

FRASER WATERSHED RESTORATION CONFERENCE 2018

ADVANCING RECONCILIATION, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY

- First Nations - Salmon – Communities - Climate Change - Wildlife - Wildfires – Forest Industry - Jobs -



The Fraser River

The Fraser River is the longest river in BC. It rises at the Fraser Pass near Blackrock Mountain in the Rocky Mountains and flows for 1,375 kilometres, into the Strait of Georgia in Vancouver, BC.

Thompson Rivers University

Conference Centre

Kamloops, BC

November 13-14, 2018

www.restorationconference2018.com

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

The Fraser Watershed is facing an ecological and economic crisis, precipitated by the cumulative effects of historic development, including the managed depletion of forest resources known as “fall-down,” the dramatic climate change-related impacts of the mountain pine beetle epidemic and recent catastrophic forest fires. These and other ecological impacts are exacerbating the stresses on salmon and a myriad of terrestrial and riverine species, leading to a decline in natural resources and employment opportunities.

The Fraser Watershed Restoration Conference 2018 is a 2-day event aimed at bringing together, Indigenous leaders, industry experts, government representatives, academics, community officials and conservationists from British Columbia and across North America, who are interested in advancing watershed restoration and reconciliation through out the watershed.

The Fraser Watershed Initiative, host of the conference, is working towards creating a \$500 million restoration fund, to initiate the largest restoration project in Canada - Restoring the Fraser Watershed. A multi-year project that will require the involvement of people across sectors and throughout the watershed.

Presentations and panel discussions will outline strategically designed large ‘landscape-scale’ restoration projects that offer the potential to:

- advance Indigenous reconciliation,
- provide short term employment relief,
- develop mid and long term sustainable employment strategies,
- aid in the recovery of forests and habitats at risk, including salmon, steelhead, and caribou,
- “fire harden” at risk forest communities,
- contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation, and
- enable a sustainable forest industry.

“Restoration is reconciliation.”

-Bev Sellers, former Councillor and Chief of the Xat’sull (Soda Creek) First Nation, Williams Lake, BC

The conference will be held on November 13-14, 2018. Centrally located at Thompson Rivers University (TRU) - Conference Centre in Kamloops, BC, this state of the art facility has played host to many important events and provides the advanced technology, fine cuisine and accommodation options to best suit your needs.

CONFERENCE FOCUS

The conference will provide attendees with an integrated look at 6 restoration related themes:

1. First Nations and restoration
2. Salmon habitat and restoration
3. Wildlife and species at risk restoration
4. Climate change adaptation and restoration
5. Wildfires and restoration
6. Jobs and restoration



LOCATION

Thompson Rivers University (TRU)
Conference Centre located on the Secwepemc Territory
950 McGill Rd, Kamloops, BC V2C 0E1 250-828-5000 www.tru.ca



REGISTRATION

Onsite registration for the Restoration Conference 2018 will commence at 7:30 am on Tuesday November 13, 2018.

Registration tables will be setup in the main hallway outside the Barber Centre. Morning snacks, Organic tea and coffee, full plated lunch and afternoon snacks are also included.

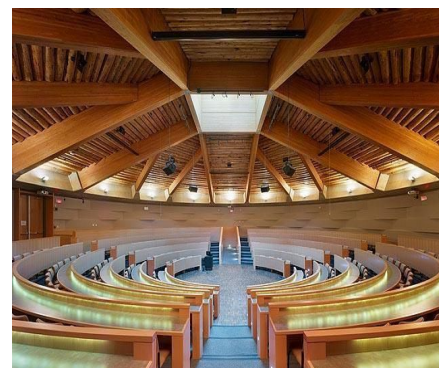


REASONS TO ATTEND

1. Be on the ground floor of the biggest restoration project in Canada - Restoration of the Fraser Watershed.
2. Discover innovative employment opportunities, funding options and long-term business opportunities.
3. Gain access to the latest science and traditional knowledge of forest restoration as well as cutting edge reviews of new regulations and policies.
4. Learn about upcoming Land Use Planning opportunities.
5. Gather directly applicable information relating to wildlife, salmon and other species at risk.
6. Analyze BC's forest fire devastation and discuss progressive solutions to keep BC forests healthy and our forest communities safe.
7. Network with key Indigenous and other government leaders, NGO and industry champions.
8. Be a part of the discussion, to help shape future plans and strategies.
9. Discuss the decline of salmon stocks and learn about advanced collaborative habitat restoration solutions combining modern scientific approaches with proven First Nations historical knowledge and techniques.

TICKETS

| TICKET TYPE | EARLY BIRD PRICE (Before September 20, 2018) | REGULAR PRICE |
|-------------|--|---------------|
| Regular* | \$400.00 | \$450.00 |
| NGO* | n/a | \$350.00 |
| Student* | n/a | \$200.00 |



All prices are in Canadian dollars. 8% GST and ticketing fees will be added. Tickets include full access to all keynote speeches and breakout sessions. To purchase tickets please visit www.restorationconference2018.com for complete details. Please bring your registration confirmation form, and a piece of photo identification to receive your pass

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The Barber Center at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, British Columbia.

BECOME THE SOLUTION

Come and join in BC's premier restoration event with Indigenous, Federal, Provincial and Municipal Government leaders along with conservation and industry experts and other community champions to explore the opportunities presented by restoring British Columbia's rivers, watersheds, and interior forests, while advancing reconciliation, creating meaningful employment and inspiring people to restore and protect our environment and economy so that it can be productive for generations to come.

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