



ORCBC statement on reconciliation

The Outdoor Recreation Council of BC (ORCBC) acknowledges past and current injustices towards Indigenous peoples, and we support the goals of reconciliation.

We believe that the non-Indigenous community needs to be part of the reconciliation process. Reconciliation is a generational process, and we must ensure that we build a solid foundation and resist making quick decisions that we will later regret. ORCBC and our member organizations should be engaged in reconciliation discussions that will impact access to public outdoor recreation.

We recommend that dialogue best take place at the grassroots level. We encourage ORCBC member organizations to engage and build relationships with Indigenous Peoples in their communities to help identify common interests and concerns.

Collaborative tables are promising venues for reconciliation discussions and could be expanded province-wide. These local and regional tables are initiated and directed in collaboration with local Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, often with government staff in attendance by invitation only. Current examples of successful collaborative tables include the Lower Fraser Collaborative Table (LFCT). Over three years, LFCT has developed a respectful, positive atmosphere where Indigenous, commercial and recreational fishers can share concerns and objectives common to their respective communities.

ORCBC is committed to working with our member organizations and Indigenous Peoples toward meaningful reconciliation. By learning from the past, we can create new relationships that represent true equality for all Canadians and whereby our tremendous recreation resources are stewarded and protected for all future generations.

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