

**Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder Team
Meeting #11
Thursday January 24, 2008
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 Melville	Instream Fisheries
Carl Halvorson	North Vancouver Outdoor School
Steve Hanson	B.C. Federation of Fly Fishers
Jack Cooley	Squamish Streamkeepers
Doug Morrison	Independent
Edith Tobe	Squamish River Watershed Society
Brian Klassen	South Coast Steelhead Coalition (Squamish Chapter)

Regrets: Zo Ann Morten, Pacific Streamkeepers Federation

Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee (CERTC)

- Peter Woods – District of Squamish
- Randy Lewis – Squamish Nation
- Luanne Patterson – CN

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 December 5, 2007 Stakeholder Team meeting summary had been adopted and posted at www.certc.ca. CERTC December 11, 2007 meeting summary has also been posted.

CERTC Items

Updates were provided for the following recovery projects and activities:

- CERF funding update (unused 2007 funds will be rolled back into the recovery fund for allocation 2008-2010).
- Wilson Slough reconnection project (gates are on; awaiting electrical hook-up; flow regime being determined by DFO and District of Squamish).
- KM 8 side channel re-watering (intake design complete; awaiting permits).
- Char enumeration (19 of 40 tagged fish have returned to the Cheakamus River).
- Fish culture programs (coho, chinook, pink, steelhead).

Stakeholder Team Input

Questions and comments were received from the Stakeholder Team, with responses from CERTC members and other resource persons, as follows:

- Char enumeration: discussion regarding age and size of returning fish; whether fish are returning to capture sites; tag visibility (noted that detailed information gathering is still at a preliminary stage, and that more information will be provided in subsequent yearly reports and updates from CERTC).
- Status of the creel survey (coho, pink, chum and chinook salmon were the main survey target species; survey started in June 2007 to be completed in January 2008).
- Interest in similar work being conducted for steelhead (suggested comments be directed to MoE).
- Interest in communication mechanism for potential noise and water level impacts related to Wilson Slough reconnection project (District of Squamish will be responsible for gate operation).
- Assessment of the KM 6.5 side channel re-watering project.
- Assessment of the Cheekye Bridge abutment protection (appears to have weathered January storms well; monitoring by CN is ongoing).
- Steelhead fish culture program update, including acoustical tracking results (information to be requested from MoE).
- Water levels in the Cheakamus River, BC Hydro flow regimes and Water Use Planning (additional information available online at: www.bchydro.com/environment/wateruse/wateruse1775.html).
- Assessment of how LWD structures are performing in the Lower Cheakamus (formation of some scour pools noted, although water levels in fall 2007 were generally not high enough to challenge structural integrity and create significant scour; it was noted removal of temporary culverts in the Gorbusha East channel is scheduled for 2008, to minimize impacts on eggs in the gravel)

Next Meeting

The next Stakeholder Team is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Sea to Sky Hotel.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.