

## NORTH SHORE STREAMKEEPERS

### Minutes – Meeting of March 8, 2005

#### Volunteer Opportunities

**Hasting Creek Smolt Count:** April 1 5:30 pm & April 2 10:00 am. Meet at Fromme and Chaucer. Call Hagen Hohndorf 604-708-9094

**McKay Creek Clean up:** April 23 9:00 am. Meet in McKay Park opposite Sears. Call Terry Bragg 604-985-7272

**Workshop 2005:** For Streamkeepers from all BC. May 20-23 at the Outdoor School in Squamish. Registration form at <http://www.pskf.ca/workshop/2005>.

**Present (24):** Karen Munro (chair), Dick Pearce, Joyce Mathieson, Kevin Bell, Bob Gelling, Doug Hayman, Jan Lander, Hagen Hohndorf, Terry Bragg, Eva Antonijevic, David Cook, Joe Guilani, Lyn Noble, Howard Rode, Shawn Hollingsworth, Michael Gosnell, Blair Wilson, Susan Tower, Marg Herman, Bob Parrott, Peter Jones, Richard Boase, two illegible signatures.

**Regrets:** Sandie Hollick-Kenyon, ZoAnn Morten, Graham Knell.

**Speaker: Eva Antonijevic 'Invasive Plants':** The control of invasive plants was described, using as an example the Mahon Park Stewardship Project, sponsored by the City of North Vancouver and Evergreen. The introduction of vigorous species, such as English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, Japanese knotweed or giant hogweed, smothers existing native species. Restoration of the original habitat requires a plan, knowledge of the plants' properties, thorough cleansing of the site, replacement with native species, and persistent recleansing of the area. Many volunteer groups have helped restore Mahon Park which is now beginning to show its initial character. An Invasive Species Council has been formed to develop guidelines for such restorations.

During the question period, Kevin Bell cautioned that in some cases these invasive species can provide habitat and food for birds and other wildlife, so that too rapid and extensive removal may be harmful.

**Pacific Streamkeepers Report (ZoAnn Morten by e-mail):** The meeting on **Wild Salmon Policy** on February 25 was well attended. Many comments on the policy were communicated to the DFO personnel present and will be forwarded

to Minister Regan. The booth at the **Home and Garden Show** was well attended. Many visitors were acquainted with the need for storm drain protection. The kits handed out should result in extensive storm drain labelling across the Lower Mainland. Volunteers helped assemble the kits and staff the booth. Graham Knell donated the paint. Registration forms for **Workshop 2005 Squamish** will be mailed shortly and is available at <http://www.pskf/workshop/2005/>. Bob Parrott and Hugh Skinner completed **Streamkeeper training** March 5 and 6.

**Financial Report** (Terry Bragg): The current balance is \$2878.52. The Pacific Streamkeepers Federation will need to be reimbursed for one-half the cost of Streamkeeper training.

**McKay Creek** (Terry Bragg): DFO and the City of North Vancouver have approved the construction of an **incubation box** in Heywood Park. The **annual clean up** of the creek, sponsored by the North Shore Fish and Game Club, will be held April 23 at 9:00 am, meeting in McKay Park (near Sears). The contractors for Harbour View Business Centre on Welch have approached Sandie Hollick-Kenyon, DFO Community advisor, with an offer to provide funds to restore the **creek habitat** where it passes through their property.

**Hastings Creek** (Hagen Hohndorf): The **annual smolt survey** is planned, setting traps on April 1 at 5:30 pm and retrieving them April 2 at 10:00 am. The yield of fry will be assessed visually on a stream walk at this time because they are eaten if they are trapped with the smolts. As in previous years, **fry trapping** will be undertaken later, in order to maintain a consistent data collection.

**Roche Point Creek** (David Cook): A letter to the District has been forwarded recommending improvement of the drainage patterns in the riparian area.

**Maplewood Creek** (Blair Wilson): A stream walk is planned for March 13 to acquaint volunteers with the present status of the stream.

**Morten Creek** (ZoAnn Morten by e-mail): In the **hatchery**, about 35,000 chum and 12,000 coho have reached the alevin or eyed-egg stage. The **chum release** will be publicized. A leaky pipe may have been contaminating the creek. The District has helped stop the flow. **Low water** remains a problem. Recirculation has been used to maintain an adequate supply. The possibility of adding the flow of a nearby stream is being investigated.

**Municipal Report – North Vancouver District** (Richard Boase): **Engineering projects** which may affect streams have been presented recently to the DNV Sustainability and Environment Group. After review with the Engineering Department, the projects planned for 2005 will be reported at a future meeting.

Plans have been prepared for the enhancement of **Maplewood Creek** near the site of the pipeline crossing the Seymour River. The plans will be reviewed by the Streamkeepers at their next meeting. Also, the GVRD plans to restore the creek where it was damaged when the water main burst. A weir will be constructed by GVRD in the **Seymour River** to permit summer-run fish passage at the site of the pipeline crossing. The DNV requested a meeting with the **Hastings Creek** group to discuss plans for the enhancement of Hunter Park during the 2005 fisheries window. DNV and its consultants have created a series of small settling ponds and ditches to control sediment from the slide near Berkley Avenue. DNV and the Environmental Science program at Capilano College have invited Streamkeepers to participate in a one-day workshop on April 15 on adaptive management of Upper McKay Creek.

### **New Business**

**Proposal Writing** (Sandie Hollick-Kenyon by e-mail): A workshop on proposal writing, with particular reference to the Pacific Salmon Foundation, has been organized by the Seymour Salmonid Society at the Seymour River Fish Hatchery on March 12, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Meeting with District Mayor and Staff** (Karen Munro): The 'executive' have been invited March 16 at 2:00 pm.

### **Next Meeting**

**May 10, 2005 – 7:30 pm  
North Vancouver District Hall**

**IMPORTANT AND USEFUL INFORMATION**

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