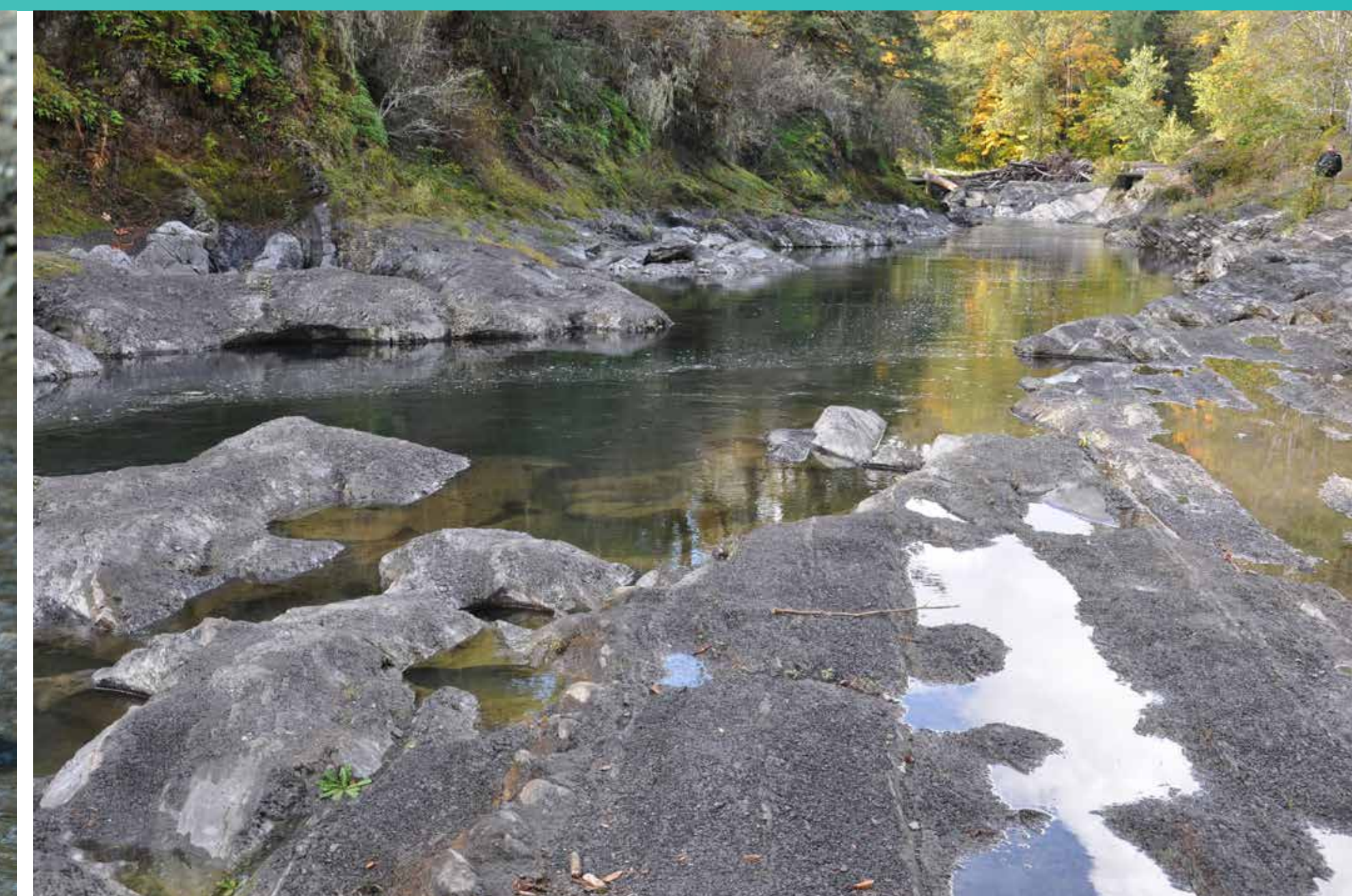


WATER SECURITY

Your top priority



Water security was residents' top priority in the 2016 Community Satisfaction Survey. Now we need your input on the water security actions you would like us to take in the Cowichan Watershed.



About the Cowichan watershed

- ➔ The Cowichan watershed is the largest and most diverse of our region's 16 watersheds
- ➔ Total area of watershed is 930 km²

The Cowichan watershed and you

- ➔ The watershed is vital to our well being:
 - ➔ Supplies drinking water for around 25,000 people in three municipalities, five electoral areas and two First Nations
 - ➔ Supplies 30% of region's fresh water needs for drinking, irrigation, sewage dilution and other uses
 - ➔ Supports key economic sectors – tourism, agriculture/food production and industrial/business processes (e.g. forestry, pulp mill, fish hatcheries, golf courses)
 - ➔ Provides extensive recreational opportunities – hiking, sports fishing, swimming/tubing
 - ➔ Culturally significant to First Nations for food and ceremonies
 - ➔ Supports vital ecological systems including fish habitat/migration and wildlife



Did you know?

Over half of the region's annual water consumption occurs between May and September, when water inflow to the Cowichan Basin is at its lowest level.