

# EBM in the Skeena Watershed

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# Why the Skeena is Important

Rated as one of the most important wild salmon watersheds in the world

Has a relatively intact and functional ecosystem

Climate change – better positioned than Southern systems

Need to protect \$100 million dollar local wild salmon economy

Skeena is already a focus of WSP implementation

We have support from the PSF to use the Skeena as a EBM pilot

People in this watershed are tied to wild salmon and want long term solutions that help protect them

# Skeena is a major battle ground for salmon conservation

1976 Oil Ports Inquiry

Kemano Completion Project

Ongoing issues around forestry

Mines – Kemess North

North Coast Fish Farm Expansion

Coal Bed Methane – Telkwa & Sacred Headwaters

Enbridge Tar sands pipeline / tankers

Government and Industry do not currently have the social license to move forward with large projects

**If not here, then where?**

**If not now, then when?**

**If not us, then who?**

## Moving Forward

Form a subgroup of those interested

Ask that the BVRC Continue its role

Ask that sponsor continue their support

Provide a means for participants to provide comments and ideas post conference