



TOWARD THE CREATION OF A CANADA WATER AGENCY

REGIONAL FRESHWATER FORUM – BC

February 16, 2021

DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 a.m. PT	<p>Opening</p> <p>Welcome Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change</p>
10:20 a.m.	<p>Overview of Consultations on the Discussion Paper: <i>Toward the Creation of a Canada Water Agency</i> Michael Goffin, Director General – Water Policy, Environment and Climate Change Canada</p>
10:45 a.m.	<p>Regional Freshwater Forum Overview Carla Torchia, Environment and Climate Change Canada</p> <p>Webinar Logistics Barb Sweazey, Stratos Inc.</p>
10:55 a.m.	<p>Panel discussion on regional freshwater issues Challenges to fresh water—both water quality and quantity—can differ vastly between regions and communities across Canada. Through this panel, experts will share their perspectives on regional freshwater issues, including perspectives on the biggest freshwater challenges in their region, and the contribution a Canada Water Agency could make to address these challenges.</p>
12:10 p.m.	<p>Extended Break</p>
1:15 p.m.	<p>Welcome back Carla Torchia, Environment and Climate Change Canada</p> <p>Breakout Session Logistics</p>

	Barb Sweazey, Stratos Inc.
1:25 p.m.	<p>Round 1: Concurrent Breakout Group Discussions</p> <p>Forum participants will have the opportunity for small group dialogue via breakout sessions focused on the following key issues identified in the discussion paper:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Freshwater policy, coordination and multilateral engagement 2. Freshwater prediction to inform climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction 3. Indigenous peoples and freshwater management 4. Agriculture and fresh water 5. Economic sectors and fresh water
2:10 p.m.	Plenary
2:25 p.m.	Break
2:35 p.m.	<p>Round 2: Concurrent Breakout Group Discussions</p> <p>Forum participants will have the opportunity for small group dialogue via breakout sessions focused on the following key issues identified in the discussion paper:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Freshwater science 7. Freshwater data 8. Transboundary freshwater management 9. Freshwater technology, innovation & infrastructure 10. Engaging Canadians in managing & protecting fresh water
3:20 p.m.	Plenary
3:35 p.m.	<p>Forum Wrap Up</p> <p>Carla Torchia, Environment and Climate Change Canada</p> <p>Closing</p>
3:45 p.m.	Adjourn