

Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder Team Meeting #15 Thursday, November 27, 2008 Sea-to-Sky Hotel, Squamish, BC 6:30 pm Meeting Summary	
Brian Klassen	South Coast Steelhead Coalition (Squamish Chapter)
Randy Marchant	Independent
Gil Sage	B.C. Federation of Fly Fishers
Edith Tobe	Squamish River Watershed Society (SRWS)
Steve Hanson	B.C. Federation of Fly Fishers
Ed George	British Columbia Wildlife Federation
Victor Elderton	North Vancouver Outdoor School (NVOS)
Jack Cooley	Squamish Streamkeepers
Carl Halverson	NVOS/SRWS
Doug Morrison	Independent

Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee (CERTC)

- Randall Lewis (Squamish Nation)
- Caroline Ashekian (District of Squamish)
- Matt Foy (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Resources

- Peter Frederiksen (Triton Environmental)
- Sarah Weddell (CN)

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

A meeting agenda was provided to all participants.

It was noted the September 25, 2008 Stakeholder Team meeting summary had been adopted and posted at www.certc.ca. The CERTC September and October 2008 meeting summaries were also noted as posted, as were the following documents:

- Triton Environmental presentation on Benthos recovery at the 2008 North American Benthological Society conference
- Cheakamus Ecosystem Recovery Plan 3-Year Review
- Screening Level Assessment of Ecological Effects – Final Report
- Resident Fish Abundance Monitoring Program 2006 – Final Report
- CN Recovery Update – October 2008
- Coho Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking (POST) Study - Final Report
- 2007 Squamish River watershed Creel Survey - Final Report

The following reports were identified as being in preparation and expected to be posted in the near future:

- Wilson Slough Construction Monitoring report
- Km 8 side channel re-watering construction monitoring report
- Non-anadromous reach fish abundance monitoring, 2007 – final report

CERTC Items

Updates were provided for the following recovery projects and activities:

- Fish Culture update
 - Chinook broodstock collection (egg target exceeded)
 - Coho smolts from 2007 (juveniles rearing well)
 - Coho broodstock collection planned for December 2008
- MoE - Steelhead regulation change regarding fishery closure (non retention of hatchery steelhead in Squamish River watershed)
- Potential locations of recovery project information signs (Squamish Adventure Centre)
- CERTC has requested information from Squamish Lillooet Sport Fishing Advisory Committee (SLSFAC) and other anglers, as well as Stakeholder Team members about coastal cutthroat trout (CERTC contacted John Wright, Chairman of SLSFAC)
- Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking Project (POST), hatchery and wild steelhead (Interim report under review by CERTC)
- Bull trout radio tracking fall 2008 update (ground and aerial tracking; suggests area near Squamish/Elaho confluence may provide important spawning location)
- CERTC meeting schedule 2009 – meeting frequency being reduced to once every two months. CERTC has suggested the frequency of ST meetings also be reduced in 2009 to allow for efficient communication of information. ST meetings to be held every three months

Cheakamus Ecosystem Recovery Fund Projects

Approved by CERTC and CN

- SECS seed funding for a feasibility study on a boardwalk in the vicinity of Cattermole Slough
- SRWS seed funding for feasibility study on Swift Creek flow supplementation
- SRWS funding to assist in purchase of Mamquam Island property – final approval pending written confirmation of verbal commitments from DOS

Project updates

- BCCF Brohm River habitat prescriptions were installed fall 2008

Applications under discussion/review

- BCCF continuation of the Cheakamus River mainstem large woody debris (LWD) project
- BCCF feasibility investigations for the installation of engineered log jams
- Environmental Education and Outreach, 2009

Stakeholder Team

Attendees briefly discussed anecdotal comments regarding visual observations of adult coho and chum salmon in various drainages.

The Stakeholder Team requested the following:

- signage be installed to notify anglers about the regulation change for hatchery steelhead, since MOE 2009 regulations do not officially come out until March
- feasibility study into repairing/replacing the north gate on Meighan Creek between the Mamquam and Squamish Rivers
- feasibility study into the repairing/replacing the flap gate on Horse Creek

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cheakamus Ecosystem Recovery Stakeholder Team is scheduled for April 5, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Howe Sound Inn & Brew Pub

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.