# Lower Kootenay Band Wetlands Restoration Projects



### **Yaqan Nukiy Wetland Restoration Project**

Yaqan Nukiy Hunting Grounds Ecosystem Restoration Project

 The aim of these projects is to transform old, artificial impoundments into naturally appearing and functioning wetlands that require little to no maintenance.

- 1969 Dike Work Began on IR1A to Supply Water to Wetlands to the South
- 1975-1976 Dike Installation for Ponding Impoundments
- Ditching was Created as Drainage for Agriculture
- Nesting Islands Added to Impoundments

## History

- 1977 Internal Diking for 3 Impoundments on IR1A
- 1981 Diking and River Diversion on IR1B
- 1980-1985 Level Ditching and Drainage Pump for Agriculture
- 3 Pumps for Water Level Management Where Added

### History

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## Restore Wetlands In 3 Key Areas

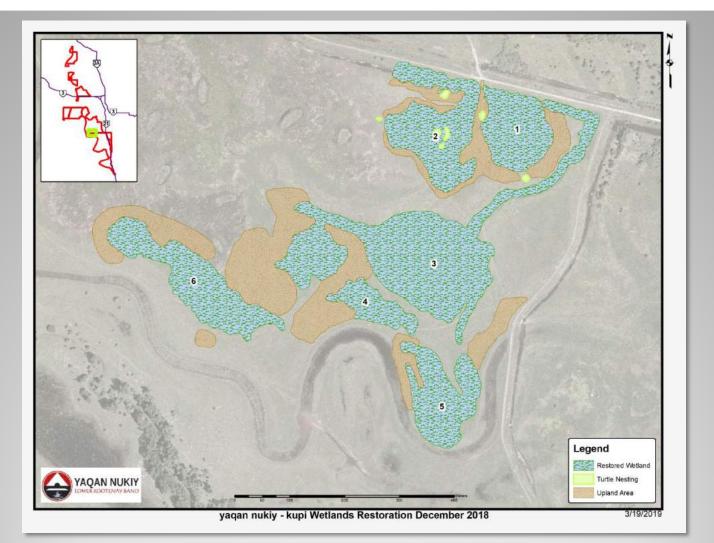
- Kupi Marsh
- Skinku¢ Marsh
- Tanał Marsh

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#### **Overview**

Lower Kootenay Band Wetlands Restoration Phase 1 Overview



#### Kupi Marsh – 34ac Wetlands, 12ac Upland, 1/3ac Turtle Nesting



Skinku¢ Marsh



Tana‡ Marsh

- Restore Wetlands to Natural Functioning State
- Improve Habitat for Waterfowl, Shorebirds, Elk, Deer, Moose and Amphibians
- Improve Habitat for Species at Risk

**Main Objectives - Wetland Restoration Project** 

- Improve Terrain for Native Plants and Animals
- Reduce Maintenance of Infrastructure
- Enhance Integrated Management Areas for Agricultural Grazing or Crop Production
- Cultivate Culturally Important Plant and Animal Growth for LKB Citizen Use

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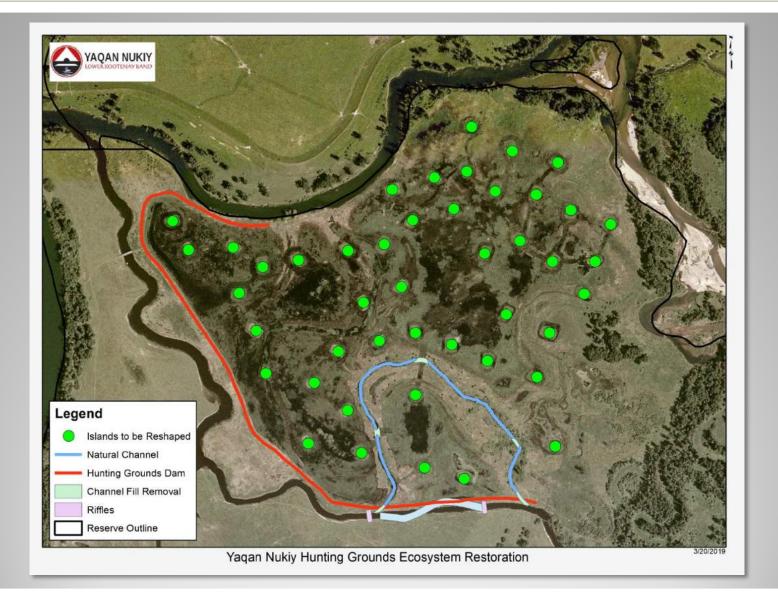


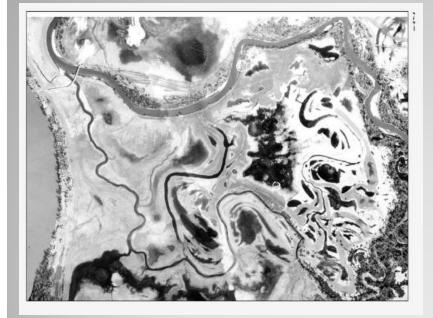
- To Remove 1.9km of Dam to Reopen Area to Natural Floodplain
- Reshape "Nesting Islands" to Combat Invasive Plants
- Re-slope Banks Along Goat River to Stem Erosion

**Main Objectives - Hunting Grounds Project** 

- Reconnect 1km of Natural Stream to the Goat River South Channel
- Reshape "Nesting Islands" Into More Natural Wetland Areas
- Reshape 600m of Artificial Ditch Into More Natural Flowing Channel

**Main Objectives - Hunting Grounds Project** 





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