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The Kenpesq't, or Shuswap Band, is a member of the Secwépemc (pronounced Sec-wep-mec) Nation, an Interior Salish speaking people who traditionally occupied a vast area in the south-central part of British Columbia, Canada. The lands within *Secwépemcúl'ecw* (pronounced Sec-wep-mec-oo-loo) are an extension of the history of the Shuswap, who travelled the territory in annual seasonal rounds, gathering resources and interacting with neighbours through trade and cross-cultural gatherings. It is the inherent responsibility of the Secwepemc to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves; Secwepemc take that covenant with the Creator very seriously.

Today, Shuswap Band fulfills the role of Caretaker over a wide area within *Secwépemcúl'ecw* (Secwepemc traditional territory), including the Columbia valley and surrounding areas.

Secwepemc People have always been keepers of the land, using its bounty to sustain their way of life. It is with this in mind that Shuswap Band aims to care for the land in ways that respect Secwepemc language, culture, and tradition, while promoting economic growth, education, and employment throughout the community and Caretaker area.