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| Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder Team Meeting #20 Thursday, June 24, 2010 Howe Sound Inn & Brew Pub, Squamish, BC 6:30 pm Meeting Summary | |
| Ed George | Local Angler |
| Clint Goyette | Local Angler |
| Carl Halverson | Local Angler |
| Alexis Hall | Squamish River Watershed Society |
| Brian Klassen | Independent |
| Roman Lehocky | Local Angler |
| Randy Marchant | Local Angler |
| Caroline Melville | Instream Fisheries |
| Dag Meyer | Local Angler |
| Deb McBride | Independent |
| Peter Mitchell | Instream Fisheries |
| Brad Johnson | Local Angler |
| Edith Tobe | Squamish River Watershed Society |
| Nathan Webb | Local Angler |
| Lyle Wood | Local Angler |

Doug Morrison sent his regrets.

Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee (CERTC)

- Greg Wilson (MoE)
- Brooke Carere (District of Squamish)

Resources

- Peter Frederiksen (Triton Environmental)
- Josh Korman (Ecometrics Research)
- Jason Ladell (Instream Fisheries)

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

A meeting agenda was provided to all participants.

It was noted the March 25, 2010 Stakeholder Team meeting summary had been adopted and posted at www.certc.ca. The CERTC January 8, 2010 meeting summary was noted as posted, as were the following documents:

- Cheakamus River Recovery Presentation to the Squamish Lillooet Sport Fishing Advisory Committee
- Cheakamus River Side Channel Re-watering Projects, March 2010
- Evaluation of the Effects of the 2005 Spill on Steelhead Escapement to the Cheakamus River in 2009 and the Efficacy of the First Year of Hatchery Supplementation

Presentations

Josh Korman (Ecometrics Research) provided a presentation to the Stakeholder Team on Steelhead Monitoring. Jason Ladell (Instream Fisheries) presented on Bull Trout Monitoring.

- Appreciation was noted for the local anglers who helped with the projects
- It was noted that preliminary 2010 returns of steelhead were very encouraging (escapement of approximately 1500 fish – highest recorded to date) indicating that conservation efforts are effective.

Discussion on the following topics ensued:

- why steelhead returns were so high, including the suggestion that fish could be migrating from the Squamish River, and high ocean survival
- observation of more resident rainbows
- re-design of the tagging program
- movement of hatchery versus wild fish
- future of Bull Trout monitoring work
- confusion between Dolly Varden and Bull Trout.

Cheakamus Ecosystem Recovery Fund Projects

The following projects were discussed:

- Infrastructure upgrades at Tenderfoot Hatchery
- Large Woody Debris project at KM 4 (British Columbia Conservation Foundation, Squamish Nation, MoE, Living Rivers Georgia Basin, and CN).

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- Interest was expressed in whether there was any data on the Brohm River (information being collected for BC Hydro, and to be published in future reports).
- Interest expressed in replacing culverts at Tenderfoot Creek and at Dave's Pond (both sites are already under review by DFO and/or CN).

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cheakamus Ecosystem Recovery Stakeholder Team is scheduled September 30, 2010.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.