

2026 Northern Restoration Community of Practice

Workshop: *Turning Ideas Into Action*

Draft Agenda – *Subject to changes*

October 21-22, 2026, Terrace, BC

Option Field Tour – October 23, 2026, Terrace, BC

2026 Workshop Objectives:

This year's workshop theme is *Turning Ideas into Action*. Building on the vision, values, and indicators the CoP co-created in 2024 and 2025, here's what's in store for 2026:

- **Project Showcase** → Coastal, estuary, riverscape & ungulate restoration stories
- **Small Group Coaching** → Real challenges and peer solutions via our best rated session two years running
- **Guidance Products** → Developing practical tools for common problems, together
- **Mini-Trainings** → Hands-on with existing tools, leave with new tools for your work
- **Gap Identification** → Naming what's missing, setting priorities for the COP
- **Partnerships** → Stronger connections across Northern B.C.

Pre-Event Ice Breaker: Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Location TBD, Terrace, B.C.

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
18:30 – 21:30	Networking Meetup and Informal Conversation: Mitigation & Offsets Unfiltered: Where We Are, Where We're Headed

Day 1: Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Terrace Sportsplex, 3320 Kalum St., Terrace, B.C.

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
08:00 - 09:00	Coffee & Networking
09:00 - 09:15	Cultural Welcome <i>Local host representative – TBD</i>
09:15 – 09:45	Opening Remarks and Vision for this Workshop <i>Mae Whyte, SERNbc – reflections on three years of the Northern Restoration CoP and this year's theme, Turning Ideas Into Action.</i>
09:45 – 10:15	Collaboration Outside the Box: Getting to Know Our Colleagues <i>A chance to meet colleagues in the room through creative and fun networking.</i>
10:15 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:00	Learning From Others: Connected Systems, Connected Cultures: Coastal and Estuary Restoration in the Skeena <i>Presentations on restoration work relevant to the Skeena and coastal region – e.g., eelgrass restoration, salmon and other species such as eulachon and steelhead/trout, pacific herring etc. – followed by a panel discussion and group debrief.</i>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch & Networking
13:00 - 14:30	Breakout Sessions – Round 1: Choose Your Own Adventure – Discuss It and Draft It, or Learn It. <i>A mix of Guidance Breakout Tables (small groups discuss a key guidance need for the community and draft a first outcome - topics to be identified via survey in advance) and Training & Awareness Tables (mini training sessions on existing tools (e.g., Pacific Salmon Foundation Restoration Playbook, Skeena Knowledge Trust Restoration Registry, Integrating Socioeconomics).</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Break

15:00 – 16:15	Learning From Others: Riverscape Restoration in Practice – Passage, Habitat and Offsets <i>Presentations on riverscape restoration, including offsetting, restoration for fish passage, and habitat enhancements – followed by a panel discussion and group debrief.</i>
16:15 – 16:30	Closing Remarks
18:00-20:00	Optional Meet-Up at Local Venue for Dinner and Networking

Day 2: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Terrace Sportsplex, 3320 Kalum St., Terrace, B.C.

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
08:00 - 09:00	Coffee & Networking
09:00 - 09:15	Opening Remarks
09:15 – 10:45	COP Accelerator - Leveraging Community Perspectives to Solve Individual Challenges in Restoration <i>Though small group coaching, practitioners will be able to share a current challenge and draw on the perspectives of other practitioners to find creative solutions to current challenges.</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:00	Learning From Others: Ungulates Among Us: Upland Restoration From Moose to Mountain Goats to Caribou <i>Presentations on ungulate habitat restoration, ranging from moose to mountain goats to caribou. A chance to showcase the diversity of work happening in Northern B.C., and to discuss lessons learned – followed by a panel discussion and group debrief.</i>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch & Networking
13:00 - 14:15	Breakout Sessions – Round 2: Choose Your Own Adventure – Discuss It and Draft It, or Learn It. <i>A mix of Guidance Breakout Tables (small groups discuss a key guidance need for the community and draft a first outcome - topics to be identified via survey in advance) and Training & Awareness Tables (mini training sessions on existing tools).</i>
14:15 – 14:30	Break
14:30 – 15:15	Learning From Others: Beyond the Habitat: Socio-Economic Dimensions of Restoration <i>Presenters will showcase the importance of considering socioeconomics in restoration discussions and decisions and reflect on key projects looking to advance this work in Northern B.C. Presentations will be followed by a panel discussion and group debrief.</i>
15:15 – 16:00	Filling the Restoration Toolbox: What's Missing and What's Urgent <i>We will close out with an engaging activity that provides space to discuss what remaining gaps we have with respect to guidebooks and toolkits for our restoration community. We'll rank the ones most urgent to address.</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Final Wrap-Up & Closing Remarks

18:00-20:00	Optional Meet-Up at Local Venue for Dinner and Networking
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Day 3: Friday, October 23, 2026

TBD - Terrace, B.C.

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
08:15 - 08:30	Registration and Meet-Up
09:00 – 14:00	Local Field Tour – TBD

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