

4.0 Future State of the Environment Reporting

This 2010 State of the Environment report is the first of its kind for this region, and provides a snapshot of the wide and complex environmental issues facing the Cowichan Region. The report endeavours to establish some reliable and repeatable ways of measuring how the environment is doing.

In preparing this report, there were significant challenges in finding the data to “tell the story” of the Cowichan Region and its natural environment. In some cases data were readily available, in other cases the data were either lacking entirely or were less than desirable for the purpose. Nonetheless, this report has begun the process of tracking progress (or lack of) towards maintaining and restoring a healthy natural environment in this ecologically rich and special region.

The CVRD Environment Commission hopes that this report will spur the collection and release of additional data that will help to better “tell the story”, and that there will be future State of the Environment reports that add to and build on the findings of this first report.