

BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan

BC First Nations Technical Advisory Group

Biographies

Serena Michell-Grenier



Serena Michell-Grenier is a young Nlaka'pamux woman residing in British Columbia's beautiful Fraser Canyon. Serena grew up beside the confluence of the Thompson and Fraser Rivers known to the Nlaka'pamux as Kumsheen and is shown on today's maps as Lytton, BC.

The work Serena does today is reflection of been raised on the land, with incredible role models and powerful indigenous teachings. While in high school, Serena was a two-summer student for the Kanaka Bar Indian Band, then later became a lands and governance intern. During these initial tenures, Serena helped the community design, plan and implement multiple small climate change projects and a written Community Adaption Strategy. These initial works led Serena to a great appreciation for the importance of water, lands, and its resources, and how crucial it is to govern them in a sustainable way.

Today, Serena is now the Lands Coordinator for the Kanaka Bar Indian Band and is an integral part of membership engagement and codification of Kanaka's new *Community Resiliency Plan*. In addition to her duties at Kanaka, Serena is also a member of the Fraser Basin Council Youth Committee and starting in June of 2021 she will be joining the Board of Directors for the Fraser Basin Council. Fostering climate awareness and resiliency has always been a passion of Serena's and will likely always play a key role in her future endeavors.