

Discussion/Decision Aid Re Responsibility for Cowichan Lake Water Storage License

Potential Licensee	Legal Mandate	Precedent	Benefits Derived	Ability to Pay (Solo/ with GT Funds)	Risks of Doing	Risk of not Doing	Willingness to take out license
Province	Responsible for fish, wildlife and their habitat. Also SARA, WQ and public health roles. FN obligations	Numerous conservation licenses around the province.	Help fulfill F&W, habitat, SARA, WQ/public health responsibilities. Economic benefits (various taxes)	H/H	M Possible Comp. LT Op Costs Liability	H Reputation. If major drought losses flip side of benefits	L liability
DFO	Responsible for salmon and their habitat plus marine mammals, SARA and FN obligations.	Licenses associated with hatcheries	Help fulfill fisheries, SARA, First Nations management Address SARA related issues Economic benefits (various taxes)	H/H	M Possible Comp. LT Op Costs. Liability	M Similar to Prov. (losses flip side of benefits)	L Organizational contraction
Catalyst	Inc. company that requires water licenses for its operations.	2 storage Cowichan Lake storage licenses	Economic benefits including operations and certainty for suppliers	M/H	L/M Possible Comp.	H Shutdown and damage to reputation as supplier	L but may be wary of second license holder
Cowichan Tribes	Unceded rights under Cdn Constitution	One license on river but watershed management history long.	Social/Cultural Spiritual Economic	L/M	M/H Possible Comp. LT Op Cost Liability	H Most serious risks of all –flip side of benefits	L/M Need to do something
CVRD	Needs authority from taxpayers to manage water but does have water licenses for specific utilities	Licenses associated with water utilities	Recreation. Water quality Livability Economic (various fees taxes)	L/H	M/H Possible Comp. LT Op Cost Liability	H –flip side of benefits	M Need to do something