

Kettle River Watershed
Management Plan
Stakeholder Advisory Group
Kick-off meeting – May 3, 2012

Draft Agenda

1. 6:30-6:40 Welcome from Chair & Regional District
 1. Election of vice-chair
2. 6:40-6:50 Introductions
3. 6:50-7:10 Review of KRWMP Terms of Reference (2010)
4. 7:10-7:30 Round table – expectations of planning process and scope
5. 7:30-7:50 “What’s in a plan?” - Overview of Draft Work Plan (with q&a)
6. 7:50-8:10 Preview / discussion of Stakeholder Advisory Group Draft Terms of Reference
7. 8:10-8:25 Defining Ground Rule Commitments
8. 8:25-8:30 Meeting Scheduling
9. 8:30 Adjourn

1) Welcoming remarks

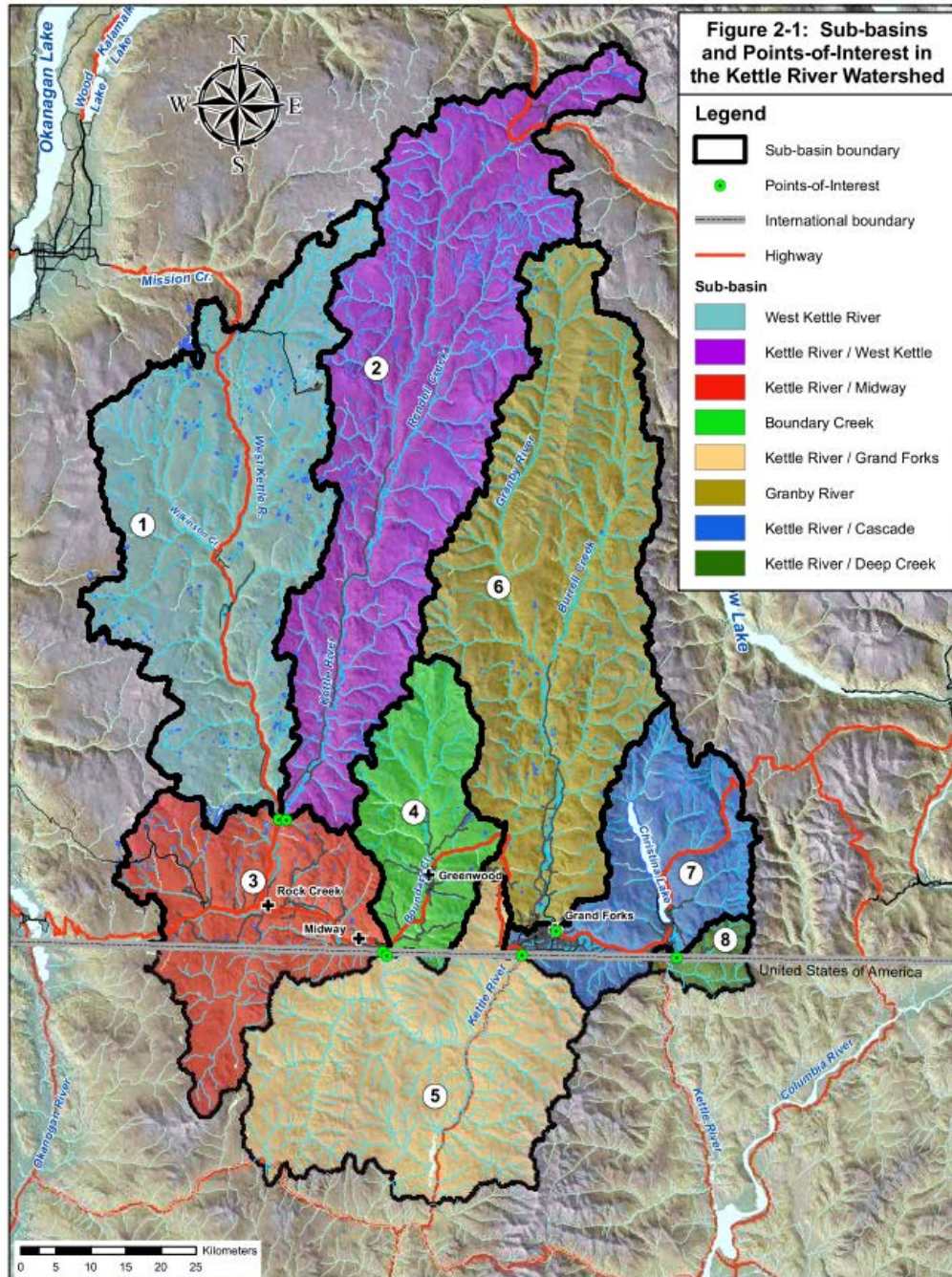
- Grace McGregor, Chairperson & Area 'C' Director
- Mark Andison, RDKB Director of Planning & Development

KRWMP Terms of Reference: Overview

- Planning area
- Purpose
- Planning principles
- Scope & Role of Plan
- Types of recommendations
- Process



About the Watershed



- 282 km tributary
- 8,230 km² (Canada) + 2,650 km² (US) = 11,000 km²
- Range of terrain, ecosystems, habitats with variety of land uses & activities affecting water resources (forestry, mining, agriculture, tourism/recreational, urban/industrial...)

A pretty good fit...

Regional District of KOOTENAY BOUNDARY



Terms of Reference

- Kettle River Watershed Committee (2010) -> Terms of Reference for the Kettle River Watershed Management Plan
- Two-phase planning process:
 1. Technical Assessment (“State of the Watershed”)
 2. Watershed management planning

Phase 1: Technical Assessment

- Major study addressing current knowledge on:
 - Surface water supply & water licences
 - Groundwater
 - Water quality
 - Fisheries and aquatic habitat
 - Information availability & gaps
 - Recommendations for additional studies to support the planning process and longer-term assessment & monitoring
- Draft report submitted in February
- Delay in presenting findings as some feedback came in late - Summit Environmental needed time to ensure issues were addressed

Phase 2: Purpose

- Provide guidance to decision-making authorities, resource managers, users, residents re water and land resources
- Provide recommendations and actions to
 - Balance water supply and use
 - Protect ecological function
 - Increase understanding
 - Promote water conservation

Planning Principles

- Iterative
- Integrated, comprehensive
- Geographically defined
- Collaborative (extensive public / stakeholder involvement)
- Proactive



Scope

- Address issues related to
 - Quality and quantity of surface and ground water
 - Aquatic ecosystem, habitat and riparian areas
- Issues may include
 - Water supply availability, constraints, climate change
 - Mitigation for drought and flooding hazards
 - Surface/groundwater interactions
 - Impacts of land use on water resources
 - Maintenance of instream flows for aquatic life
 - Protection and restoration of habitat, riparian areas
- Issues will be further identified & explored with public this year

Types of recommendations

- Water quantity
 - Water conservation options; water allocation considerations; land use regulation considerations; mitigation strategies
- Water quality
 - Recommendations about land use and development to protect water quality (incl. groundwater)
- Protection and Restoration of Habitat and Riparian Areas
 - Actions taken to improve habitat and riparian areas in/near Kettle River & tributaries

Role of the plan

- Guidance document to all stakeholders & agencies with mandate/responsibilities in watershed, with recommendations *for consideration* in decision-making
- Statutory requirements and responsibilities need to be considered when recommending actions
- Link watershed components with the watershed's economic, environmental and social priorities using extensive stakeholder involvement

Round-table: Hopes & expectations



What do you hope the Kettle River Watershed Management Plan will accomplish for your communities, during the planning process and over the longer term? What does success look like for you?

Preview: Stakeholder Advisory Group ToR

- Currently developing ToR with your input today & following meeting
- Advisory Group Roles & responsibilities
 - Advisory to the development of the plan
 - Prioritize and analyze issues
 - Identify solutions and develop recommendations
 - Be a link to the community for engagement, and a champion for implementation in your sector / community
 - Always act to support the integrity of the Advisory group and the planning process (ground rules)

Steering Committee & Technical Advisory Committee

- Steering Committee composed of elected officials, participates in Advisory Group.
- Phase 1 & technical aspects of phase 2 supported by Technical Advisory Committee

Sector	Representatives
Agriculture – West Boundary	1
Agriculture – East Boundary	1
Forestry – large organization	1
Forestry – small business, West Boundary	1
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Tourism / Resort	1
Tourism / Small Business	1
Recreation	1
Irrigation Districts	2
Conservation / Stewardship	2
Energy	1
Mining	1
First Nations	1
Nursery	1
Industry	1
Residents (Beaverdell)	1
Residents-at-large	6
RDKB Electoral Areas (Steering committee)	3
Urban areas (Steering Committee)	3

Ground Rule Commitments

- *What will you bring as a member of the Advisory Group that will contribute to the success of the project?*
- *What does each of us need to do to make this group function the best? What do we need to avoid?*



Meeting Scheduling

- First Thursday of each month *generally* works (but not June)
- Phase 1 Presentation in June determined once Summit Environmental report complete
- Summer meeting schedule