



July 10, 2025

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Village of Slocan
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Dear Patricia Dehnel:

Re: Stream Work Application – Springer Creek – Maintenance of a Pedestrian Clear-Span Bridge Including Replacement of Riprap Foundation – (UTM Centroid: 11U 466386 E 5512731 N)

Your application submitted on June 6, 2025 has been reviewed by the Water Management Section of the Ministry of Forests (MOF) and Ecosystems Section of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS). The described works are considered a Notification; therefore, no Section 11 *Water Sustainability Act* Approval is required as long as the work is done in accordance with the Water Sustainability Regulation (Part3/Section39), which can be found on the Internet at:

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/36_2016.

All works must abide by the Kootenay Region's Terms and Conditions and the least-risk Timing Windows, which are attached with this document. You cannot proceed with the proposed works unless you can meet or exceed these requirements. A Habitat Officer may contact you to conduct a site inspection of the proposed works. The person undertaking the works must report incidents of noncompliance within 72 hours to the nearest MOF/WLRS regional office. Please ensure that the person conducting your works has a copy of all the documents pertaining to the project with them on site, including this letter.

- All works are to be completed between July 16, 2026 and August 31, 2026 as requested in your application.
- All works must be compliant with the "[Kootenay Boundary Terms and Conditions and Timing Windows](#)" documents (attached) and the [Requirements and Best Management](#)

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[Practices for Making Changes In and About A Stream in British Columbia](#) including relevant [Scope-specific Best Management Practices for Changes In and About a Stream under the WSA](#).

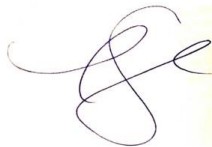
- The rip rap replacement will not exceed the current extent of rip rap.
- All rip rap used must be non-acid generating.
- All works must be completed from top of bank as described in the application.
- Site isolation and fish salvage will be conducted prior to instream work using a suitable method such as gravel-filled coffer bags to deflect the water away from the working side as directed by a qualified environmental professional.

In order to prevent the introduction or spread of Whirling Disease all equipment must be cleaned of mud and dirt and appropriately disinfected according to the Provincial requirements and recommendations prior to, and after use (before transport from site). https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/fish-fish-habitat/whirling-disease/whirling_disease_decontamination_protocol_june_2024.pdf

It is your responsibility to ensure that the project is in compliance with all legislation, including the *Fisheries Act* (Canada), as well as with any applicable federal, provincial or local government bylaws, regulations or enactments.

If you have any questions regarding the Habitat Officer's Terms and Conditions or Timing Windows, please contact Steve Arndt of the WLRs Ecosystems Section (778) 671-9192.

Yours truly,



For Steve Arndt
Habitat Officer

SA/tsj

Attachment: Terms and Conditions
Archaeological Chance Findings Procedures
Whirling Disease Decontamination Protocol (embedded in email)

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