincerely,



Patricia Halinowski
Authorizations Specialist