

NORTH SHORE STREAMKEEPERS

Minutes – Meeting of November 14, 2006

The District Hall was closed when the group arrived. Ron den Daas arranged a room for the meeting at the William Griffin recCentre. An apology has been received since from the District staff.

Present (16): Hagen Hohndorf, chair, Ron den Daas, Sandie Hollick-Kenyon, Bob Parrott, Bob Gelling, ZoAnn Morten, Doug Hayman, Jan Lander, Michael Gosnel, Janet Dysart, Rob Cleaman, Terry Bragg, Brian Comey, Jim Marshall, Joyce Mathieson, Dick Pearce.

Regrets: Karen Munro.

DFO Community Advisor's Report (Sandie Hollick-Kenyon): Eggs and milt were collected at Indian River. Travel by boat was arranged for the volunteers.

Finances (Terry Bragg): The account balance is \$2831.93 with no outstanding bills.

Pacific Streamkeepers Federation Report (ZoAnn Morten): The draft spawner survey **training video** could not be shown because equipment was not available. However, it will be presented at the January meeting. The methods of handling data have yet to be included. The biennial **Salmon Enhancement / Streamkeepers Workshop** is planned for Williams Lake, May long weekend, 2007. The new local university has donated space for the meetings. Details will appear on www.workshop.pskf.ca The **Making a Difference Posters**, which have been very well received wherever they've been shown, will be displayed in Manitoba at the EMAN Science meeting Nov 20 - 24, 2006

Hastings Creek (Hagen Hohndorf): Despite high water, four experienced spawner surveyors have examined the creek and found no fish. The flow down the Donovan's Pond fish ladder is disturbed, the heavy flow has eroded the banks severely, and a tree has fallen across the creek near Chaucer. More planting is needed to replace native plants that have been washed away. The creation of additional dappled sunlight within the park by the fallen trees will improve the survival of understory plants.

McKay Creek (Terry Bragg): Bruce Tennant, a representative of Seaspan, has demonstrated the company's modifications to the lower reaches to members of the North Shore Fish and Game Club, the Seymour Salmonid Society, representatives of the Squamish Band and other volunteers. Four salmon were seen in the estuary in early November. There is debris blockage in the park above Welch Avenue. Six fish were seen near Third Avenue on November 8. The silt blocking the intake of the incubator has been cleared. Thirty thousand chum eggs were placed in the incubation

system and eight members of the North Shore Fish and Game Club have committed to have someone attend the incubator at least once daily. The spawner survey has found only fry to date. Ron den Daas has undertaken spawner surveys of **Upper McKay**. He saw 10 – 12 juvenile fish on November 11 – 12 and 8 juvenile cutthroat trout. He has organized a plant stewardship day to take place on November 18 10am to 1pm to help habitat restoration in Upper McKay and has asked for volunteers.

Morten Creek (ZoAnn Morten): The addition of insulation has made work in the hatchery much more pleasant. Chum eggs are incubating in their incubation box. Coho eggs will be collected in the near future and will be placed in the new incubation box. This new box has a chamber system which will allow the eggs to move to each phase of their lifecycle with less human intervention. The new box has been funded by Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Coho Festival Society of the North Shore, Pacific Salmon Foundation and the Morten Creek Salmonid Enhancement Project. Landslides have filled the lower pool on the creek. During the 2007 fisheries window, we are hoping that the District of North Vancouver with Graham Knell will help clear the debris.

Dates of 2007 Meetings (Dick Pearce): Rooms in the District Hall have been reserved by Richard Boase on January 9, March 13, May 8, September 11 and November 13.

Next Meeting

Tuesday January 9, 2007 – 7:30 pm
District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver