2023 Drought Update

December 15, 2023

Summer 2023

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc lifted Level 5 Drought Water Restrictions in October 2023. Enhanced water use restrictions introduced in August effectively reduced community-wide water use by 25%.

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc acknowledges and appreciates the efforts of all community members and businesses who played their part in helping to conserve our local water supply and protect the environment.

TteS has kept a record of drought related activities, conversations, and interactions. Best practices and lessons learned will continue to build the community's Made-in-Tk'emlúps drought response plans.

Winter 2023

Level 2 Drought conditions continue to persist, and we continue to experience historically low river levels in the North and South Thompson River Basins.

Seasonal snow accumulation has gotten off to a slow start. October and November have been drier and warmer than normal across British Columbia. Mountain snow accumulation is well below normal throughout the province. The North and South Thompson River Basins are at 60% of average for this time of the year.

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc will continue to monitor drought conditions over the winter and spring and continue to work closely with the Thompson Okanagan Region Drought Response Team.

Secwepemc Fisheries Commission Update

Watershed wide water conservation measures may be required again in 2024, in a proactive measure to assist in mitigating for potential fish mortality caused by extreme drought conditions. SFC will continue to be active in drought monitoring and bringing that information to the Thompson Okanagan Drought Response Team process.

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TteS Drought Response Team

TteS Bylaws and water restrictions are implemented by TteS, not the provincial government.
All British Columbians are responsible for the sustainability of water and aquatic ecosystems. All water users in drought-affected areas are asked to cooperate and contribute to the goal of conservation.

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