

PROJECT: Xá:y Syí:ts'emílep: Gill Bar Restoration and Management Plan



LOCATION: Gill Bar, Fraser River
Shared territories of Xwchíyò:m
and Sqwá First Nations

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Gill Bar, in the gravel reach of the Fraser River, supports many important species, including endangered white sturgeon, and threatened salmon populations.

The Xá:y Syí:ts'emílep (Gill Bar) Restoration and Management Plan project is gathering the information needed to create a management plan for the area moving forward.

In 2022, out of concern for the impacts of heavy recreational use on this sensitive area, Fisheries and Oceans Canada mandated the closure of Gill Bar to public vehicular access.

Over three years, the project will assess the impacts of recreational use on habitats, inventory species in the area, and consult with local knowledge keepers.

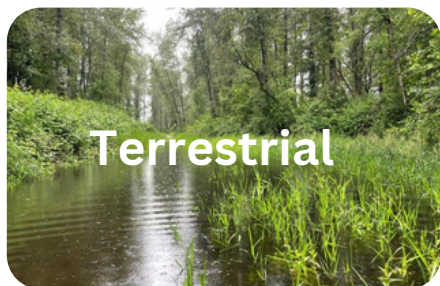


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THE PROJECT HAS FIVE PILLARS (TEAMS) FOCUSING ON DIFFERENT ELEMENTS



The aquatic team is researching fish and their habitats in Gill Bar, and looking at the potential impacts of recreation activities. Youth and community members have participated in a number of fieldwork opportunities.



The terrestrial studies team is collecting both scientific and traditional knowledge to understand the past and current ecosystems of Gill Bar, as well as the cultural importance of the area.



This pillar aims to assert the Pelólxw Tribe's sovereignty and ensure sustainable land use while setting goals for monitoring, legal compliance, and adaptive management.



This pillar focuses on engaging youth and community and inspiring them towards traditional teachings and practices, such as protecting fish sites by learning scientific methods.



This pillar will be sharing the project journey with the community through a range of outreach activities.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, email the team at gillbarproject@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for upcoming site visit opportunities for community members.