

## RE: 3006515 Cowichan River sediment management discussion

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From: Escott, Adam N FOR:EX <Adam.N.Escott@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Nathan Valsangkar <NValsangkar@nhcweb.com>  
Sent: January 18, 2023 11:58:55 AM PST  
Hi Nathan, unfortunately no I did not receive a reply.

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Thanks for the follow-up and your cooperation with this matter, much appreciated.

Adam

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**From:** Nathan Valsangkar <NValsangkar@nhcweb.com>  
**Sent:** January 18, 2023 11:29 AM  
**To:** Escott, Adam N FOR:EX <Adam.N.Escott@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** 'David Clough' <drclough@shaw.ca>; Brad Remillard s.22  
**Subject:** RE: 3006515 Cowichan River sediment management discussion

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Hi Adam,

Were you able to connect with Jenn and resolve the WSA process, or are there still outstanding concerns/questions?

Thanks,

Nathan

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**From:** Escott, Adam N FOR:EX <Adam.N.Escott@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 9:34 AM  
**To:** 'Jenn George' <jenn.lands@cowichantribes.com>  
**Cc:** 'David Clough' <drclough@shaw.ca>; Nathan Valsangkar <NValsangkar@nhcweb.com>  
**Subject:** RE: 3006515 Cowichan River sediment management discussion

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Hello Jenn, no worries.

Just to save everyone sometime, if you could please call me on my cell s.22 s.22 and you can educate me on the Cowichan Tribes current process/exemption from the Water Sustainability Act approval.

Thanks

**Adam Escott**  
Natural Resource Officer  
South Island Field Unit | West Coast Region  
Compliance and Enforcement Branch | Ministry of Forests  
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**From:** Jenn George <jenn.lands@cowichantribes.com>  
**Sent:** November 28, 2022 8:29 AM

To: Escott, Adam N FOR:EX <Adam.N.Escott@gov.bc.ca>; Nathan Valsangkar <NValsangkar@nhcweb.com>; s.22

Cc: drclough@shaw.ca

Subject: Re: 3006515 Cowichan River sediment management discussion

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Hello all, my apologies, but I am going to be unable to make the meeting today, s.22

Could we meet Wed at 10 am instead? Apologies for the late notice.

Huy ch q'u

Jenn

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>>> Nathan Valsangkar 23/11/2022 11:57 AM >>>

Agenda: Discuss WSA approvals for recent sediment management projects by Cowichan Tribes.

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## INSPECTION REPORT



RECORD ID: 199207

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03:34 Feb 28, 2023

Natural Resource Officer:

Adam Escott

Region: West Coast

Field Unit: Port Alberni

Date of Inspection:

October 25, 2022

Client:

COWICHAN TRIBES

In Attendance:

Compliance Status:

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## Client Contact Information:

5670 ALLENBY ROAD,,  
DUNCAN,BC,CANADA  
V9L5J1

Latitude:

48.770635

Longitude:

-123.706002

## Location Description:

Cowichan Tribal Land, Cowichan River

## Primary Tenure/Authorization:

NO TENURE REQUIRED/NRIS

## Secondary Tenure/Authorization:

## Alleged Non-Compliance Summary:

aNC#	Estimated Incident Date	Parent Act	Act/Regulation	Section	Description	Action Taken
3744	Oct 25, 2022	Water Sustainability Act	Water Sustainability Act	106 (2)(b)(ii)	Make changes in and about a stream without lawful authority	No Action

Warning Ticket #:

ERA Case #:

## Description and Comments:

NRO Escott attended Cowichan River work site, very large disturbance in Cowichan River. NRO Escott spoke with Cowichan Tribes member Lemo Smith who advised this was a Cowichan Tribes Fish Habitat Restoration and Maintenance Project approved by the Federal Govt that has been going on for 20+ years. NRO Escott identified two WSA approvals for this location in 2017 and 2018. NRP Escott emailed QEP Dave Clough with DR Clough Consulting. NRO Escott received e-mail reply from QEP Brad Remillard who advised no WSA permitting was completed under direction of the Cowichan Tribes.

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Natural Resource Officer: [Adam Escott]

Signature: X

I certify that this inspection conforms to Ministry compliance

Sent to:

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DUNCAN,BC,CANADA  
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<b>Attachments and Comments:</b> 1) Cowichan Tribes Location Map.jpg      Location Map 2) DSCF0079.jpg Inspection Photos 3) DSCF0080.jpg Inspection Photos 4) DSCF0081.jpg Inspection Photos 5) DSCF0082.jpg Inspection Photos 6) DSCF0083.jpg Inspection Photos 7) DSCF0084.jpg Inspection Photos 8) DSCF0085.jpg Inspection Photos 9) DSCF0086.jpg Inspection Photos 10) DSCF0087.jpg      Inspection Photos 11) DSCF0088.jpg      Inspection Photos 12) DSCF0089.jpg      Inspection Photos 13) DSCF0090.jpg      Inspection Photos 14) DSCF0091.jpg      Inspection Photos 15) DSCF0092.jpg      Inspection Photos 16) DSCF0093.jpg      Inspection Photos	<b>Delivered via:</b> Email: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fax: <input type="checkbox"/> Mail: <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mail: <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Delivery: <input type="checkbox"/>
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## COMPLAINT REPORT

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RECORD ID: 195974

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03:41 Feb 28, 2023

Medium Sensitive

**Natural Resource Officer:**

Paul Bastarache

**Region:** West Coast

**Field Unit:** Nanaimo

**Date Received:**

September 13, 2022

### Complainant Information

**Last Name:**

Anonymous

**First Name:**

**Email:**

**Telephone:**

**Latitude:**

48.7719

**Additional Contact Information:**

**Longitude:**

-123.7044

### Location Description:

Duncan, BC on the Cowichan River, specifically at the old train bridge located behind the Superstore building.

### Violation Narrative:

Anonymous call reporting : Cowichan River in Duncan, across from river, someone is ripping down the trees, looks like clearing for an overpass, trees have been fallen into the river. Caller noticed this morning, work started digging about two days ago. Caller reports that old growth trees were included in what was cut down. Bulldozers and backhoes working in the river, pulling stuff out and putting cement in. See about fifty trees down today. Caller unable to determine company names on equipment. Caller concerned with the work being done, the removal of trees and the way it is being done with the equipment working in the river.

### ALLEGED CONTRAVENER:

Unknown

**Function:**

Water Management

**Activity:**

Changes in and about a stream

**Action Taken**

Recommend for Inspection

**Date Action Taken:**

2022-11-07

**Lead Agency:**

FLNRO

**Assigned To:**

Adam N Escott

### Rationale:

Contacted manager of public works to confirm if authorizations are in place for works in stream. Map layers do not show any section 10-11 authorizations. First VM left Thursday September 15, 2022 at 1500, second VM left September 16, 2022 at 0943 hrs. Two voicemails left with no response. Confirmed with water authorizations that no notifications or authorizations in place.

### Description and Comments:

**Natural Resource Officer:** [Paul Bastarache]

Signature: X

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