



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ENV-BRD-227

From: Environmental Services

Date: February 20, 2025

Subject: Aquatic Harvester WSA – Section 11 Approvals for Charlie and Swan Lake

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board receive and refer 'Approval Letter 9000857 – Swan Lake, Section 11 Approval 9000857, WSA Approval Letter 9000856 – Charlie Lake and WSA Section 11 Approval 9000856' which outlines the *Water Sustainability Act* approvals and conditions for removing aquatic vegetation from Charlie Lake and Swan Lake to the Electoral Area Directors Committee for further consideration.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On May 18, 2023, the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

That the Regional Board pursue an application for a Section 11 Change Approval under the Water Sustainability Act to the Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resource Stewardship to harvest aquatic vegetation from Charlie Lake and Swan Lake.

The Electoral Area Directors Committee sent the resolution to the Regional Board for approval on April 27, 2023. Currently, there is no direction or funding to investigate an aquatic vegetation harvesting program for Charlie Lake or Swan Lake.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The Aquatic Harvesting Have Your Say page will be updated to note the approvals, their conditions, and the referral from the Regional Board to the Electoral Area Directors Committee.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Approval Letter 9000857 - Swan Lake
2. WSA Section 11 Approval 9000857
3. Approval Letter 9000856 – Charlie Lake
4. WSA Section 11 Approval 9000856

External Links:

1. [Charlie, Swan & One Island Lake Aquatic Harvesting Plans](#) – See Item 9.3 on the Electoral Area Directors Committee Agenda dated April 27, 2023.