



February 6, 2023

File: 39580-20/ Skwelwil'em
Squamish Estuary WMA

Edith Tobe
Executive Director
Squamish River Watershed Society
Box 1791, Squamish BC, V8B 0B3

Dear Edith Tobe:

**Re: Authorization to conduct construction works within the Skwelwil'em
Squamish Estuary Wildlife Management Area (WMA)**

We anticipate the proposed removal of an additional 550 m of the lower Squamish Training Berm will have significant positive impacts to fish, wildlife, and habitat within the immediately adjacent Skwelwil'em Squamish Estuary WMA. Thus, this letter constitutes *Wildlife Act* section 4(4) authorization to enter and conduct construction works related to the removal of this additional segment of the lower Squamish Training Berm:

4. Power to designate wildlife management areas

(4) Despite any other enactment, a person may not use land or resources in a wildlife management area without the written permission of the regional manager.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Access to the Skwelwil'em Squamish Estuary WMA to conduct construction works related to removal of 550 m of the lower Squamish Training Berm is granted from February 13, 2023 to May 15, 2023 or until herring begin spawning in the estuary.
2. Construction activities will be limited to those described in the attached documents:
 - a. 201-02747-00_C3D_PHASE_2 - v3_Draft_2022-5-30 compressed
 - b. 2022 CERP Stage 2 Construction Environmental Monitoring Plan May 24 2022
3. Any changes to the construction program that will involve the deployment of additional infrastructure, the collection and removal of samples or impacts to habitat will require separate authorization.
4. Please ensure that construction activities minimize impacts to fish, wildlife, and habitat within the WMA.
5. Post-construction monitoring works within the WMA will require separate authorization.
6. Please ensure that you and/or any of your staff retain a copy of this authorization when accessing the WMA in support of your construction project.

Sincerely,

Kendra Morgan, RPBio
Delegated Authority, BC *Wildlife Act*
Section Head, Fish and Aquatic Wildlife - South Coast Natural Resource Region