



Watersheds 2016

Building capacity for collaboration and watershed governance in British Columbia

A hands-on forum for watershed groups, water practitioners, researchers, First Nations and other decision-makers

September 30 – October 1, 2016
SFU Wosk Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia

Are you concerned about freshwater decision-making in British Columbia?

Addressing British Columbia's current and looming freshwater challenges requires **new partnerships** and innovative forms of **collaborative governance** to respond to the many social and ecological needs of our watersheds. *Watersheds 2016* is the place to start.



Watersheds 2016 is a 1.5 day forum that builds directly on the learnings and successes of *Watersheds 2014*. Through panel sessions, field trips, breakout workshops and structured peer-to-peer learning, participants will build skills and enhance capacity for watershed governance in British Columbia.

The agenda reflects identified water community needs and priorities, with a focus on the following topics:

- New *Water Sustainability Act* planning and governance opportunities
- Collaborative governance
- Environmental flows and communities
- Sustainable funding for watershed governance
- Practical governance tools
- Indigenous-led planning and governance initiatives
- Water ethics and cross-cultural values

This forum will bridge with and complement *the Living Waters Rally 2016*, a national event to be hosted by the Canadian Freshwater Alliance from September 27 – 30, 2016. Learn more about the rally online: www.freshwateralliance.ca/lwr16.

Who Should Attend

Those who want to get engaged, be inspired or make a difference in their watersheds. Students, youth and young professionals are encouraged to participate.

Registration

For registration details, please visit the forum website.

Want to Learn More?

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