

**Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder Team  
Meeting #2  
Thursday April 27, 2006  
6 to 9 pm  
District of Squamish Council Chambers  
Meeting Summary**

**Participants**

<b>Representative/Individual</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Bob Baker	BC Wildlife Federation
Scott Baker-McGarva	Steelhead Society of BC
Kristi Bane-Allen	Squamish Environmental Conservation Society
Beverly Cochrane	Independent
Jack Cooley	Squamish Streamkeepers
Kevin Damaskic	Squamish Downtown Neighbourhood Association
Victor Elderton	North Vancouver Outdoor School
Carl Halvorson	North Vancouver Outdoor School
Steve Hanson	BC Federation of Fly Fishers
Patricia Heintzman	District of Squamish Councillor
Pamela Hollingsworth	Independent
Shaun Hollingsworth	BC Wildlife Federation
Julianne Knoll	Squamish Anglers Association
Roman Lehocky	Independent
Randy Marchant	Independent
Deb McBride	Independent
Caroline Melville	Squamish River Watershed Society
Scott Melville	Independent
Doug Morrison	Independent
Brian Niska	Whistler Angling Club
Dan O'Kane	Independent
Pete Plathan	Independent
Gilbert Sage	BC Federation of Fly Fishers
Dana Protti	Steelhead Society of BC
John Schleimer	BC Wildlife Federation
Dave Steele	Seymour Salmonid Society
Edith Tobe	Squamish River Watershed Society
Lyle Wood	Squamish Anglers Association

Members of Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee present:

- Brian Clark - Ministry of Environment

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- Chessy Langford - District of Squamish

Resource person

- Josh Korman - UBC

Meeting Facilitator: Tom Sadleir - Cornerstone Planning Group

### **Communications**

The following communications materials were included in an information package provided to all participants:

- Meeting Agenda
- March 25, 2006 Stakeholder Team meeting summary
- Revised Draft Terms of Reference for Stakeholder Team
- Proposed Motion re LWD habitat structures: Doug Morrison
- revised Cheakamus Fish Enhancement Proposed and Contemplated Projects - 2006: CN
- News Release: Ministry of Environment “Science Supports Blended Wildstock-Hatchery Solution”

### **Adoption of Meeting Notes**

March 25, 2006 meeting notes were adopted without comment.

### **Draft Terms of Reference**

Revised Draft Terms of Reference were presented, including a mechanism for passing motions. It was noted that, while any individual or organization may join the Stakeholder Team, for next meeting a final membership list will be prepared. Following that meeting, organizations are requested to send one representative to each meeting and any non-team members who wish to attend should request in advance to do so.

### **Stakeholder Team Input**

A notice of motion was provided by Doug Morrison to the facilitator after the March 25 meeting. Following initial discussion, the motion was amended to read:

*Whereas even the largest woody debris may eventually become displaced, and ultimately wasted over time;*

*And whereas even the largest woody debris may pose a greater danger to rafters and kayakers, and even more so if cabled;*

*And whereas very large rock and/or concrete formations would normally be considered too expensive, but there is now the ability to consider more expensive enhancement for Cheakamus River recovery;*

*The Stakeholder Team moves:*

*That some very large rock and/or concrete formations be seriously considered, with appropriate approvals, for structural habitat*

*enhancement in some places as appropriate, where large woody debris would normally be used.*

During further discussion, two team members raised concerns with the visual/aesthetic impact of concrete structures in the Cheakamus River. Rather than proceeding with a vote on the motion, the Stakeholder Team agreed to request that CERTC/CN include an assessment of the intent of the noted motion in its “Risk assessment and analysis of potential LWD structures in the Cheakamus mainstem” as described in CN’s *Cheakamus Fish Enhancement Proposed and Contemplated Projects – 2006*.

The Stakeholder Team reviewed CN’s *Cheakamus Fish Enhancement Proposed and Contemplated Projects – 2006*. Members of the Squamish River Watershed Society noted the existence of water quality studies and the need for a review of the published literature to inform the determination of the nutrient status of the river. Scott Melville provided an update on the progress of CN-DFO chinook and pink salmon propagation initiatives. North Vancouver Outdoor School provided an update on work taking place at the school and also requested CN to meet with North Vancouver School District 44 to discuss partnership opportunities.

Priority initiatives raised by the Stakeholder Team at the March 25 meeting were reviewed and added to. It was agreed to maintain, bring forward and supplement a list of Stakeholder Team proposals at each meeting.

#### **Stakeholder Team Proposals**

- Development of side channels on the Cheakamus mainstem
- Foreshore restoration program, including enhancement of eelgrass (salmon spawning habitat)
- Improved access for adult steelhead into Brohm Creek (critical steelhead habitat) including clearing of bridge apron
- Study of the impact of invertebrates and other microorganisms on the health of a river (conducted at the North Vancouver Outdoor School and throughout the Cheakamus system)

The apparent lack of a recovery plan for sculpins was also raised as was the removal of barriers (“boulders”) from the Elaho River.

Direction is sought from CERTC as to the level of detail to include in a formal proposal/application to the committee for funding consideration.

#### **CERTC Activity Update**

It was noted that at the next CERTC meeting, a draft Recovery Plan would be discussed. It is anticipated that a subsequent draft will be ready for public review during the summer and that a public event would be arranged at that time to encourage the review.

The following document was included in the information package provided to all participants:

- April 26, 2006 Ministry of Environment news release: “Science Supports Blended Wildstock-Hatchery Solution”

Brian Clark, Ministry of Environment and Member of the Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Steering Committee, spoke to the rationale for the Minister’s decision to utilize hatchery steelhead and outlined the logistics of steelhead broodstock collection.

Mr. Clark noted that the Freshwater Fishing Society of BC would be coordinating broodstock collection with help from Brian Klassen at Tenderfoot hatchery. Members of the Stakeholder Team expressed an interest in assisting with the fishing and it was agreed that the facilitator would collect the required information of interested individuals and forward that information to Brian Klassen for consideration and processing. Mr. Clark emphasized the need for a coordinated approach and noted that volunteer anglers will not be allowed to fish using bait. Members of the stakeholder team also voiced opinions on good locations along the Cheakamus for catching steelhead while avoiding already spawning fish. Locations were recommended in the upper and lower reaches of the river.

#### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Stakeholder Team is scheduled for May 25, 2006, 6 pm - 8 pm, District of Squamish Council Chambers.