

NORTH SHORE STREAMKEEPERS

Minutes – Meeting of March 14, 2006

Volunteer Opportunities

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West Vancouver Streamkeepers: April 20, 2006, 7:30 pm, St Stephens Anglican Church, 22nd St. Speaker – Jim Roberts ‘Cutthroat Trout’

Hastings Creek: Smolt trapping – late April weekend. Fry trapping – May – June. Call Hagen Hohndorf

Present (12): Hagen Hohndorf (chair), Bob Gelling, Joyce Mathieson, Dick Pearce, Dave Grilly, Sandie Hollick-Kenyon, Graham Knell, Michael Gosnell, Terry Bragg, Hugh Hamilton, Richard Boase, Janet Dysart.

Regrets: Karen Munro, ZoAnn Morten

Municipal Report – North Vancouver District (Richard Boase): The Environment group is meeting with the Engineering/Operations Department to assign priorities for 2006 **in-stream work by the District**. A detailed report and site specific information should be available for the next meeting. The GVRD will be doing detailed engineering design for the **Maplewood Creek Enhancement Project** being done in conjunction with the Seymour Water Main No. 5 project. The **bridge** just below **Donovan’s Pond** in Hunter Park has been replaced by the District Parks Department. It was noted that during construction walkers and dogs were crossing the creek and impacting the stream and adjacent banks. The DNV has promised to explore temporary crossing options for future similar projects. The DNV Animal Welfare group has suggested that dogs be required to be **on-leash in all areas of Hunter Park** to ensure easier and more consistent application of the DNV Dog Regulation Bylaw 5981. Detailed mapping of vegetation in Hunter and Braemar Parks has located many **invasive species**, particularly in the former location. Proposed development schemes for Braemar Park will be presented to Council and the public at future public meetings. Mike Gosnell is concerned that new additional parking near the new soccer fields at Inter River Park might expose the **Morten Creek Hatchery** to possible vandalism. He asked whether additional landscaping screens could minimize this problem.

RB said he would forward the concern to the Parks Designer working on the project.

DFO Community Advisor's Report (Sandie Hollick-Kenyon): Chum eggs have been delivered from the Seymour Hatchery **to North Vancouver schools**. Planning is underway for **Ugly Bug Ball ii** to be held on June 17th next in A Rocha hall. This is an opportunity for volunteers to compare notes. Please reserve the date. The annual **Adopt-a-Fish Festival**, co-sponsored by the Coho Society and the North Shore Fish and Game Club, will be held near Delaney's in Edgemont Village on Saturday March 25th from 9:00 am to noon. Fish will be placed in McKay Creek via the trail from the village. **Chum fry release** from the new hatchery in McKay Park began March 7th. Habitat concerns should be referred by members to **SEHAB** (Salmon Enhancement Habitat Advisory Board; see www.SEHAB.ca). Brian Smith at the Seymour Hatchery is the local representative. Pat Kenney has expressed concern about a **virus attacking frogs** in the area.

Financial Report (Terry Bragg): The current balance is \$3315.75 with an outstanding cheque to the West Vancouver Streamkeepers.

West Vancouver Streamkeepers Society (Hugh Hamilton): Chum **eggs** have been collected from Tenderfoot Hatchery and coho eggs from the Capilano Hatchery. The West Vancouver **Adopt-a-Fish Festival** will be held April 22nd at the West Vancouver Library. Coho have not gone past the mouth of Lawson Creek in the past due to poor fish access. With Steve Jenkins initiative, **stainless steel baffles** have been installed in the culvert and this year six coho were seen above the culverts. The baffles can be seen at Lawson Park on Argyle. Citizens are encouraged to donate baffles to make their installation self-funding. **West Vancouver Foreshore Society** has been formed to work with Steve Jenkins to improve fish habitat along the sea wall. The **next meeting** was moved from March 16 to April 20 because of spring break. Jim Roberts has been asked to speak on Cutthroat Trout at the meeting which will be held in St. Stephens Anglican Church on 22nd Street at 7:30pm.

Hastings Creek (Hagen Hohndorf): Smolt trapping will be undertaken on a weekend in late April and fry trapping during May or June.

McKay Creek (Terry Bragg): The North Shore Fish and Game Club is monitoring the new incubation box in McKay Park daily. Circulation was maintained during a recent 24h power outage with a battery-powered backup system. At last years' Adopt-a Fish Festival over 300 children visited.

Morten Creek (Mike Gosnell): The updated hatchery is working well with improved access to the facilities. Tampering with the input valve has created

problems with flow control. The hatchlings have reached the alevin stage. Only 10,000 eggs were available this year, too few for optimal use of the facility. Landfill is settling on the banks of Lynn Creek nearby.

New Business

Special Meeting (Hagen Hohndorf): The contamination of Francis Creek in Deep Cove by Mt Seymour ski facilities will be discussed by Mike Younie, Ministry of the Environment, and a representative of the District at our next meeting. Richard Boase volunteered to make the arrangements and to communicate with Karen Munro.

Keith Creek (Bob Gelling): A falling tree destroyed a recently constructed bridge and blocked the east branch of the creek in Kirkstone Park.

Mailing List Review (Dick Pearce): Plans have been completed and the survey to establish the feasibility of using the web site for agenda, minutes and volunteer opportunity circulation will be completed in the near future.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm

Next Meeting

May 9, 2006 – 7:30 pm
North Vancouver District Hall

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