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**International Kootenay Lake Board of Control  
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Ms. Rhonda Vogl  
Facilitator  
Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative  
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho  
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Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Dear Ms. Vogl:

This is to invite you and members of your organization to attend the annual public meeting of the International Joint Commission (IJC), Kootenay Lake Board of Control. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 6:00 PM PDT. Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be facilitated via the internet GoToWebinar platform and the meeting weblink will be available at <https://ijc.org/en/klbc>. We believe this meeting will be pertinent to you as a party interested in and affected by the 1938 IJC Order on Kootenay Lake.

In the early 1930s, West Kootenay Power Company petitioned the IJC to build a dam at the outlet of Kootenay Lake and permit control of the level of Kootenay Lake. It was recognized that Kootenay Lake levels have an effect on water levels as far upstream as Bonners Ferry; therefore, the interests of residents of Idaho needed to be considered along with those in British Columbia. The IJC held hearings in British Columbia and Idaho to permit all to express their concerns before the IJC issued an Order in 1938 allowing control of Kootenay Lake levels.

Included in the Order are limits on maximum Kootenay Lake levels, provisions to reduce flooding, and requirements that the "Applicant," West Kootenay Power, provide limited compensation to Idaho residents for increased cost of pumping to control ground water on agricultural lands. Ownership of Corra Linn Dam, at the outlet of Kootenay Lake, has since been transferred to FortisBC. The entire text of the IJC, 1938 Order on Kootenay Lake is available at the following website: <https://ijc.org/en/klbc/who/mandate>.

You are invited to attend the public meeting to learn more about the IJC, the Kootenay Board, the 1938 Order on Kootenay Lake, and to ask questions and express any concerns you may have related to the Order.

If you have questions, please call me at 206-764-3660 or email at [kevin.p.shaffer@usace.army.mil](mailto:kevin.p.shaffer@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Shaffer'.

Kevin Shaffer, P.E.  
Secretary, U.S. Section  
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