



Tsleil-Waututh Nation səlilwətał



Edith Tobe, RPBio
Squamish River Watershed Society

October 6th 2021

Re: Central Estuary Restoration Project – Squamish Spit Removal Applications

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express support for the the Central Estuary Restoration Project (CERP) and the Squamish Spit removal phase of the project.

In accordance with Coast Salish protocol, the Tsleil-Waututh people have lived along the shores of Burrard Inlet since time out of mind. Tsleil-Waututh, similar to Musqueam and Squamish relatives, have a long-held legal obligation to steward the water, land, air and resources in Burrard Inlet. The stewardship responsibility includes restoring conditions that provide the environmental, culture, spiritual, and economic foundation for our community to thrive.

The Squamish Spit was constructed in the 1970s within Skwelwil'em Squamish Estuary without free prior and informed consent. The presence of the spit and dyke have contributed to a significant decrease in salmon, particularly Chinook salmon. TWN's Land, Water and Environment Department is happy to support this good work. The health of salmon is a high concern of Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and we look forward to the results of this effort.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Ogston
Environmental Stewardship Coordinator
Tsleil-Waututh Nation