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## Okanagan Basin Water Board 2019 Overview



### OBWB Purpose and Vision

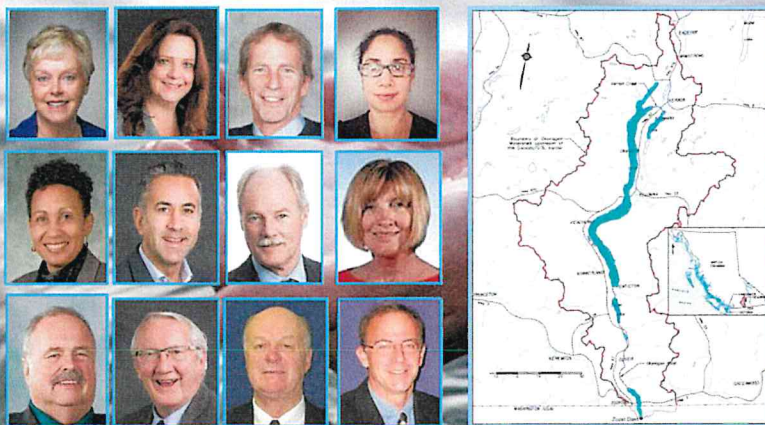
- *Providing leadership to protect and enhance the quality of life in the Okanagan through sustainable water management.*
- *The Vision of the OBWB is for the valley to have clean and healthy water in perpetuity, meeting the needs of natural ecosystems, residents and agriculture – now and in the future*

## Mandate 1970 – present

- Define problems and priorities
- Communicate and Coordinate
- Present recommendations
- Organize and receive proposals
- Participate financially in projects on behalf of local governments



## Okanagan Basin Water Board



Established 1970



## Okanagan Water Stewardship Council



## Structured for sharing resources



- Pool valley-wide funding for activities
- Receive grants from senior governments: \$1.4 M 2018
- Provide grants to local partners: \$300 K + \$1.65 M 2018
- Assist local governments to get external grants: \$745 K 2018
- Create a platform for joint initiatives

## 49 Years, Three Programs

- Sewage Facilities Assistance
  - *Grants to local governments*
- Watermilfoil control
  - *Valley-wide, year-round*
- Water Management Program
  - *Grants, Collaboration & Coordination*
  - *Water Science and data*
  - *Policy and planning*
  - *Communications*
  - *Advocacy*

## Sewage Facilities Assistance

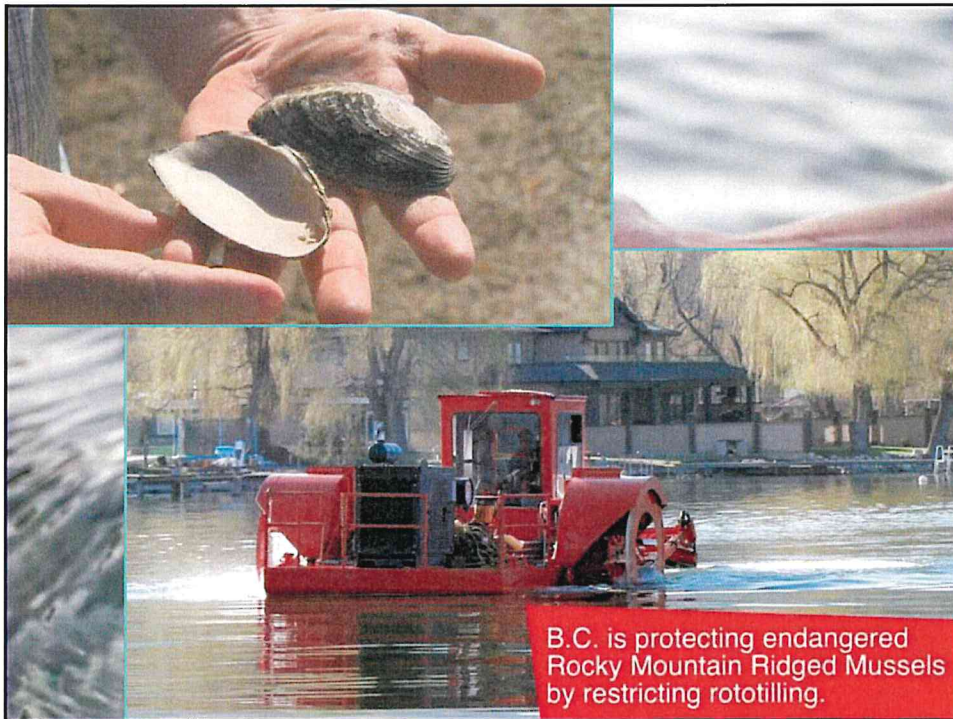


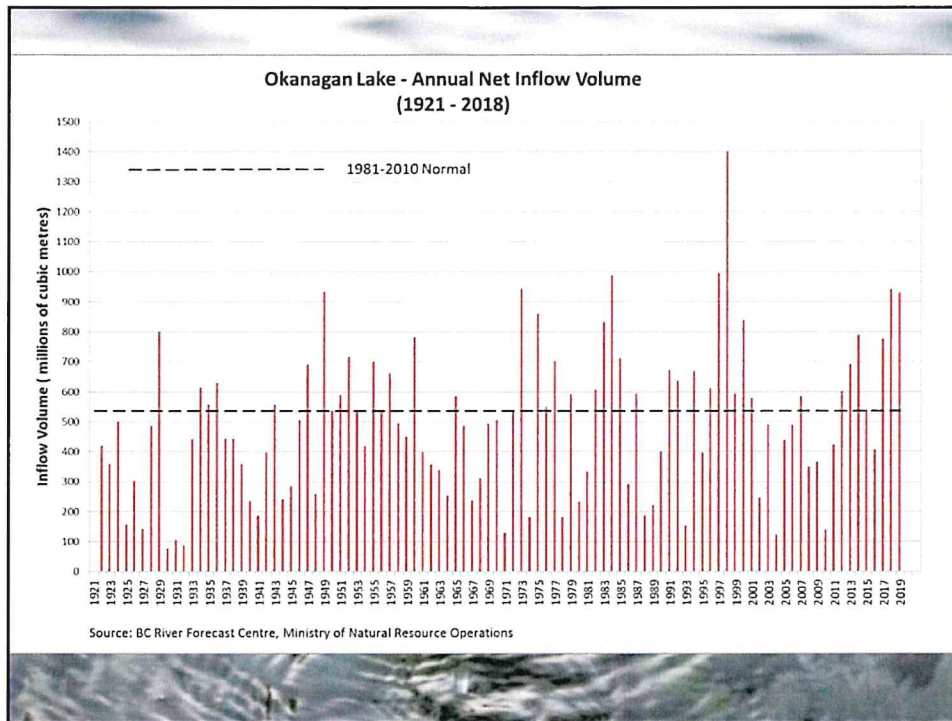


## Watermilfoil: a long haul

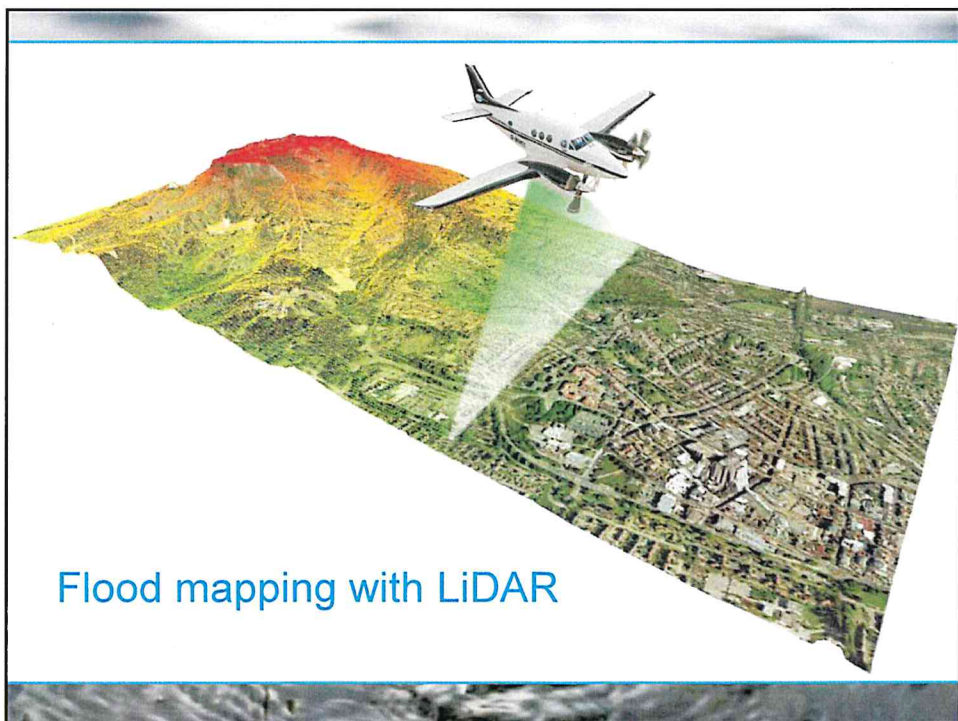


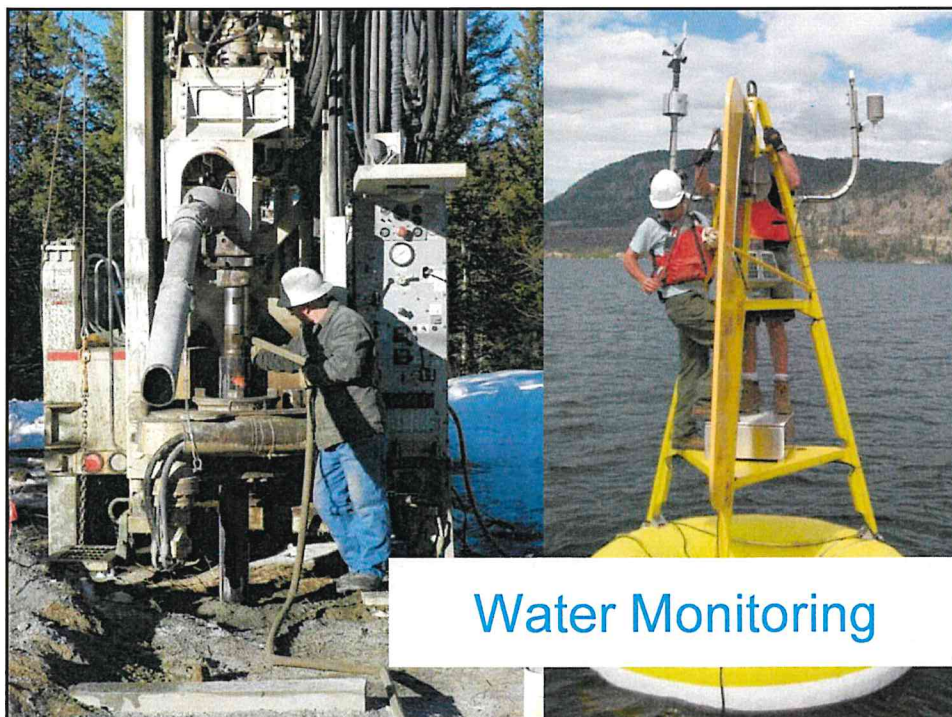
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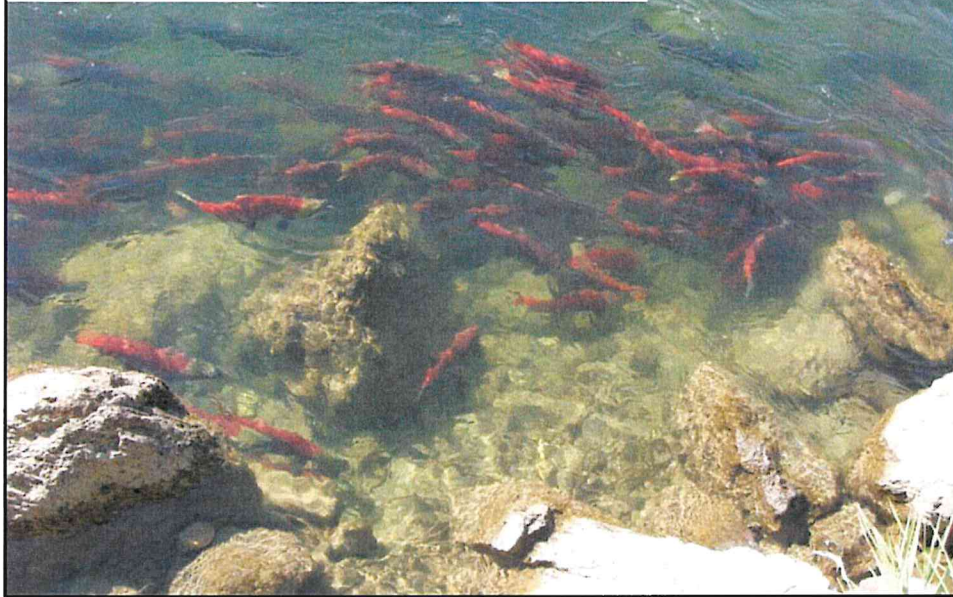








## Environmental Flow Needs



HOME MUSSELS RISKS PREVENTION PARTNERS MORE INFO IN THE NEWS

# DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL

SPEAK OUT!

SPREAD THE MESSAGE, **NOT** THE MUSSEL.

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ONE PLANET waterwise One policy. One water.

TAKE ACTION CLEAN DRAINAGE

A photograph of a beach scene with people and various icons overlaid. The icons include a red circle with a black silhouette of a person, a red circle with a black silhouette of a house, a red circle with a black silhouette of a fish, a red circle with a black silhouette of a dollar sign, a red circle with a black silhouette of a person, a red circle with a black silhouette of a person, and a red circle with a black silhouette of a person. The background shows a beach with people, a pier, and a lake.



## *Strengths*

- *Many diverse partners and supporters*
- *Joint capacity is greater than individual capacities*
- *OBWB creates a communication hub: bridges levels of government and other partners*
- *Valley-wide strategic planning*
- *Integrated projects give highest value*
- *Long-term, steady efforts bring big results*

**Thank You!**