

**Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder Team
Meeting #10
Thursday December 6, 2007
6:30 pm
Howe Sound Inn and Brewing Company
Meeting Summary**

Gil Sage	B.C. Federation of Fly Fishers
Victor Elderton	North Vancouver Outdoor School
Dan O’Kane	Independent
Randy Marchant	Independent
Deb McBride	Independent
Bev Cochrane	Independent
Caroline Ashekian	District of Squamish

Regrets: Edith Tobe, Jack Cooley

Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee

- Peter Woods – District of Squamish

Resource

- Peter Frederiksen – Triton Environmental

Meeting Facilitator and Note-taker: Tom Sadleir – Cornerstone Planning Group

A meeting agenda was provided to all participants:

Noted that the September 27, 2007 Stakeholder Team meeting summary had been adopted and posted at www.certc.ca.

Other recent website postings were noted including:

- Amphibian Assessment Report
- Steelhead Fish Culture Update
- Char enumeration report – 2007 interim report
- Cheakamus Ecosystem Recovery Plan 2007

CERTC Items

Updates were provided for the following recovery projects and activities:

- October 25, 2007 Open House (newsletter, storyboards, presentation all posted at www.certc.ca)
- Cheekeye River bridge (complete and monitoring underway)
- Wilson Slough reconnection project (underway, anticipate completion early 2008)
- KM 6.5 side channel (built)
- Large woody debris (LWD) demonstration project (built, locations provided)
- KM 8 side channel (design phase, working with DFO)

Stakeholder Team Input

Comments and suggestions were received from the Stakeholder Team as follows:

- Interest in a count of adult steelhead in Brohm Creek [noted that juvenile density will be measured as part of the Resident fish Abundance Monitoring Program (RAMP)].
- Concern with recent high water levels in the Cheakamus River; interest in BC Hydro management of flow rates and previous Water Use Planning initiative; interest in BC Hydro's role in the Cheakamus Recovery [noted water management is outside scope of CERTC although BC Hydro is consulted on some project activities (e.g. consulted on LWD demonstration project), and there is considerable information sharing among BC Hydro and CERTC].
- Identified a modified education facility on the Cheakamus River at the North Vancouver Outdoor School (NVOS), currently being designed as part a property restructuring; NVOS is interested in expanding facility with other researchers involved in recovery efforts.
- Need for an ecosystem approach in analyzing the spill impacts and how enhancement/restoration projects affect fish production; need for consistent methodology; need to build on a strong information base; collaborative research opportunities at NVOS and opportunity to use the Cheakamus as a model for other systems.
- Possible early season radio tagging/monitoring of steelhead to determine spill first-year impacts; interest in measuring 2008 wild steelhead populations; interest in comparing spawning/survival rates of wild and hatchery steelhead and salmon (possible Project Suggestion Form to be forwarded to CERTC).
- Request that unused annual Cheakamus Ecosystem Recovery funds be rolled over into the following year for possible projects.

Next Meeting

The next Stakeholder Team is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Howe Sound Inn and Brew Pub.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.