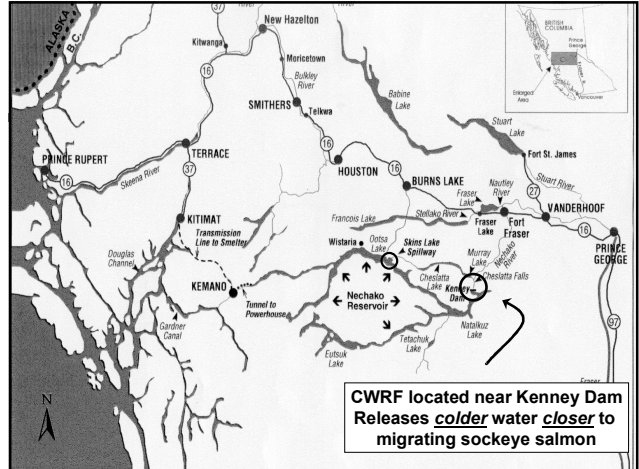




Creating Successful Watershed Roundtables

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Origin: Controversial industrial development since 1950s

c 1997 BC/Alcan Agreement

c Key elements

- c water license, power supply arrangements, economic development, etc.

c Alcan committed up to \$ 50 M on matching basis

- c to enhance environment downstream of Kenney Dam - CWRF was suggested

c Formed Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund (NEEF) and Management Comm. to determine the best use of NEEF

c Anticipated formation of a Watershed Council



NWC Model: 1996 - 2004

1996 FBC facilitated first meeting of a diversity of groups

1998 Terms of Reference signed - NWC formed

- c Regular meetings built trust, respect & ability to work together
- c Identified an array of interests and concerns – equal weight

Agriculture	Recreation	Wildlife	Erosion
Economic	Fish	River Characteristics	

- c Chair, Budget, Secretariat

- c Enhanced understanding of issues

2002 Developed commonly agreed solution & proposed long-term Work Plan



NWC Principles

- ☉ Inclusive – open to all
- ☉ Open and transparent – activities and decisions
- ☉ Cooperative
- ☉ Adaptive
- ☉ Solution-oriented
- ☉ Linkages
- ☉ Informed – science, traditional and local knowledge
- ☉ Respect – opinions, values and beliefs
- ☉ Recognition – rights, agreements and obligations
- ☉ Accountability



NWC Successes

- ☉ Continuity and stability
- ☉ Participant commitment
- ☉ Workplan development and implementation
- ☉ Research
- ☉ Stable funding



NWC Challenges

- ☉ Participation beyond the “core”
 - ☉ Regulatory agencies – resolved
 - ☉ First Nations
- ☉ New issues, e.g. sturgeon recovery
- ☉ Construction costs
- ☉ “Closing” decisions and processes



NWC Advice

- ☉ Principle-based
- ☉ Information-based
- ☉ Sustained effort
- ☉ Leadership and support

