



Office of the Chair
File: 10280-60 (92C/16)

September 25, 2023

Chair and Directors
Cowichan Valley Regional District
175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC V9L 1N8
Sent by email to: [cvrd@cvrd.bc.ca](mailto:cvrld@cvrd.bc.ca)

Dear Chair and Directors:

The BC Geographical Names Office (BCGNO) has received a request to address several geographical names in B.C with problematic language. At this time, we are inviting your comments on one proposed name change, detailed in Appendix A and on the attached map. The request is to rescind the name and does not include officially replacing it.

Consideration to rescind this official name is based on the offensive nature of the language in the name. The BCGNO is aware of the potential harms arising from derogatory language in geographical names and would like to determine if rescinding this name is supported by local communities and organizations or if there are any reasons it might be unfavourable.

If rescinded, the online name records would be maintained with the history of this name having once been official, but the name would no longer be labelled on provincial maps and charts or distributed as an official place name in B.C. Until a broadly supported naming proposal is brought forward and officially adopted in accordance with the BC Geographical Naming Policy and Procedures, this place would not have an official name, and references to this feature would be by GPS coordinates or in relation to nearby named features.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your comments; your response before December 31, 2023 would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Enclosure

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Appendix A: Name Proposal

Rescind **Coonskin Creek** for the creek that flows SW into Cowichan Lake, W of Youbou, Cowichan Valley Regional District.

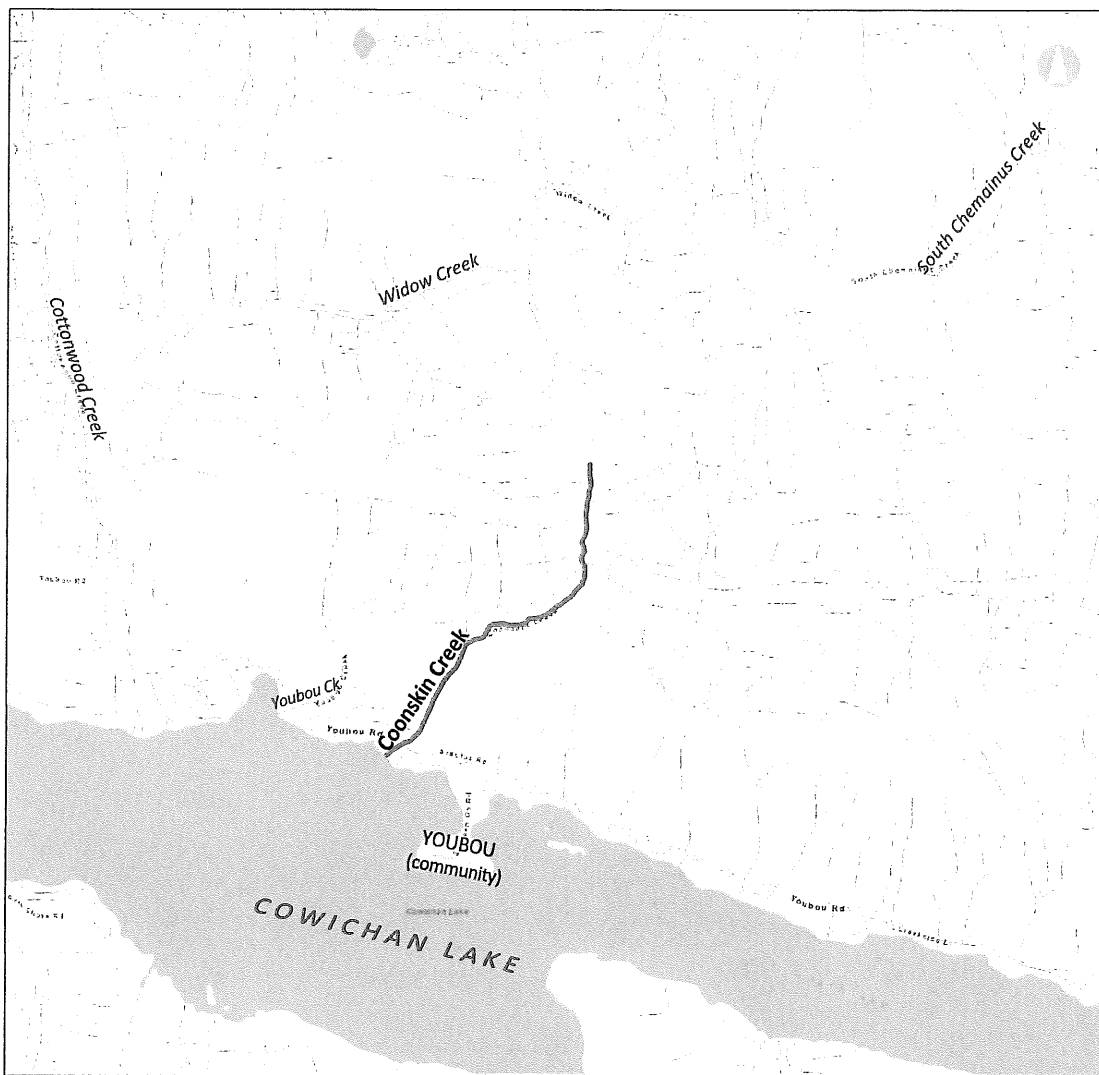
- Made an official name December 11, 1952.
- The name was submitted by the Water License Branch, 1939. Significance or origin of the name was not included in the submission.
- This shoal is located at: 48.8731, -124.2083.
- Name record: <https://apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/12318.html>.

The request did not include a replacement name for this feature.

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Name Information

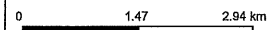
Coonskin Creek

Adopted: December 11, 1952

Location: 48.8730, -124.2083

Relative Location: Flows SW
into Cowichan Lake, E of
Youbou, Cowichan Valley
Regional District

NTS Map: 92C/9



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Key Map of British Columbia

