

NORTH SHORE STREAMKEEPERS

Volunteer Opportunities

Streamkeepers Community Workshop, Williams Lake, May 18-20. A biennial meeting and training session for Streamkeepers. Bus is available. For details see www.workshop.pskf.ca/.

McKay Creek Invasive Plant Removal and Native Planting, Heywood Park, May 26 and June 9, 10 – 12 am. Contact Karen Munro at 604-988-4072 or karen-munro@shaw.ca

Rivers of Home, a talk by Mark Angelo. St Stephens Anglican Church, 885 West 22nd Street, West Vancouver, at 7:30 pm March 31, 2007. This important event is co-sponsored by the North Shore Streamkeepers and the West Vancouver Streamkeepers.

Hastings Creek, Fry trapping. June or July, depending on weather. Leave your name with Hagen Hohndorf fnh@shaw.ca

Minutes - Meeting of May 8, 2007

Present (16): Karen Munro, chair, R J Gelling, Shaun Hollingsworth, Joyce Mathieson, Dick Pearce, ZoAnn Morten, Terry Bragg, Sandie Hollick-Kenyon, Bob Parrott, Mike Gosnell, Doug Hayman, Jan Lander, Hagen Hohndorf, Todd Goodsell, Kirby Ottenbreit, Ron den Daas.

Regrets: Richard Boase

DFO Community Advisor's Report (Sandie Hollick-Kenyon): Near surface and deep water forms of freshwater **stickleback** have been found in Enos Lake on Vancouver Island. Some of the surface form were released into McKay Creek near Duncan Pond. Since the species is formally at risk and the Enos Lake specimens have interbred, there is interest in the health of the McKay Creek population; the fish should be protected as a possibly unique subspecies.

Details are available at

http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/virtual_sara/files/plans/rs_stickleback_1006_e.pdf

Pacific Streamkeepers Report (ZoAnn Morten): Registration is still open for the upcoming Salmon Enhancement Program / **Streamkeepers Community Workshop 2007** in Williams Lake May 18 – 20. A bus will be available from North Vancouver to Williams Lake and return. Many interesting and helpful items are programmed. The North Shore Streamkeepers will partially subsidize the fees for any member of the group who attends. The North Shore Streamkeepers and the West Vancouver Streamkeepers will co-sponsor an illustrated talk on the importance of BC rivers, **Rivers of Home, by Mark Angelo** on May 31, 7:30 – 9:30 pm in St. Stephens Anglican Church, 885 West 22nd Street, West Vancouver. See www.pskf.ca/angelo for details. The North Shore Streamkeepers should consider undertaking the measurement of **residence time** of coho salmon during spawning. This data is essential for the accurate calculation of spawner counts._

Finances (Terry Bragg): The current balance is \$4379.66. A cheque for \$200 has been received from the GVRD for the 2006 Coho Walk; this will be split with the West Vancouver Streamkeepers. The purchase of a new form of cheques was required. The accident insurance policy for members working on group projects was renewed. Expenses arising from Mark Angelo's talk and support of the training programme are anticipated.

Hastings Creek (Hagen Hohndorf): A meeting is planned with District staff in June to consider the **Integrated Stormwater Management Plan** for Hastings Creek. A preliminary meeting of Streamkeepers will review the contributions the group can make to the meeting with the District. North Shore Streamkeepers have ten years of experience with detailed observations of various aspects of the creek, e.g. erosion sites, spawning sites, fish barriers, structural changes, flow changes. Karen reported that a woman had contacted her requesting her to arrange help eliminating an invasive plant (dead nettle or *Lamium* sp.) from the riparian area of the creek. The **smolt trapping** April 21st recovered 19 coho, 25 cutthroat trout and two large crayfish. **Fry trapping** is planned for June or July when the smolts have left and the creek is low. Hagen will contact volunteers.

McKay Creek (Terry Bragg): The **annual cleanup of Lower McKay** took place April 26th. A dumpster was filled with debris by 17 volunteers, including several youth brought by Stacey Yeats, Community Service Advisor for Lower Capilano

and Norgate. She also provided a lunch for participants. **Fry trapping** on Upper McKay, near Maplewood Drive and Montroyal Boulevard, yielded 29 coho and 49 cutthroat trout. Ron den Daas organized a **clean up of Upper McKay**. A group of about 20 helped remove grass and tree limbs which had been dumped into the creek. Signs are needed to indicate that the creek is a protected area.

(Karen Munro): The project of removing **invasive plants** from the riparian areas of Lower McKay is progressing. Funds from the Home Depot Fund of Evergreen (\$4500) and the Pacific Salmon Foundation (\$1000) have been approved and a grant from the Coho Society is under consideration. Word on funds for water quality assessment will require 10 weeks. Work parties are planned for May 26th and June 9th. A meeting to plan these work parties was arranged.

Morten Creek (ZoAnn Morten): The 33,000 chum fry from the hatchery were released into Lynn Creek, mostly at Bridgman Park with the help of local residents. Work parties will take place throughout the summer. Fry trapping is needed in Lynn Canyon to assess the fish population there, particularly to evaluate coho spawning last fall. This fall a special effort will be made to determine where the chum salmon spawn in Lynn Creek.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2007 - 7:30 pm
District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver

IMPORTANT AND USEFUL INFORMATION

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