

## **Island Reservoir Briefing (9 April '19) – presentation by BC Hydro**

March has been the driest march on record. February was also very dry

Overall precip. levels are down by about 150 mm so far this year. Recent precip. has given a slight bump to levels but still below seasonal.

Spring/summer rainfall and temperatures will play role in potential summer/fall drought conditions.

### **Vancouver Island River Systems:**

**Jordan River:** currently no concerns with maintaining reservoir levels. No fish impacted expected. Low recreational use – so little impact.

**Ash River:** as above

**Puntledge River** (Comox Reservoir): reservoir at historical low. Power generation will be adjusted to maintain water flows for fish and recreation use. Low summer precip. may result in CVRD water restrictions and potential for fish and recreation impact.

**Campbell River system:** two main storage reservoirs at historical seasonal low. There is no concern for electrical power generation and no expected impact on the City of Campbell River drinking water supply. Concern for visual impact of exposed shoreline for recreation users and possibility that levels will not meet summer recreational use targets. At present no anticipated impact on fish migration, but a hot dry summer could change this.

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