

**International Elk-Kootenai/y Watershed Study Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 19, 2024**  
**13:30 –15:30 MST**

**Meeting Attendance**

**Study Co-chairs:** Oliver Brandes and Tom Bansak

**Study Board Members:** Kelly Munkittrick, Clayton Matt, Jill Frankforter, Richard Di Giulio, Stella Swanson and Violet Birdstone

**Study Management Team:** Jason Gildea, Erin Sexton, Jeffrey Lemieux, Patrick Williston and John Kilpatrick

**IJC Staff:** Mark Colosimo, Ed Virden, Paul Allen, Yon Trimble, Avni Solanki and Lyne Sabourin

**Meeting Guests in attendance:** None

**1. Agenda**

Elk-Kootenai/y Study Board approved agenda.

**2. Minutes**

Study Board approved December 12, 2024 meeting minutes.

**3. Plan of Study**

a—Study Board discussed the early draft Plan of Study and developed a strategy for consolidating editorial comments. **Action Item:** *Study Board to provide first impressions of the Plan of Study December 23.*

**4. Council of Knowledge Holders**

Looking to finalize membership by the end of the calendar year. Study Board will seek early input from the Council of Knowledge Holders on the draft Plan of Study. **Action Item:** *Study Board co-chairs to meet with the Council of Knowledge Holders early in the new year.*

**5. Advisory Groups**

Study Board and IJC staff discuss the development of advisory groups with an aim to establish membership before the end of the calendar year. The advisory groups are to review the draft Plan of Study and provide advice and input to be considered in developing the final document.

**6. Technical Working Groups**

Study Board discussed the development of technical working groups and the kinds of expertise required in addition to the consideration of parity among members of these groups.

## **7. IJC Update**

IJC staff are working to develop the Independent (Peer) Review Group. IJC will set up an independent review plan. Independent Review Group will not be reviewing the Plan of Study.

## **8. Roundtable Discussion**

Study Board discussed the importance of restoration and remediation for Ktunaxa and how it might fit with Phase II of the Plan of Study.