

WEST VANCOUVER STREAMKEEPER SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MAY 12, 2011

Meetings

- Members Meeting on January 20
- Board meetings . September 30, November 18, January 11, April 19
- Social evening for members at Hollyburn Sailing Club . March 17

Nelson Creek Hatchery

- Volunteer operated
- Coho eggs received from Capilano Hatchery
- No chum eggs this past fall . normally from the Tenderfoot Hatchery
- Coho fry release in June
- Aquaculture licensing process underway

Student Outreach

- West Vancouver Secondary . EPN
 - Salmon surveys with Streamkeepers . 68 students, 14 teams
 - Presentation to West Vancouver District Council . January 24
 - Native planting
 - Care of the rearing pond in Hay Park
 - Fry release
 - Shoreline cleanup . Ambleside and Dundarave
- Elementary Schools
 - Storm drain marking . Caulfeild, St. Anthony's and Westcot
 - Nature talk and tours

Creek Monitoring

- Creek Coordinators . twelve members covering fifteen streams
- Spawner salmon surveys
- Emerging fry
- Work plan projects . managed by Creek Coordinators
- Highlights of salmon presence in our streams
 - Poor return year for chum
 - Good coho returns in some creeks and average in others

- Pink salmon in Cypress . first time in the off year
- Chinook observed in Brothers Creek
- Evidence of salmon spawning in Lawson Creek . above the Legion
- Salmon able to access Eagle Creek above Marine Drive . new culvert
- Adult salmon in Hadden Creek above Stevens Drive, lots of fry present there this spring
- Viewing platform . Keith Road Bridge on Brothers Creek . Oct. and Nov.

Work Plan

- In-stream work
 - Hay Park . planting, fencing, signage, rearing pond
 - Fish ladder on Cypress Creek
 - Fish ladder on Hadden Creek at Hadden Drive
 - Emergency water supply at the Nelson Creek Hatchery
 - Baffles on lower Nelson Creek
 - Obstruction on Caulfeild Creek
 - Estuaries on McDonald, Rodgers and Larson Creeks
- Nature Centre
- Road signage

Donations and Funding

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Park Royal Shopping Centre
- British Pacific Properties
- BC Hydro
- Earth Day Run
- Whole Foods, Safeway, Thrifty Foods, Everything Wine
- Donations received at Community Events
- Memberships

Contribution by the District of West Vancouver

- Support of Mayor and Council
- Support of District staff
 - Environment
 - Parks
 - Engineering
- Monthly meetings with the District . property development and EDPs
- Presentation to the Working Group at the Parks Input Forum in January

- Assistance with ongoing maintenance in creeks and construction of creek enhancements
 - Log jam in Hadden Creek
 - Fish friendly culvert under Marine Drive in Eagle Creek
 - Emergency source of water for Nelson Creek Hatchery
 - Baffles and fish ladder in Lawson Creek
 - Log blockage on the beach at Larson Creek
 - Shoreline preservation work that also improves our estuaries
- Participation in Integrated Storm Water Management (ISMP)

Membership

- 109 members
- 80 friends of the Society; plus another 50 from Adopt-A-Fish
- Volunteer teams
 - Hatchery operations
 - Cleaning the intake pipe at Hay Park
 - Temperature loggers . downloading data
 - Other volunteer opportunities
 - Spawner salmon surveys
 - Emerging fry surveys
 - Fry release
 - Storm drain marking

Community Events

- Earth Day Run . April 24
- Adopt-A-Fish . April 30
- Community Day . June 4
- Coho Festival . September 11

Administration

- Secretary - minutes, notes, record keeping, governance and correspondence
- Treasurer . regular financial statements, PIP funding management and charitable status application

Communication

- Five newsletters since September
- Website . new in December 2010
- Announcements . via email, mail or the website

- North Shore News and North Shore Outlook

Committees

- Nelson Creek Hatchery operations . Elizabeth Hardy
- Community events . Nora Gambioli
- Membership and volunteer involvement . Jim Torry
- Work Plan and funding . Bill Chapman
- Student Outreach . John Barker and Mike Akerly
- Property development and stream protection bylaw . Sandi Dix
- Regulatory, legal and communications . Barrie Adams
- District Council and staff contact . Bill McAllister

John Barker, President

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