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The Quebec Groundwater Network (Réseau québécois sur les eaux souterraines - RQES)

The mission of the RQES is to consolidate and expand collaborations between university research teams and governmental and non-governmental organizations, consultants, educational institutions, and other organizations interested in groundwater, with the aim of mobilizing scientific knowledge on groundwater.

The RQES pursues the following specific objectives:

- Identify end users' needs in terms of new research, concrete applications for groundwater resource management, and training;
- Facilitate the transfer of scientific knowledge to end users in order to support the management and protection of groundwater resources;
- Support the training of qualified personnel in groundwater-related fields to meet current and future requirements of the labor market in research, management, and consulting.

For more information please visit : rqes.ca

The Geological Survey of Canada

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Today, the GSC is Canada's national organization for geoscientific information and research. Its world-class expertise focuses on the sustainable development of Canada's mineral, energy, and water resources, on the stewardship of Canada's environment, on the management of natural geological and related hazards, and on related technological innovation.

For more information please visit : www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/science/geology/gsc/17100

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Agenda

Objectives

This workshop aims to bring relevant stakeholders together to share skills and expertise on groundwater. More specifically, it aims to:

1. Generally debrief on past projects, and identify strategies, challenges, and potential solutions with respect to groundwater in BC
2. Pave the way for further collaborations

9:00 - 9:20am

Opening
(formal presentations)

9:20 - 10:15am

Activity 1 - Characterizing Canada's key regional aquifers : details, scope and limitations of the GSC approach for the provinces
(formal presentation and group discussion)

Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:15am

Activity 2 - Sharing our expertise and our needs
(formal presentation and brainstorming activity)

11:15am - 12:00pm

Activity 3 - Understanding the different working environments
(formal presentation and discussion)

LUNCH

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Activity 4 - Realistic ideas on how to collaborate going forward
(group activities and discussion)

2:30 - 3:00pm

Closing discussion
(group discussion and closing remarks)

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Characterizing Canada's key regional aquifers: details, scope and limitations of the GSC approach for the provinces



Mission of the GSC and its approach to characterizing Canada's key regional aquifers: the Nanaimo case study



The province of BC's main groundwater objectives



Scope and limitations of the GSC approach for the province

Participants are asked to think about and discuss the following questions:

- What has worked well? What could work better?
- How does this approach meet the needs of the province?
- What are the limitations of the GSC approach?

DETAILS, SCOPE, AND LIMITATIONS OF THE GSC APPROACH FOR THE PROVINCE OF BC		
What has worked well ?	What are the limitations of the GSC approach?	What could work better?

2

Sharing our expertise and our needs



Specific projects and core competencies of the GSC



Needs of the province



List the expertise of the GSC and the needs of the province

GSC COMPETENCIES AND PROVINCIAL NEEDS REGARDING AQUIFER KNOWLEDGE AND MANAGEMENT

GSC Competencies

Province of BC needs

3

Understanding the different working environments



The GSC working environment



The province of BC working environment



Barriers and challenges related to our working environments and potential ways to address them

Discussion of what the barriers and challenges are, and potential ways to address them.

WORKING ENVIRONMENTS	
Barriers and challenges	How to address them

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**Realistic ideas of how to
collaborate going forward**



Connecting the expertise of the GSC with the needs of the province

How can we connect the expertise of the GSC with the needs of the province?

Based on the competencies and needs previously identified, and considering the working environments, participants are asked to work in subgroups to identify possible links between the competencies of the GSC and the needs of the province.

POSSIBLE LINKS BETWEEN THE COMPETENCIES OF THE GSC AND THE NEEDS OF THE PROVINCE

GSC Competencies	Province of BC needs



Identifying ideas or projects on how we can work together

For the identified links between competencies and needs, identify ideas or projects where we can work together. You may have more than one idea per identified link. Ideas or projects do not have to be complicated or long-term. Write one idea per post-it.

Ideas:

Idea 1: _____

Idea 2: _____

Idea 3: _____

Idea 4: _____

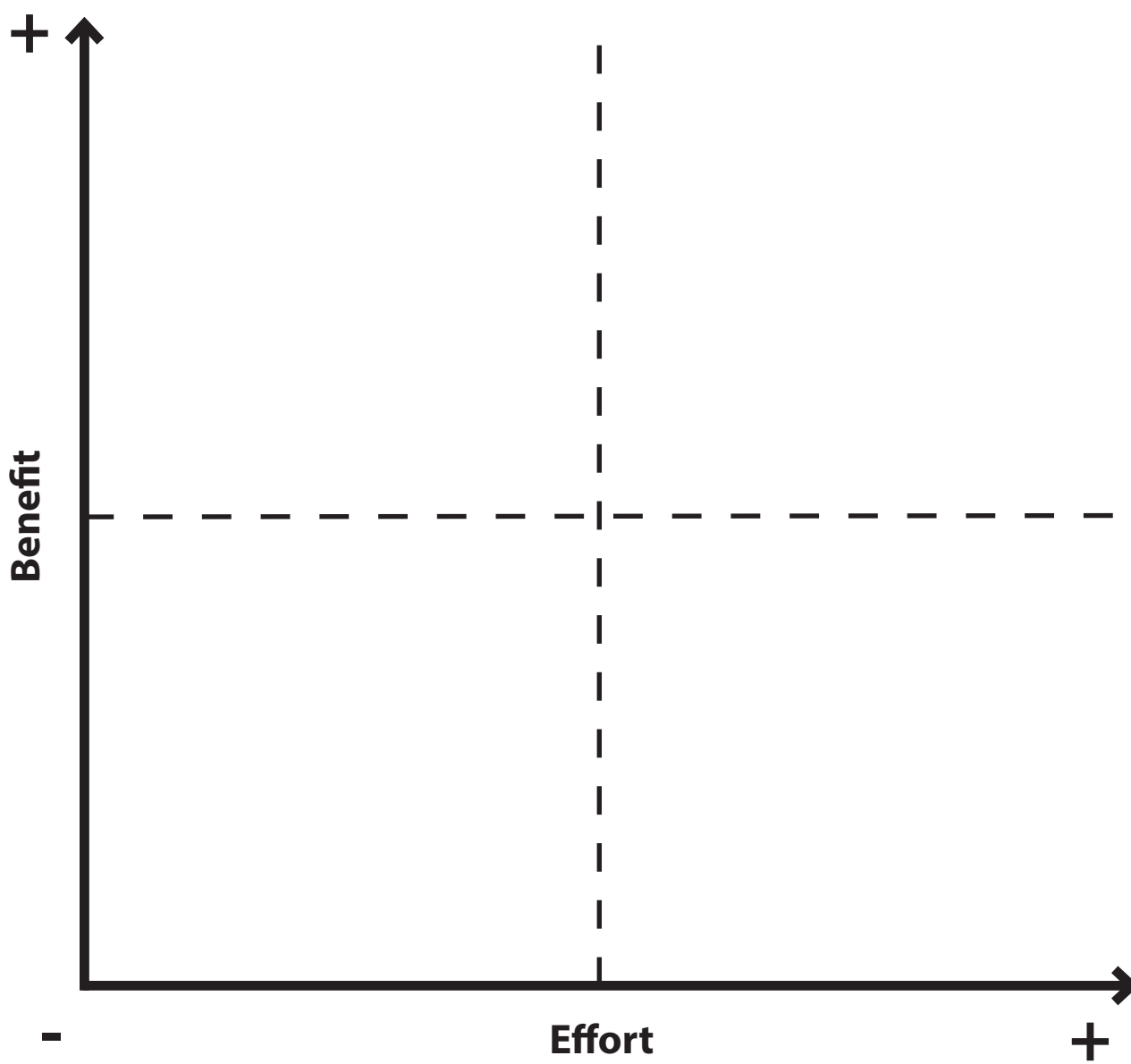


Evaluating the effort and benefits of ideas or projects

Working in subgroups, participants are asked to write one idea per post-it. For each idea, place the post-it on the effort-benefit matrix:

- **BENEFIT:** If we put this idea in place tomorrow, what would the benefit be for the province?
- **EFFORT:** What would the effort required (combined GSC+BC) be to carry out the project?

Discuss why your subgroup chose to place each idea where it is.





Workshop summary

My personal notes

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