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Agenda:

Atmospheric River and Resulting Damages

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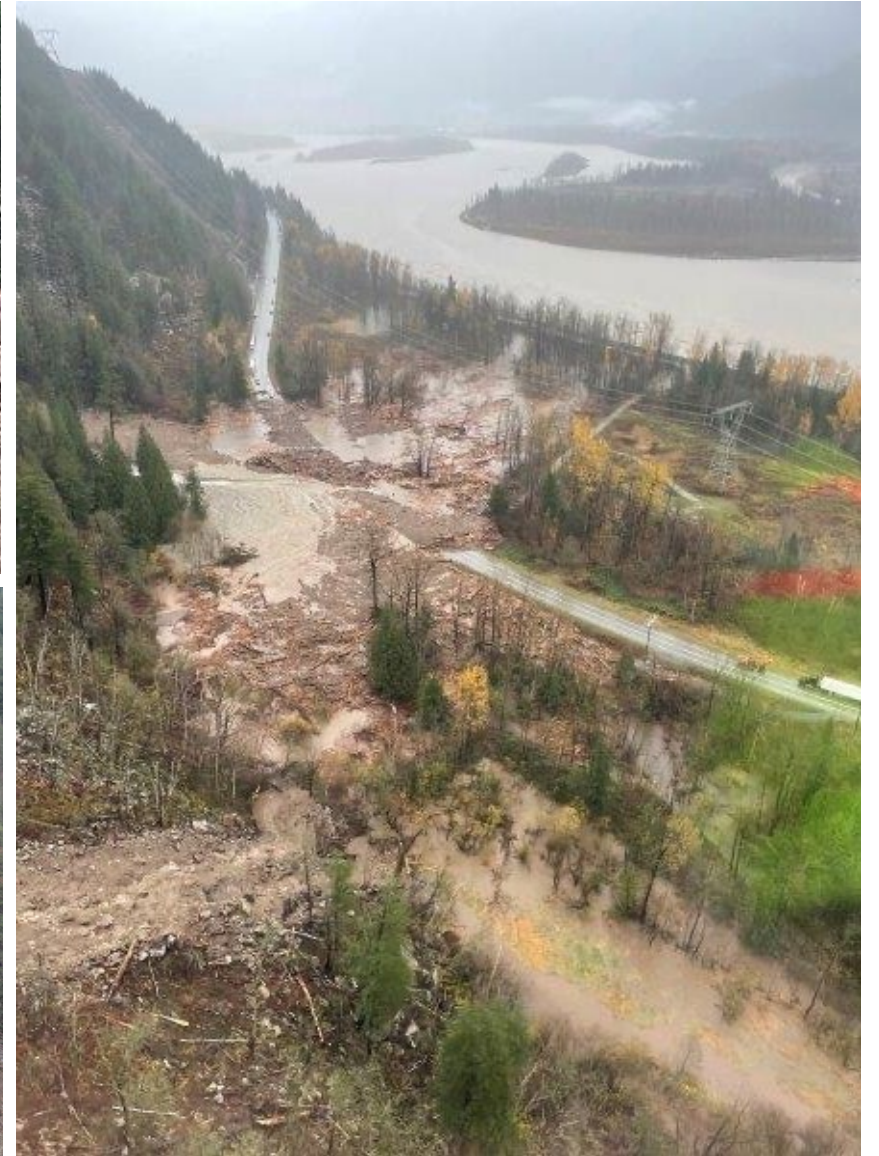
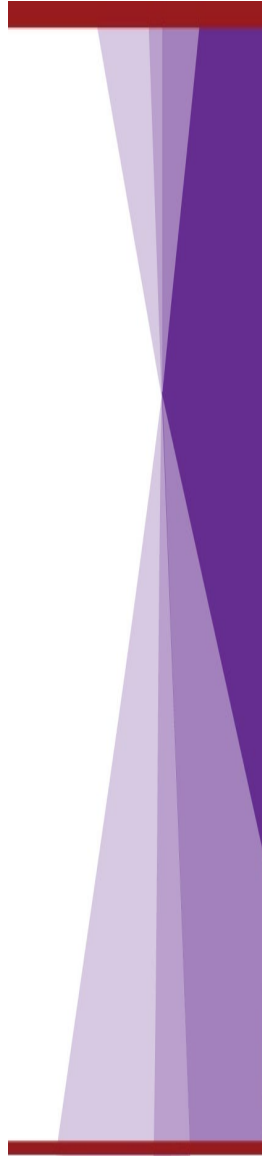
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Communications

Culture and Recreation

Seabird Slide 2021 Atmospheric River and Resulting Damages





Trapped Motorists and Rescue Efforts



Area stabilization work

Seabird needs to be
involved in the
rebuild plans.



- **Seabird Slide 2021**
Atmospheric River Damage

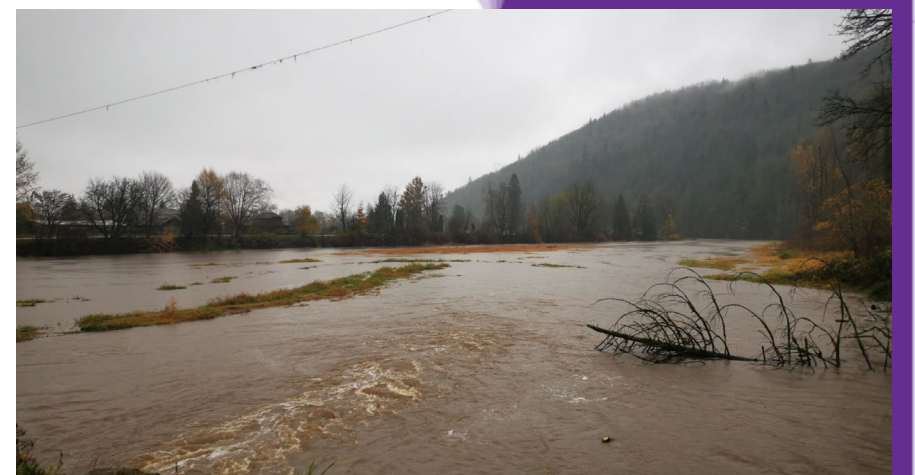
- Slide Clean-up and Construction
December 2021



Spawning Channel in
Summer of 2019 ►

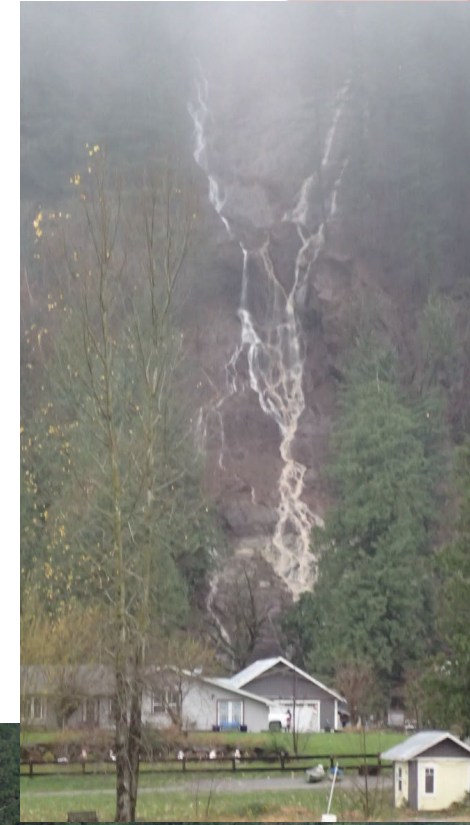
Spawning Channel 2021
Resulting High Water from
Atmospheric River ►

Spawning Channel After the
Atmospheric River Rains ►



Hicks Creek And Spawning Habitat

- a. Off reserve driveway was dug up to relieve flooding pressure on farms upstream
- b. The quick release of this water pressure has caused unmeasured damage to roadways and other infrastructure on Reserve (studies are currently being conducted).
- c. Small bridges or 6'x6' culvert blocks are needed to ensure safety and safe water flow during peak periods



Culverts past
capacity
overflowing

- Emergency Setup



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Referrals: Notices of any Activities in the Territory

- Receive average 150 referrals per month
- Seabird is requesting to join the People of the River Referrals Office
- Will cover off about 75% of referrals
- Developing a Framework Process to address the remaining 25%
- These are referrals that have an impact on Seabird Island Rights & Title

BC Cabinet Ministers & First Nations Leadership Gathering

Was scheduled beginning of December, and then postponed to January.

Opportunity to request meetings with the various Ministers

Administration developed a list of topics which require higher involvement of the Ministers.

Supplied Ministers with power point presentations.

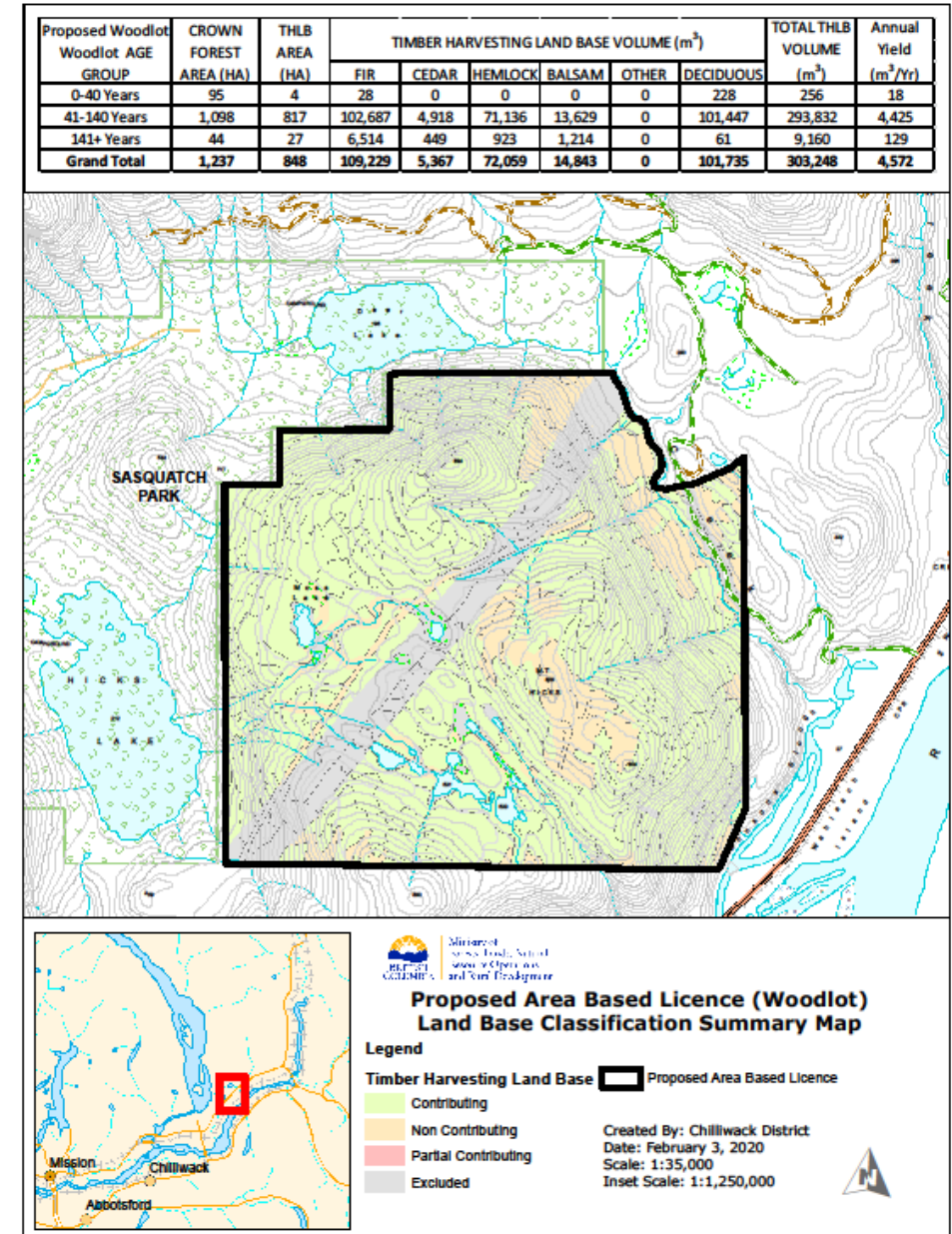
Speed dating type of arrangement, 20 min each Minister.

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Forestry

Strategic Forestry Initiative

- Working towards the development of a Seabird Island Woodlot
- This brings us closer to management of the forests within the Seabird Island territory
- We will be developing the following:
 - Management Plan
 - License Plan
 - Socio-Economic Plan



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Fisheries:

- Hired a Junior Biologist in October 2021
- She is a supporting technician to portfolio holders on the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance
- Support the Referral and Lands department
- Will review and make recommendations on all federal and provincial policy changes
- Promote all habitat restoration projects

Natural Resources

- Hired a Natural Resource Program Officer
- She is a supporting technician to portfolio holders on the Aboriginal Rights & Title
- Working on the Strength of Claim
- Work directly with the Referrals department and support Lands department
- Will review and make recommendations on all federal and provincial policy changes



Lands

Committee:

- Four individual terms expired for the Lands Committee Members
- Posting was sent out
- The Elders position, Wayne Bobb, was renewed
- Two new members were appointed, June Harris and Megan Louis
- One position is still vacant

Land Use Plan:

- Updating the Land Use Plan
- Request for proposals was sent out
- Watch for meeting dates for input in the upcoming months

Traditional Land Holdings:

- There have been a series of interviews with members
- Work on family trees
- Historical land information was gathered
- Program has been extended
- Watch for new interview dates



Membership

Membership Code:

- The Membership Code will be reviewed, amended with new updates.
- Will be looking for Member input
- Want to get away from the Indian Act Membership format
- Very important to have as much involvement as possible of all members on and off reserve

Communications

- All Seabird Island Band Members Sign up for the Members only site
- Secured site that will give access to all Seabird documents
- **Go to the Website to sign up**

Seabird Island Band Members Website is now Live.

Contact Seabird Island Membership @ 604-796-2177 to set up your account. Accounts will ONLY be created for Seabird Island Band Members. We look forward to your interaction and hearing your comments on how we can improve communication to Seabird Island Band Membership.

[REQUEST MEMBERS ACCESS >](#)

[VIEW "HOW TO CONNECT" .PDF >](#)

[LOGIN MEMBERS WEBSITE >](#)

Culture & Recreation

Baskets traded for produce from local farmers in the early 1900s have been returned to Seabird, in the spirit of reconciliation.

An Agassiz extended family reached out to Seabird staff to return them to our community. They will find a permanent home in the new culture centre.



- **Sq'ep Committee**
- Openings on the Sq'ep Committee
- Interested individuals should contact Janice Parsey
- Will be taking names and recommendations
- No application required

