

**Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder Team
Meeting #14
Thursday, September 25, 2008
6:30 pm
Howe Sound Inn & Brewing Company, Squamish, BC
Meeting Summary**

Ed George	British Columbia Wildlife Federation
Carl Halverson	NVOS/Squamish River Watershed Society
Randy Marchant	Independent
Deb McBride	Independent
Dan O'kane	Independent
Edith Tobe	Squamish River Watershed Society
Roman Lehocky	Independent

Regrets: Gil Sage, Steve Hanson

Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee (CERTC)

- Luanne Patterson – CN
- Caroline Ashekian – District of Squamish (DoS)

Resources

- Peter Frederiksen – Triton Environmental (Triton)

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

A meeting agenda was provided to all participants.

It was noted the May 27, 2008 Stakeholder Team meeting summary had been adopted and posted at www.certc.ca. The CERTC July and August 2008 meeting summaries were also noted as posted, as were the following documents:

- Brackendale Fall Fair Information Material
 - Information Panels
 - CERF Brochure
 - LWD Brochure
 - Wilson Slough Brochure
 - 8 Km Side channel Brochure
 - Recovery Projects Map
- General Fish Culture Update, August 2008
- Steelhead Culture Update, September 2008

CERTC Items

Updates were provided for the following recovery projects and activities:

- Brackendale Fall Fair – CERTC Booth (good response reported; approximately 150 individuals visited the booth and spoke with staff; see information materials on www.certc.ca; printed brochures were provided to a Stakeholder Team member for further distribution; Note, CN can also provide additional printed copies for distribution at future meetings if requested in advance)
- July 15, 2008 CERTC meeting summary (visit www.certc.ca)
- August 5, 2008 CERTC meeting summary (visit www.certc.ca)
- General fish culture update (visit www.certc.ca); chinook broodstock capture was delayed by the Porteau Cove slide (egg target not met); Cheakamus River broodstock collection on track to reach egg target, additional chinook adults may also be captured to take advantage of hatchery capacity
- Steelhead fish culture update (visit www.certc.ca)
- Wilson Slough reconnection project (anecdotal evidence of improved water quality was discussed)
- Resident fish monitoring, and re-watered side channels (indications are sculpin abundance has increased along with upstream distribution; sampling in re-watered side channels indicates channels are well used by target species (chinook and steelhead juveniles); other species were also captured including stickleback, lamprey, and bull trout juveniles; habitat structures have remained stable)
- Re-introduction of coho salmon into Brohm River (being discussed/investigated by DFO and MoE)
- Cheakamus Ecosystem Recovery Fund projects:

Completed

- Carson Place culvert replacement (update provided by DoS; concerns about vandalism, but not adversely affecting project)

Approved by CERTC and CN

- Graduate student – project to collect information about the source of sculpin recovery (update provided by DoS)
- B.C. Conservation Foundation (BCCF) – habitat prescriptions for Brohm River
- SRWS – eelgrass restoration in Howe Sound (update from SRWS; first phase reported to be very successful, funding is for an expansion of the original project)
- Nature Trust of BC – funding to assist with acquisition of lands around Cattermole Slough (land in the process of being acquired)
- SRWS and DFO – feasibility investigations to supplement flow in Swift Creek with intake from Cheakamus River using combination pipe and open channel concept
- Squamish Environmental Conservation Society (SECS) – planning and feasibility investigations for Cattermole Creek boardwalk/ trail

Under discussion/review by CERTC and CN

- BCCF – conditional approval for continuation of the Cheakamus River mainstem large woody debris (LWD) project (sorting through structure siting issues; working with Squamish Nation)
- SRWS – conditional approval for funding to assist in purchase of Mamquam Island; pending final approval from DoS
- BCCF – conditional approval for feasibility investigations of engineered log jams (perception of this as a high-risk project; extensive consultation anticipated)

Stakeholder Team

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

- Interest in a steelhead creel survey, and signage to inform public about requirements to release hatchery steelhead (suggested the creel survey should be voluntary, and signage and drop box locations should be used to encourage angler participation)
- NVOS noted its 40th anniversary; interest in funding for ongoing programming and the creation of a regional centre for salmon education; interest in utilizing all visitors to the school in science-based data collection

Other Business

Facilitator agreed to send out notification of Rivers Day celebrations on September 28, 2008 to the entire Stakeholder Team e-mail list.

Notice provided that angler assistance would be formally requested by CERTC to provide historic and current data on cutthroat trout activity data in the Cheakamus River. Documented information such as angler log books is preferred by CERTC, but any information supplied by anglers will be considered.

Next Meeting

The next Stakeholder Team meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 27, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Howe Sound Inn and Brewing Company.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.