

**Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder Team**

**Meeting #12**

**Thursday March 27, 2008**

**6:30 pm**

**Sea to Sky Hotel, Squamish, BC**

**Meeting Summary**

Gil Sage	B.C. Federation of Fly Fishers
Victor Elderton	North Vancouver Outdoor School
Randy Marchant	Independent
Deb McBride	Independent
Roman Lehocky	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: Dan O’Kane and Carl Halvorson

*Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee (CERTC)*

- Peter Woods – District of Squamish
- 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 January 24, 2008 Stakeholder Team meeting summary had been adopted and posted at [www.certc.ca](http://www.certc.ca). CERTC February 12, 2008 meeting summary has also been posted. Clarification on one item was noted during the meeting and a corrected summary has since been re-posted.

## **Stakeholder Team Input**

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

- update provided on CN CERF program-funded Creel Survey (initial Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) survey included chinook and pink salmon – coho and chum were subsequently added with CERF funding; preliminary results reported as interesting, report expected this spring)
- interest expressed in setting up a voluntary reporting based steelhead creel survey
- update provided on training dyke culvert installation (culverts are purchased – one has been installed, two more to be installed; primarily designed to improve chinook smolt access/passage)
- update requested and provided on how hatchery steelhead smolts are doing, and results from the 2007 smolt release:
  - 2007/08 juveniles reported to be doing well at both Tenderfoot and Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery
  - results from Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking Project (POST) and other in-river observations suggest minimal residulization of hatchery juveniles from the 2007 release
  - location of POST receiving stations and detection factors discussed
  - Interest expressed in POST tagging of wild smolts, (CERTC informed ST this is scheduled to occur in 2008)
- 2008 target release date discussed (early and late May last year; could be earlier this year; POST results suggest last year's early release fish fared better)
- NVOS expansion plans discussed; interested parties are encouraged to visit [www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Programs/OutdoorSchool.aspx](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Programs/OutdoorSchool.aspx) for details

## **CERTC Items**

Updates were provided for the following recovery projects and activities:

- The 2006 non anadromous reach fish abundance monitoring report has recently been posted on the CERTC website
- Wilson Slough reconnection project (gate control to be installed; noted that the inlet protection grates appear narrow; gate mechanics discussed; project awaits District of Squamish operational protocols)
- KM 8 side channel re-watering (access road is in; intake being installed in early April, habitat structures being installed through April and May).
- A new CERF project to fund an Environmental Education Outreach coordinator for local elementary schools was recently approved by CERTC. Discussions are currently underway with Squamish Nation to incorporate traditional knowledge as well as environmental education into the project.
- Noted that another Wilson Slough culvert replacement project is before the Technical Committee for consideration. This project would complement the Wilson Slough reconnection project and other Mamquam reunion projects already undertaken by SRWS and others.

- District of Squamish offered assistance with identifying permitting requirements and obtaining cost estimates for project proposals
- Updates were provided for the coho, chinook and pink salmon fish culture programs (Staff from Tenderfoot Creek hatchery released approximately 450,000 pink salmon fry in 2008, recently ponded approximately 80,000 coho fry from adults collected in fall 2007 and are rearing approximately 70,000 chinook juveniles from adults collected in summer 2007)

**Next Meeting**

The next Stakeholder Team is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Howe Sound Inn and Brew Pub.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.