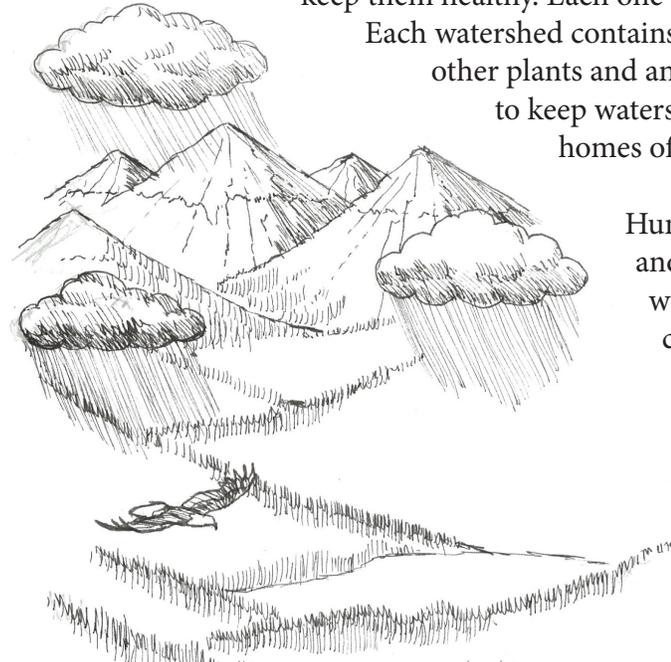


STORY FROM HOLLY AND KEVIN

We all live in a watershed... every single one of us! We wrote *The Watershed Song* as a call to action, to inspire all of us to do something to take care of the watersheds we live in, and keep them healthy. Each one of us, whether we're a child or a grownup, can help.

Each watershed contains different habitats that are the homes for the many other plants and animals that live there too. These plants and animals help to keep watersheds healthy. So it is important that we protect the homes of plants and animals.



Human activities are causing big changes in watersheds and habitats: we have damaged forests, wetlands and waterways; climate change and global warming are causing water temperatures to increase. We need to understand what these changes are, and how they affect our plant and animal neighbours... and ourselves! Working together we can restore damaged habitats and watersheds. Sometimes we can find solutions, or adaptations, that help plants and animals (and us) adjust to new conditions.

The Fraser River is called “the greatest salmon river in the world”. Its tributaries are homes to the different species of wild Pacific salmon that return every year to spawn in their birth rivers. There are other great salmon rivers in BC in the Skeena, Stikine and Columbia watersheds. Salmon are very sensitive to warming water temperatures; they are called an “indicator species”; when salmon runs are healthy then chances are their watersheds are in good shape.

When we are good watershed stewards, we are doing our part to help the whole Earth be healthy. If you are a child, you will become an elder. If you are an elder, you were once a child.

We hope you have fun singing this song and working together for the watershed you call home!

