



Whirling Disease in Southeast BC

AGENDA DRAFT

April 23-24, 2026

Timestamps are estimates. See event webpage for presenter bios
Times listed below are in Pacific Standard Time

Thu April 23, 2026: Life History and Epidemiology

- Agenda, orientation to Webinar platform, and Introductions (CMI) 0900-0915
- **What in the 'whirl' is whirling disease?** Life history, epidemiology, and risks to fish populations (David DePape) 0915-1000
- **Spinning out of Control?** A case study and lessons learned from Alberta (David DePape) 1000-1050
- **Q&A #1 & Biobreak** 1050-1105
- Current distribution of whirling disease in BC (Martina Beck) 1100-1120
- Regulatory requirements (Martina Beck) 1120-1140
- Current monitoring and planned actions by BC (Martina Beck) 1140-1150
- **Q&A #2** 1150-1200

April 24, 2026: Risk Mitigation – Moving from Awareness to Action

- Welcome back intro, housekeeping (CMI) 0900-0905
- **What can we do about it?** Best Management Practices "Clean, Drain, Dry"
- & "Pull the Plug" (Martina Beck) 0905-0920
- **Stop the Swirl!** Decontamination procedures for sampling gear, PPE, large equipment, and recreational gear (David DePape) 0920-0945
- **Q&A #3 & Biobreak** 0945-1000
- Mitigating risk before you get your feet wet
 - development of SOPs and contract considerations for WD risk reduction (David DePape) 1000-1015
 - Identifying risks in field operations, selecting equipment, and managing resources (David DePape) 1015-1030
- Prevention Strategies and Strategic Outlook (David & Martina) 1030-1055
- **Q&A #4 (5min)** 1055-1100
- CSISS & CKISS intro and discussion on education & outreach 1100-1155
- Closing comments (CMI) 1155-1200