

Constitution and Bylaws of the Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society

Constitution

PART 1- The name of the society is:

The Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society, hereafter referred to as the "FOKL".

Part 2- The purpose of FOKL is:

- a) To improve the health and stewardship of Kootenay Lake through monitoring, habitat restoration, capacity building and the empowerment of local communities and stakeholders.
- b) FOKL seeks to represent a cross-section of stakeholders with a collective vision for stewardship, defined as "the careful and responsible management of ecosystems." FOKL assists in identifying threats and addressing issues including cumulative impacts. FOKL advocates for balanced and coordinated lake management: specifically, planning that will maintain and restore the ecosystem integrity of the lake. With its focus on public education and the collection, development and dissemination of information about the lake, FOKL aims to ensure the lake continues to contribute to the region's economic, social and cultural richness.
- c) FOKL provides a community vision to decision-makers for lake planning and development. It achieves excellence in stewardship through collaboration and evidence-based decision-making in its project development and management. FOKL works to develop community participation, passion and pride in lake stewardship and provides a voice for the lake's stewardship community to regional and international management and governance bodies.
- d) FOKL will work to ensure that all interested stakeholders:
 - di) Have access to baseline information regarding the environmental, social and cultural resources associated with Kootenay Lake;
 - dii) Are informed about management policies, regulations and guidelines applicable to Kootenay Lake, and any associated issues; and
 - diii) Are aware of opportunities to participate in stewardship activities, education/training opportunities, and planning processes affecting Kootenay Lake.
 - div) Where there is FOKL interest in activities that can enhance the health of Kootenay Lake, FOKL may assist in establishing projects to undertake those activities.

