

## NORTH SHORE STREAMKEEPERS

### Minutes – Meeting of May 9, 2006

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Up-to-date opportunities, agenda and minutes are listed on the message board of Streamkeepers website, [www.nssk.ca](http://www.nssk.ca). To receive e-mail notice of their availability, visit this website and sign up.

**Present** (15): Karen Munro, chair, Joyce Mathieson, Dick Pearce, Bob Gelling, Mike Younie, Sisto Bosa (both BC Ministry of Environment), Alan Exner, Ross Anderson (both Mt. Seymour Resorts), Terry Bragg, Sandie Hollick-Kenyon, Richard Boase, Bob Parrot, Stacey Carter, Graham Knell, Mike Hunter

**Regrets:** ZoAnn Morten, Mike Gosnell, Doug Hayman, Jan Lander, Hagen Hohndorf.

**Speaker – Mike Younie, Ministry of the Environment ‘Francis Creek, Mt. Seymour Resorts and Water Sampling’:** Mount Seymour disposes of its wastewater based on a permit issued under the Waste Management Act. After secondary treatment and chlorination, the outflow is discharged into Francis Creek. The outflow is tested regularly for volume, total suspended solids, biological oxygen demand (a test of organic pollution) and chlorine. The results are reported to the Ministry of the Environment. The treatment system has been examined recently by the Ministry. Also, the Resort has upgraded the system and its procedures. Except on rare occasions, the tests have shown that the quality of the outflow was in compliance with the permit, with parameter levels well below the maximum permitted.

The representatives of Mt. Seymour Resorts commented on the upgrading and maintenance of the system. The audience discussed the presentation in detail.

**Municipal Report – North Vancouver City** (Mike Hunter): The City has applied for the necessary GVRD permits to pump the iron-rich ground water currently entering **Keith Creek** into the sanitary sewer system. Seaspan is planning to move the outlet of **McKay Creek** from the shipyard in the District during the 2006 fisheries work window. Bank planting should be undertaken in lower **Heywood Park** to address bank erosion problems. The chair noted that the Streamkeepers

could probably help with this and provide donated plants. Rebuilding of the **Wagg Park Pond**, a sediment retention pond in Wagg Creek is planned for this summer. Bridge repair and riparian remediation is planned for **Mahon Park**. **Streamside Protection Regulations** have been enacted and a new Development Permit system for regulating development adjacent to watercourses is now in effect. More information is available on the City web site: [www.cnv.org](http://www.cnv.org)

**Municipal Report – North Vancouver District** (Richard Boase): A list of capital projects affecting creeks for 2006 was summarized. Gravel will be mined in **Lynn Creek** to improve flows in the lower creek . Some planned culvert repairs on **McKay Creek** near Handsworth School will affect riparian areas.

**DFO Community Advisor's Report** (Sandie Hollick-Kenyon): Meetings are continuing with the Ministry of the Environment regarding steelhead in the **Seymour River** and habitat restoration following the installation of the water main by the GVRD. The Seymour Salmonid Society will continue trapping fish this summer, using methods similar to last year and has proposed sites for instream work this summer . The **Adopt-a-Fish** event in Edgemont Village near McKay Creek was well attended and also provided a contact with teachers from Windsor House School about McKay Creek. **Fisheries officers** from this area met with S H-K to examine progress with Seymour River, Mosquito and McKay Creeks. The **release** in Bridgman Park of chum from the **Morten hatchery** into Lynn Creek on April 23 was well attended. Ugly Bug Ball II will feature **volunteer recognition** and experience sharing on June 17 at A Rocha in Surrey. Register for the meeting and dinner at [www.pskf.ca/ubb](http://www.pskf.ca/ubb). A **SEHAB meeting** to be held May 12 at the Holiday Inn in North Vancouver is open to the public.

**Financial Report** (Terry Bragg): The current balance is \$3166.89 after payment of \$150 for insurance for volunteers.

**Hastings Creek** (Hagen Hohnorf, by e-mail): Smolt trapping took place on April 9. The outing was very successful. 72 fish entered our traps: 51 were coho smolts, 1 was a coho fry (!), and 20 were cutthroat juveniles. Watch for smolts leaving the system. When they do, we can prepare for our fry trapping session, probably in June, building on over ten years of data collection.

**McKay Creek** (Terry Bragg): The Heywood Park Hatchery is closed for the season. Nine volunteers from the North Shore Fish and Game Club checked the facility daily during its operation. About 100 children (and their parents) attended the Adopt-a-Fish event in Edgemont.

**Mailing List Survey – Early Results** (Dick Pearce): Lee Montgomery, Terry Bragg and Joyce Mathieson have attempted to contact 73 members on the mailing list: 40 could not be reached by phone; 28 reported reading the minutes

regularly and 22 of these would be happy to receive them on the web site. Five preferred hard copy. Eight were no longer interested in the group. Approximately 50 members remain to be approached.

**Emergency Phone Numbers** 604-990-2410, Option 1 (Joyce Mathieson):

This is the emergency line to report dead or dying fish, water quality (such as turbidity or discolouration) and pollutants (such as oil spills, paint, cement washings, etc). Please be prepared to record the Creek name, time of day, date, location on the creek and a description of the problem.

During business hours (8am – 4:30pm)

District of North Vancouver: 604-990-2480

At any time (24/7), or in doubt:

DFO Radio Room 604-666-3500

And/or

Environment Canada 604-666-8241

**Next Meeting**

**September 12, 2006 – 7:30 pm  
North Vancouver District Hall**

**IMPORTANT AND USEFUL INFORMATION**

Fisheries Violation Reporting: 604-666-3500

General Coordinator: Karen Munro 604-988-4072, [karen-munro@shaw.ca](mailto:karen-munro@shaw.ca), [www.nssk.ca](http://www.nssk.ca)

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Pacific Streamkeepers Federation: ZoAnn Morten 604-986-5059  
[pskf@direct.ca](mailto:pskf@direct.ca) or [www.pskf.ca](http://www.pskf.ca)

North Shore Streamkeepers Web Site: [www.nssk.ca](http://www.nssk.ca)

District Web Site: [www.dnv.org/Services/Environment/](http://www.dnv.org/Services/Environment/)

District Information Phone: 604-990-2410

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McKay Creek: Terry Bragg 604-985-7272, [terrybragg@shaw.ca](mailto:terrybragg@shaw.ca)

Maplewood Creek: Blair Wilson 604-929-2025

Morten Creek: ZoAnn Morten 604-986-5059, [zmorten@shaw.ca](mailto:zmorten@shaw.ca),  
<http://members.shaw.ca/mortencreek/index.html>

Roche Creek: David Cook 604-924-0147 [cookeco@hotmail.com](mailto:cookeco@hotmail.com)

Seymour River: James Weger 604-640-9690, [jamesweger@shaw.ca](mailto:jamesweger@shaw.ca)  
<http://www.seymoursalmon.com/>

Mosquito Creek Stewardship Society: 604-986-6715

[www.mosquitocreek.org](http://www.mosquitocreek.org); [www.urbanstreams.org](http://www.urbanstreams.org)

West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society: 604-925-0507