



## REASONS FOR DECISION

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**FILE NUMBER:** 0208197

**APPLICANT:** Richard Skauge

**DECISION DATE:** November 22, 2021

**BACKGROUND:**

An application was received to acquire a lease on Skaha Lake for recreational residential purposes. The applicant held a residential lease over a portion of the subject lands but applied to add historically filled foreshore affronting the east of the residential lease, as well as lands adjacent to the west side of the residential lease. The additional lands were sought to be able to accommodate a septic system that conforms to current Health Authority standards.

**DECISION:** PROCESSED – TENURE ISSUED

**REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The offered area included lands that would be required to accommodate a conforming septic system.

The proposal is consistent with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development policy for seasonal residential land use. Although legalization of filled foreshore is generally not supported regionally, the approval of the application will enable the applicant to undertake improvements allowing existing inconformities to be rectified. This is expected to reduce impacts to Skaha Lake ecology, providing net social and environmental benefit. Any impacts are considered to have been addressed and/or mitigated.

Consultation with First Nations has been carried out in good faith, and the Crown's process to seek understanding of the potential issues and impacts was reasonable. The potential for adverse effects on Aboriginal Interests has been avoided, minimized or otherwise accommodated.

**Decision Maker:**

Name: Jason Ladyman

Title: Crown Land Section Head

Delegated authority under *Land Act* Section 11

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