

Appreciating Water Spirit and the Complexities of Water Projects in Community

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First Nations and Inuit have been here since time immemorial and along with their Metis Cousins, have all acted as stewards in the beautiful and harmonious relationship with Water Spirit. The impact of colonization and on-going oppression has led to today, where there are many complexities to creating strong, healthy, and vibrant communities and the relationship with Water Spirit has been damaged. This session will touch upon the Truth, give exposure to Water Teachings, and give attendees an appreciation for the complexities of Community Governance.



Learning Outcomes:

- A stronger understanding of the Truth and oppression of Indigenous Peoples
- A stronger understanding of how Nations are governed and what hinders building strong, healthy, and vibrant communities
- A touch upon Indigenous Ways, with respect to water

Speakers:

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Target Audience: People working with Indigenous Communities

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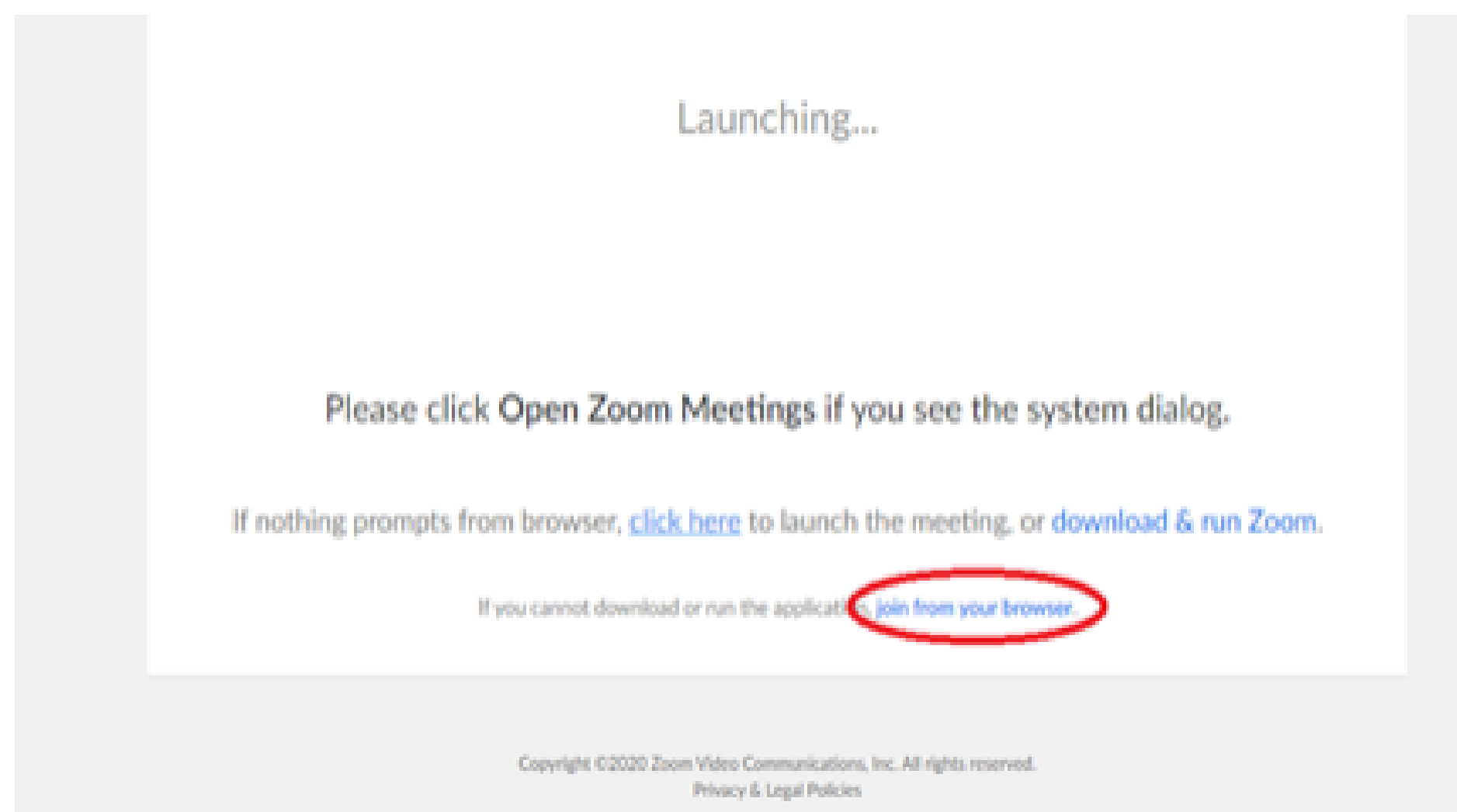
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