



NECHAKO
WATERSHED
ROUNDTABLE

Annual Meeting 2023 Fire, Flood & Drought: Climate Adaptation in the Nechako Watershed



AGENDA

DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
9:30 AM WELCOME & NECHAKO WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE UPDATES	
Welcome & Housekeeping	Gina Layte Liston & Kim Menounos, NWR Co-chairs
Saik’uz Territory Welcome	Rodney Teed, Councillor, Saik’uz First Nation
Nechako Watershed Roundtable Update	Gina Layte Liston & Kim Menounos, NWR Co-chairs
NWR Youth Working Group	Margot Parkes, NWR Core Committee/ UNBC
NWR Lakes Monitoring Working Group	Wayne Salewski, NWR Core Committee/NEWSS
Nechako Portal	Aita Bezzola, UNBC
10:05 AM CONNECTEDNESS TO THE LAND AND WATER	
Forest Harvesting Effects on Flood	Dr. Younes Alila, University of British Columbia
Why the flood regime in the interior of BC is hyper-sensitive to disturbances of any kind and how the new science of attribution can link a flood event to a specific cause such as climate change, clearcut logging, or wildfires.	

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10:45 AM CONNECTEDNESS TO THE LAND AND WATER CONT.	
POINTS OF VIEW FROM THE WATERSHED	MODERATOR: LARA BECKETT, CHAIR, REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE
Panel discussion on how major events such as fires, floods and drought have impacted the people, environment and industry in the Nechako Watershed. Panel: Mark Parker, Chair, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako/ Rodney Teed, Councillor, Saik’uz First Nation/ Dr.Raina Fumerton, Northwest Medical Health Officer, Northern Health/ Mike Pritchard, BC Livestock Producers	
12:00 PM NETWORKING LUNCH	
1:00 PM UPDATES FROM THE WATERSHED	
Cheslatta Carrier Nation Update	William Elkins, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
Phase 3 of Integrated Research in the Nechako Watershed	Bruno Sobral, Stephen Dery & Margot Parkes, Integrated Watershed Research Group/UNBC
Fraser Lake Foreshore Integrated Management Planning	Georgia Peck, Living Lakes Canada
Vanderhoof Flood Plain Mapping	Jenny Koss, Fraser Basin Council
NEEF Grants & Board Recruitment	Andy Lecuyer, Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund Society
Macrophyte Harvest Feasibility Study	Ray Klingspohn, Nulki-Tachik Lake Stewardship Society
2:30 PM REGIONAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE	
Creating Climate Resilient Communities Through Collaboration	Brian Frenkel, NWR Core Committee/ District of Vanderhoof & Kim Menounos, NWR Co-chair/ Fraser Basin Council
2:55 PM CLOSING REMARKS	Gina Layte Liston & Kim Menounos, NWR Co-chairs

Core Committee Membership

Local Government

- District of Vanderhoof
- Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

NGO/Civil Society

- Fraser Basin Council
- Nechako Environmental Water Stewardship Society
- University of Northern British Columbia
- Nulki-Tachick Lakes Stewardship Society
- Member at Large

First Nations

- Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- 2 x vacancies



NWR Co-chairs:

- Gina Layte Liston, Member-at-Large
- Kim Menounos, Fraser Basin Council

Core Committee Members:

- Lara Beckett, Regional District of Fort George
- Brian Frenkle, District of Vanderhoof
- Ray Klingspohn, Nulki-Tachick Lakes Stewardship Society
- Shirley Moon, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- Margot Parkes, University of Northern British Columbia
- Mike Robertson, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- Wayne Salewski, Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society

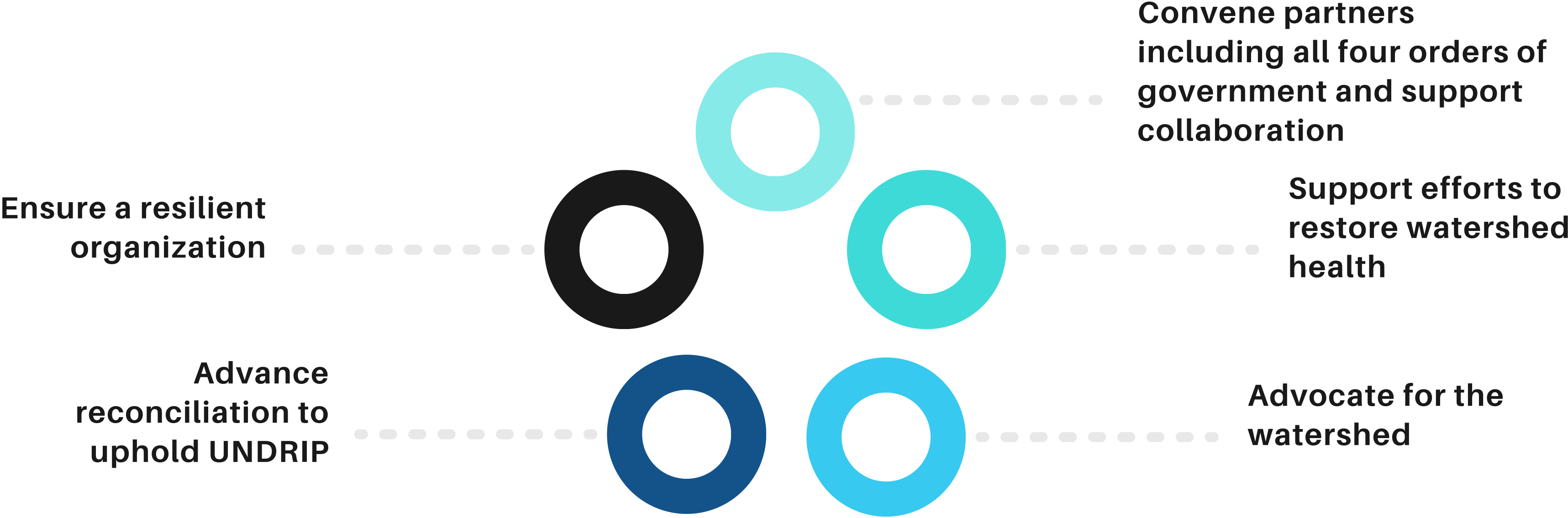
Coordinator:

- Tasha Peterson, Fraser Basin Council



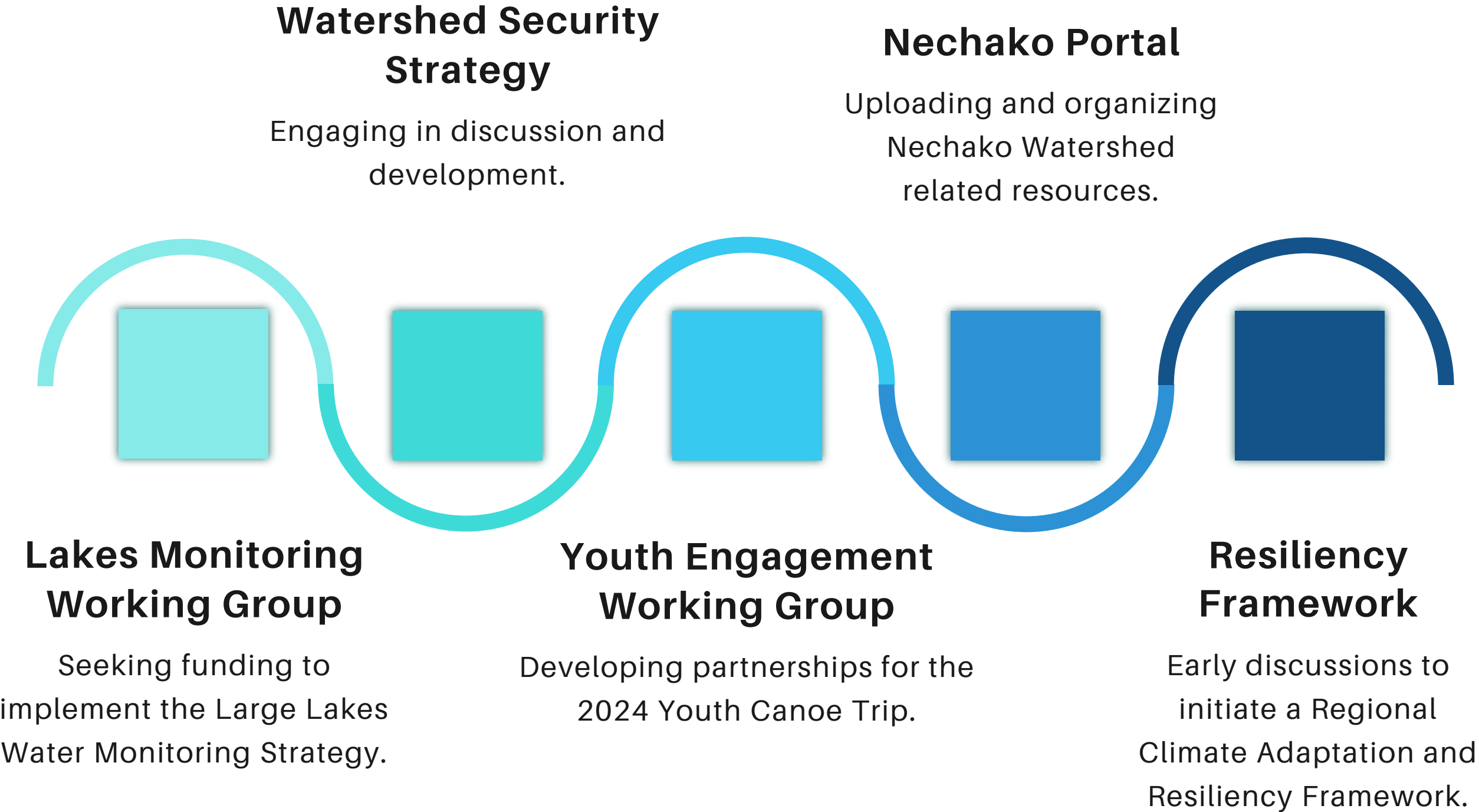
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

NWR Strategic Plan 2022-2026



PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

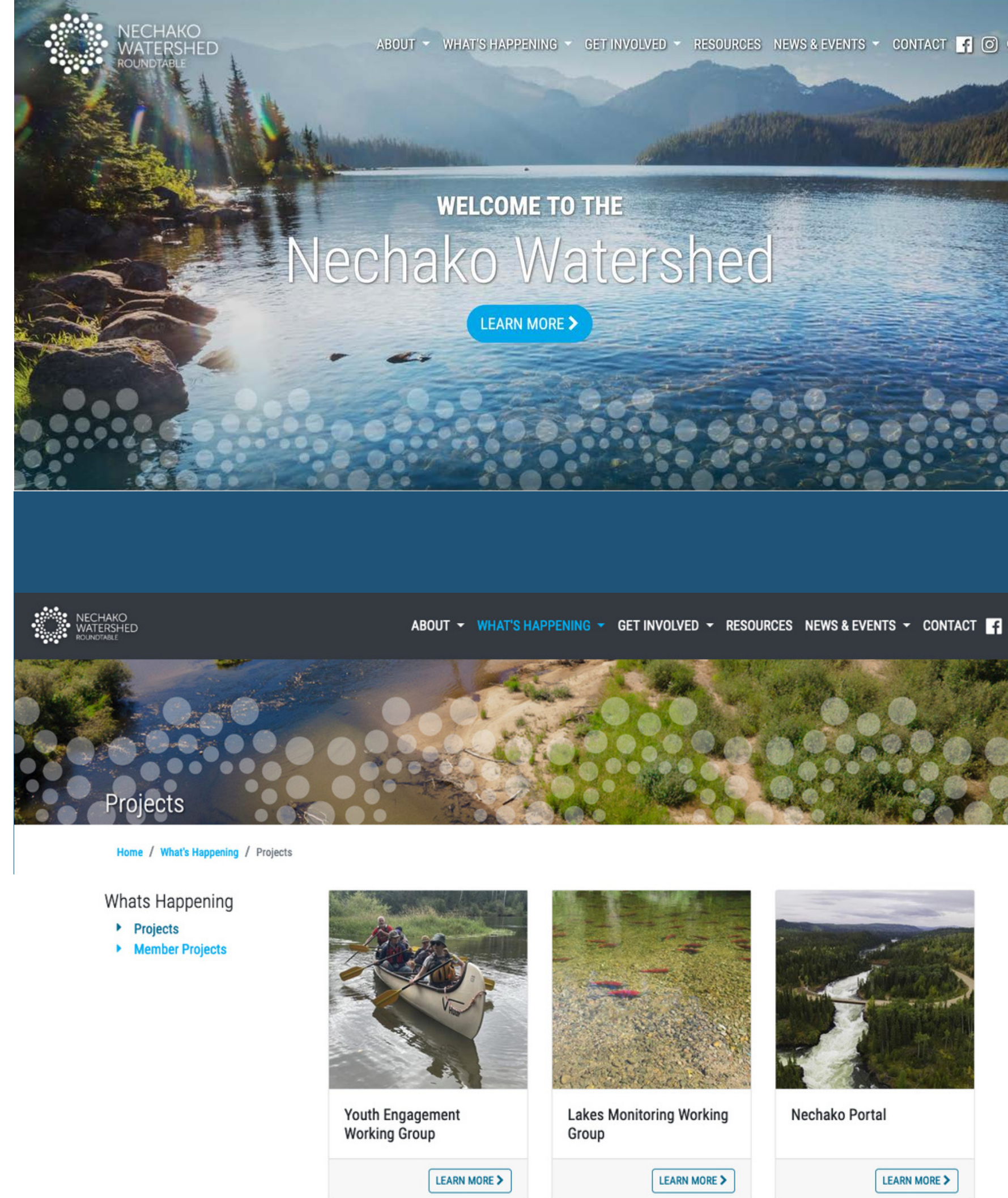
2024 Projects



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- Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions
- Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society
- Nakaz'dli Whut'en First Nation
- Real Estate Foundation of BC
- Regional District of Fraser Fort George
- Four Rivers Co-operative
- Ministry of Forests
- Rivershed Society of BC



NWR Sustainability Needs:



REPRESENTATION

Seeking First Nations and local government representation on the NWR Core Committee



PARTICIPATION

At our events and annual meetings



RESOURCES

Operational costs approx. \$100k per year for coordinaton (staff & administration)



FUNDING

To support landscape and watershed level planning processes and projects to advance strategic priorities

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Youth Engagement Working Group

Margot Parkes, Working Group Chair

- **Annual Canoe Trip:** partnership with Rivershed BC
- *A key event in the NWR Calendar, strengthening links to wider community and youth-based initiatives.*
- **2023: August 11& 12**, 21 youth paddled a 25 km section of the Nechako
- Youth learned from guides, Elders, First Nations, researchers and community members
- Opening prayers and guidance from Rodney Teed, Saik'uz First Nation, and Cultural facilitator Mark Barfoot, Nak'azdli Whut'en First Nation
- Research equipment demonstrations
- Education on research equipment and water careers
- Event followed by a community BBQ
- **Looking ahead:** ongoing, wider connections: SD91/57, "Koh-learning" gathering Oct 2024



Large Lakes Monitoring Working Group

Wayne Salewski, Working Group Chair

The large lakes monitoring group is committed to working with DFO and funders to bring the needed 'Large Lakes Monitoring Strategy' to fruition and as the Stuart River sockeye run is now a priority stock of DFO, we have reached out to identify this need and to continue to work with our First Nations partners to bring funding to the project.

