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# WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

Update from Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights & Title  
and Environmental Working Group

## KEEPING OUR EYES ON THE PROJECTS

The Environmental Working Group (EWG) attends, at least, quarterly site visits that commenced during pre-construction and will be extending through the construction period. The purpose of these site visits are to:

- Maintain Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw presence on the project
- Monitor compliance of environmental management plans
- Keep familiarity of project status and processes

The EWG attended their second Swiýát (Woodfibre) site visit of the year in March. Some of the recent and future pre-constructions works we assessed were:

- bat boxes and barn swallow cups set up on site to support relocation from building demolition
- dock replacement - this was necessary as previous dock was deemed unsafe
- old landfill capped & leachate collection installed
- herring data collection
- contaminated soil testing and disposal process
- knotweed management
- scrap metal collection - to be transported off site



Environmental Working Group & Woodfibre reps,  
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## MAINTAINING TRADITIONAL LAND USE RIGHTS

### Indigenous Access Protocol

Do you (or have you in the past) utilize the back country for hunting (or for other cultural practices) at the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw village known as Swiýát? We want to hear from you!

The Woodfibre site has forest road access into Mill Creek, Woodfibre Creek, and Henriette Lake. These areas have always been used by our members. When Swiýát was a pulp mill off and on from 1906 to 2010, members were not always able to access the area easily.

During LNG construction and later during operations, there will be some changes needed to docking locations and forest road access. Ensuring Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw access to the backcountry behind Swiýát is a condition of approval for Woodfibre LNG. Please get in touch if you have any experiences to share or opinions on future access plans!

This update is about environmental regulation of the SNEAA. Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Members and businesses seeking employment or business opportunities for the project are encouraged to contact:

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## MILL CREEK STEERING COMMITTEE

Squamish Nation is looking for community members interested in forming a volunteer Steering Committee to guide the restoration of Mill Creek at swíyat (the Woodfibre LNG site).

Mill Creek is a tributary of Howe Sound which flows southeast, roughly through the middle of the Woodfibre LNG property. From past pulp and paper operations, the habitat in Mill Creek is damaged – it lacks natural banks or overhanging vegetation. Still, Mill Creek supports fish including Chinook, Chum, Pink, Coho, Rainbow trout, Anchovies and Dolly Varden. Restoration efforts should improve the number of fish that can rely on this creek.

As a condition of the Squamish Nation Environmental Assessment Agreement for the project, Woodfibre LNG has committed to providing funding for the remediation and restoration of Mill Creek within the “Green Zone” – an area encompassing the lower reach of Mill Creek designated for restoration where we can get vegetation restored.

The Squamish Nation Steering Committee will be tasked with creating the vision for the restoration of Mill Creek by developing the conceptual, and eventually detailed restoration plans.

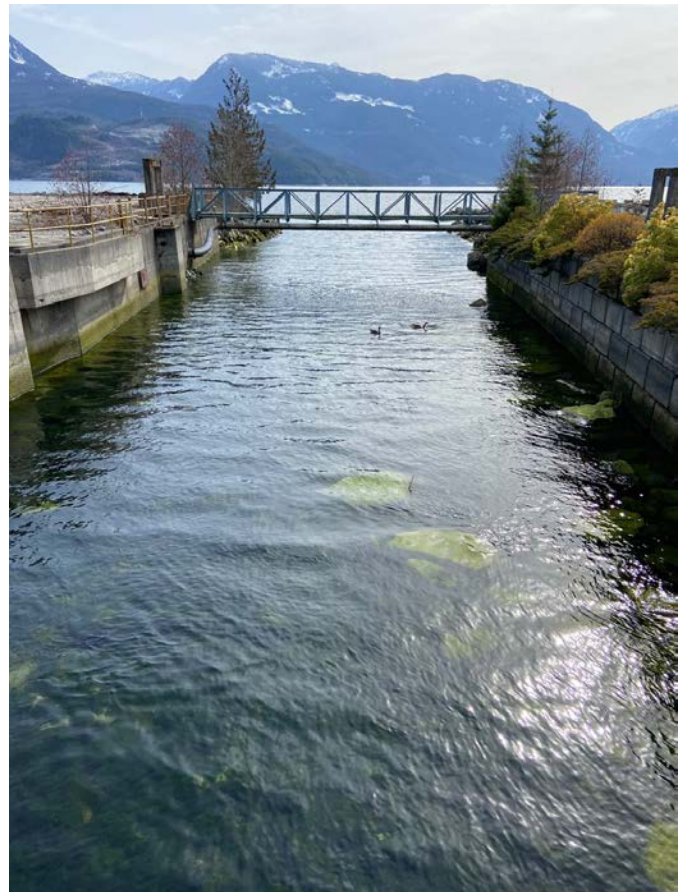
Technical expertise will be available for input as needed by the Steering Committee... the first job is defining a vision. The Steering Committee would need to look into:

- Fish habitat options, versus space available on site
- Cultural recognition of swíyat (signage or carvings?)
- How to prioritize certain tasks if the work is to be done in phases over the next 5 or 10 years.

Interested members please contact Whitney Joseph at [swiyat@squamish.net](mailto:swiyat@squamish.net) or 778-966-1117.



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## HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED?

Has your cultural use on our traditional territories been impacted in ANY way by the current pre-construction activities that are taking place?

**Please report immediately to Whitney Joseph**  
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