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Name	Constituency Description	Interests	Communication	Authority
Mike Steiner Alt. Sherri DeCorby	Riverfront Owners for Responsible Recreation We represent the owners of riverfront properties, who are advocating for continued responsible use of motorized vessels on the Shuswap River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have an interest in all river users being respectful of the river, the environment and all property owners regardless of their position - We have an interest in safety practices of all river users - We have an interest in sharing the river with all users for all recreational activities - We have an interest in protecting our common law rights as property owners to have access to and from our properties via boat for us and our future generations - We have an interest the ability to access our properties via water in a reasonable amount of time - We have an interest in protecting our investment and property values - We have an interest in protecting our retirement and succession plans that we have spent our entire lives developing and working towards. - We have an interest in eliminating the never ending stress, on riverfront owners, by finding a permanent solution to 30 years of activists trying to shut down the river to motorized use. - We have an interest in enjoying our properties, the river and our lifestyle as we intended when we purchased our properties 	I will be communicating with our constituents via e-mail	I have received authority to represent them in this process
Pat Weaver Alt. Kevin Reimer	Shuswap River Sportsman Association We represent sportsman who support continued,	Our Interests are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring the river remains available to motorized users for access to hunting, fishing and other activities. Hunting and fishing on the Shuswap River is a way of life for many residents. Many of our 	Communicate by: text, email and Facebook	Authority to represent was provided as constituents

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	responsible, motorized use of the Shuswap River.	<p>members have been using this river for generations and we want to know our future generations have the same access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring that all users govern themselves in a safe and responsible manner. - Ensuring that all users are respectful of all other users. - Ensuring that all users are respectful of the fish, wildlife and the environment. 		joined the group.
Rick Smith Alt. Miles Hopkins	<p>Pro-River Non-motorized Watercraft Enthusiasts</p> <p>We are pro-river recreationists who use many, non-motorized variations of canoes, kayaks, white-water rafts, stand-up paddle-boards, rowboats, pedal-boats, sailboats and various fishing watercraft like inflatable pontoon rowboats and hybrid pedal-kayaks.</p>	<p>The interests of the Lower Shuswap Non-Motorized Watercraft Enthusiasts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimizing the environmental footprint of recreational activities on the ecological health and integrity of the river, - enjoying a natural, unspoiled river experience, free from the noise, pollution and stresses of mechanized life, - enjoying a quiet, relaxed, fishing experience without human-caused disturbances that frighten fish or tangle fishing lines, - ensuring that the habitat conditions and biological needs of fish are optimal so that they will flourish at all stages of their life-cycles, - viewing wildlife and quietly slipping past without disturbing them, - promoting healthy, intact stream-banks and riparian areas that will support the many species of wildlife that depend on those environments, - clear, clean water with no man-caused sedimentation or pollution, - spatial separation and respect for others so that many stream users can move slowly downstream in harmony like traffic on a one-way street, 	<p>We communicate primarily by email, but also by phone and personal contact. Our general email updates are coordinated through the Pro-River Coalition, but we also send constituency-specific updates after each Lower Shuswap Committee meeting.</p> <p>Anyone who is aligned with our interests can join our constituency by emailing or phoning the representative, Rick Smith, rsmithkweese@gmail.com, 250 838-5725, the alternate, Miles</p>	<p>Authority to represent was provided as constituents joined the group. I subsequently followed up with the majority of them in search of an alternate.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a wide range of river classes from Class 1 to 4, and, - minimizing encounters with motor-boats when paddling the Lower Shuswap River, especially in those sections with high aquatic values and environmental vulnerability. 	<p>Hopkins, madhopper@telus.net, 250 542-1632, or by emailing the Pro-River Coalition at huguette.allen@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Jan Lacko Alt. Laura Jameson</p>	<p>Pro-River Swimmers, Responsible Floaters, Shoreline Users This group includes swimmers, snorkelers, responsible tubers and streamside users.</p>	<p>Their interests are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe experiences in the River. This is their greatest interest. Swimmers are not easily seen, particularly when swimming back and forth across the river. - Snorkelers are the least visible of the swimmers. The safety risk is greatest with motorized watercraft using the same space. - Swimmers do not usually wear lifejackets or have an efficient way to manoeuvre as quickly as paddlers to avoid danger. - Experiencing the natural state of the river with minimal disturbance. Parents and children, elders and adults want to enjoy wildlife (in the water, on land and in flight) and the natural beauty and peacefulness that the river can offer. It is a place to decompress from the stresses of life. Undue noise and compromised water quality due to unburned fuel and toxins significantly disrupt the experience. - Protecting access to an activity that is affordable for all. Using the River to swim, snorkel, float and enjoy the quiet of nature is an activity for everyone, regardless of income. 	<p>Communication will be mainly by email.</p>	<p>With agreement to our Interest Statements, authority was granted to act in constituents interests.</p>

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		<p>Preserving the integrity of the River. To many swimmers, responsible floaters and frequent streamside users, the River is place to enjoy, take care of and protect. Many of are passionate about preserving the integrity of the River and are deeply disturbed when witnessing damaging and unsafe activities.</p>		
<p>Jay Reid Alt. Dave Llewellyn</p>	<p>The Shuswap River Recreation Awareness Society (the "Society") represents a diverse group of individuals and families dedicated to the awareness and preservation of recreation on the Shuswap River for all users. We are a group comprised of people from all walks of life, united by our common use and enjoyment of the Shuswap River for recreation. Our membership enjoys motorized boating, swimming, floating, paddling and other activities on the Shuswap River and has done so for many years. As such, any proposed change to the regulations governing the use of the Shuswap River, including</p>	<p>In connection with the Mediation Process currently being undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have an interest in working with other interested parties to review measures that assist in continued safe and courteous usage by all users of the Shuswap River. - We have an interest in protecting our usage rights, as Canadian citizens, taxpayers and property owners within the RDNO on this navigable waterway and object to an expropriation of such rights. - We have an interest in protecting our property values which would be reduced if motorized vessels were excluded or severely restricted on the Shuswap River as previously proposed by the RDNO. - We have an interest in maintaining the health of the Shuswap River and its ecosystem as the Shuswap River has and continues to be a vibrant, healthy and well-monitored water system. - We have an interest in making it clear to the public that motorized vessel use on the Shuswap River is not a threat to the continued health of the river and its ecosystem. Studies commissioned by the RDNO make clear that water quality of the Shuswap River is most affected by anthropogenic activities such as waste management, septic disposal, agriculture and livestock. Accordingly, we have an interest in dispelling the misinformation regarding the impacts of motorized vessels that has been placed into the public realm. - We have an interest in maintaining a healthy recreational lifestyle 	<p>I will generally be communicating to the Society's members via email but may also be fielding phone and text inquires.</p>	<p>The Society was formed in 1993 and I have been asked to act as its representative in connection with the Mediation Process. I will generally be communicating to the Society's members via email but may also be fielding phone and text inquires.</p>

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	<p>regulations previously proposed by the Regional District of the North Okanagan ("RDNO") to eliminate or severely restrict the use of motorized vessels, would have a large and lasting negative impact on our rights, privileges and way of life.</p>	<p>which includes motorized boating and towing activities in a safe and courteous manner.</p>		
<p>Charles Ruechel Alt. Maureen Reid</p>	<p>Pro-River Businesses involved in Non-motorized use Our constituency consists of business owners whose businesses directly support or are involved in non-motorized recreation, gear retailing, manufacturing, market gardens, farming, tourism, accommodation, consulting, outdoor education, outdoor leadership, outdoor adventure, nature retreats, and wild-crafting. To some of these businesses, the river is a cornerstone. For all of these business owners, it is important that the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have an interest to protect the wilderness experience on and around the river. Our businesses depend on our clients' ability to hear, see, touch, taste, and smell nature in its purest and most natural form. Our concern is that motorized recreation interferes with that ability in many ways, from habitat loss, streamside development, wildlife disturbance, pollution, odors, and noise. - We have an interest in safety, primarily concerning the risk of being hit by a motorboat. From our perspective, any other safety measures such as motorized patrols, signs, buoys, etc. would serve to diminish the resource more than they would protect the individual. - We have a concern that motorized vessels increase turbidity after the freshet. Farm businesses depend on the river water to be free from pollutants and free from sediment after the freshet so that they may water their crops and livestock. Nature tour businesses depend on clean, crystal clear water and shorelines free from litter and development. - We have an interest in our clients experiencing peace and quiet. A wilderness experience is best enjoyed in the absence of motor noise, music, phones, etc. This is particularly important to businesses offering nature-based experiences for clients who participate to 	<p>I will deliver updates of the process to my constituents through email, website, face-to-face, and by phone. I will also be discussing ideas with, and receiving feedback from, constituents by email, phone, and face-to-face conversations. To learn more about pro-river business interests, please visit http://www.sensociety.org/?q=proriver</p>	<p>Business owners have contacted me about this process and have asked that I represent them</p>

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	<p>health of the river and surrounding ecosystem be put first.</p>	<p>connect with themselves as well as the environment. This is also important to maintain peace for the workers and livestock of riverside farms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have an interest in resolving conflict between users so that our clients feel welcome on and around the river. Our fear is that the conflict between users will spoil the experience of our clients. - We are concerned that motorized vessels degrade the river environment which we rely upon for our resource base which includes using the river environment as a classroom for teaching outdoor living skills, environmental ethics, natural history, ecology, paddling skills, leadership skills, teamwork, fishing skills, ethnobotany, wildcrafting skills, personal growth, and more. - We have an interest in the creation of a river corridor for non-motorized recreation that is separated entirely from motorized vessels. Our fear is that motorized recreation will continue to spread to all easily-accessible public lands and waterways, leaving nowhere where people may have respite from the noise and environmental damage created by motorized vessels. - We want to be able to promote the river for its ecological richness and intact wilderness for ecotourism and sustainable recreation so we can sustain and grow our businesses. - We have an interest in managing motorized vessels in a way that is easily enforceable and effective. 		
<p>Hermann Bruns</p>	<p>Pro- River Local Residents and Property Owners This constituency consists of people who reside or own property in the RDNO and value the Shuswap River for the essential role it plays in the ecology of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect for all river ecology and other natural values respect means understanding and experiencing natural values travelling slowly and quietly allows for this respect to develop - Respect for the human and non-human inhabitants living along the river respect means understanding that other people and wildlife live along the river travelling slowly and quietly allows for more equal sharing with the 	<p>Constituents will be kept informed via email.</p>	<p>Authority to represent was provided as constituents joined the group.</p>

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	<p>watershed. While the river provides numerous functional services for human residents, it also has values like, peace, tranquility, and beauty that can't be quantified. Recreational activities must be balanced with other river values and respect both human and non-human inhabitants.</p>	<p>other inhabitants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintaining natural water quality and clarity boat wake causes unnatural and excessive turbidity unnatural turbidity has significant environmental and aesthetic impact - Maintain and restore the natural ecology the long-term health of the river is dependent on maintaining the natural ecology non-motorized recreation has a much lower per person impact on river ecology - Maintain and restore peace, tranquility, and aesthetics the river provides an opportunity for people to truly re-create one power boat can deprive people of the opportunity to experience these values - Respect for traditional indigenous uses respect means being aware of indigenous fishing, hunting, trapping, and canoe travel. low speed travel allows us to reconnect with these traditions - Minimizing wake-induced erosion all boat wake is an unnatural force that causes shoreline erosion and property loss recreation on the river must be regulated to eliminate wake - Minimizing noise pollution people can have quiet enjoyment of their riverside properties riparian and aquatic life can develop unimpeded - Minimizing petroleum smells and residues pollution of air and water from motors disrupts residents' enjoyment of the river non-motorized recreation is free of petroleum byproducts - Cultivate an appreciation for inherent natural values of the river the river has values far beyond that of a surface for speed and adrenaline sports 		
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		<p>non-motorized recreation activities allow for such appreciation to develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the value of riverside properties riverside residents appreciate the non-monetary values of their properties properties will be more valuable next to a healthy, natural river - Restore the health of the riparian zone the riparian zone is a critical habitat adjacent to the river disturbance from wake and noise can affect the long-term health of this habitat 		
<p>Neil Brooks Alt. Barb DuTot</p>	<p>Pro-River Conservation and Stewardship This constituency consists of individuals and groups concerned about protecting the health and well being of the people, fish and wildlife of the Shuswap drainage by advocating for safe water practices. The Shuswap Water Action Team and the Shuswap Environmental Action Society have both endorsed Neil and Barb to represent them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protecting the health and well being of the people, fish and wildlife of the Shuswap drainage by advocating for safe water practices. - Increasing public and stakeholder awareness regarding water quality and fish and wildlife requirements. - Fostering scientific and technical information exchange with stakeholders. - Building long-term community stewardship capacity. - Improving compliance and enforcement of existing regulations in regard to development projects and vessel operation restrictions. - Ensuring that fish habitat protection requirements are incorporated into local land and water use plans. - Increasing community responsibility for watershed management that includes the enhancement and restoration of habitats as part of watershed management plans. - Fostering a sense of stewardship through education and participation. - Maintaining and improving sport fishing and indigenous ceremonial and food fisheries for salmon, rainbow trout, kokanee and bull trout in the Shuswap drainage by protecting and preserving important vulnerable habitats; up and downstream migrations of adult spawners and their offspring, holding pools, spawning beds, off channel and 	<p>Constituent communication is provided via email and phone.</p>	<p>Authorized to represent groups and constituency</p>

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		<p>wetlands nurseries in and along the Shuswap River. Protecting these important habitats from destruction and disturbances is an important requirement which along with clean water will support an abundant and healthy population of fish now and for future generations of fishers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting the important economic values of the Shuswap fishery and the pleasure, experiences, knowledge and creativity it provides to thousands of residents and visitors alike. - Supporting those seeking the silence and solitude of a positive river experience and the economic benefits of eco tourism which generally leaves a small footprint on important habitats. - Preserving what’s left of the biodiversity of the Shuswap River, which is a valuable source for intellectual and scientific knowledge, recreation and aesthetic pleasure. - Protecting water quality in the entire Shuswap watershed. 		
<p>Patrick Woodford Alt. Doug Mallett</p>	<p>Our group represents local businesses that will be negatively affected both directly and indirectly from restriction of motorized vessels on the Shuswap River. We include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boat and boat motor sales, - Boat Rental and Storage - Sportsman, Fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To maintain full motor vessel access from Mara Lake to the Shuswap River upstream to Ashton Creek and for use by all groups while identifying potential conflict areas and implementing safety measures to protect the ecosystem, reduce risk and potential conflict between multiple user groups. - Maintain full, part time, and seasonal employment as well as local tax base and sustainable economy that is derived from businesses supporting motorized vessel use. . - Maintain motorized vessel use on the River as a large draw of tourism revenues to the valley and businesses located in Sicamous through to Enderby, Ashton Creek and Mable Lake which depend on tourist, including permanent and seasonal owners and users who come here to use motorized vessels on the river. - Avoid reductions in revenue which can result in magnified losses through the supply chain and have impact on potential layoffs or even 	<p>Communication by email.</p>	<p>Authority to represent businesses was provided during communication with each of the businesses that is included in the group.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sales and supplies - Campgrounds - Fuel Sales - Watersport equipment Sales, Repairs and Rentals - Watersport Lessons - Accommodations - Food/Restaurant/Hospitality - Contractors that rely on new construction and repairs/renovations such as plumbers, electricians, carpenters and excavators could be reached through trickle effect - Real Estate sales and development - Healthcare providers (Chiropractic, Optometric, general wellness and pharmaceutical - Golf Courses - Supply Industry 	<p>closures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerned that this small population area has a limited job market for local residents, with many of the jobs being seasonal especially for the younger population. This employment must be protected to encourage these people to grow and settle in the area supporting the local economy rather than move away to larger population centers to find employment. - The river upstream of Mara Lake has very limited access points south through to Enderby. Primary boating access to the river is from Mara Lake, with very restricted access points upstream so this must be preserved for motor use - Avoid restrictions to horsepower and/or boat size which can significantly limit access to a large portion of the user group including seniors or those with limited mobility who are not able to operate smaller vessels easily. Increase the contribution of this demographic to the local economy by involving them in motorized vessel use. - promote safe and responsible usage while preserving the environment and maintaining equal access for watersports and right to enjoyment for all user groups to protect the fragile economy of the valley. 		
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