

## **Newsletter #4 – December 2010 – February 2011**

**1) Streamkeepers Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at the Hollyburn Sailing Club on Thursday, March 17, 2011. It is intended to be a social affair, with refreshments and snacks served, allowing members to talk, mingle and connect with fellow Streamkeepers, creek coordinators, committee heads and the board. There will be a more detailed notice of this event as we draw closer to the date.

**2) Previous Streamkeepers Meeting:** The meeting on January 20 was attended by MP, John Weston who gave a report on his activities as a member of the Fisheries Council. Mayor Pam Goldsmith-Jones and Councilor Trish Panz, both members of the Society, were in attendance. The meeting focused on Spawning Salmon Surveys for 2010 by Elizabeth Hardy (results now posted on the website at [www.westvancouverstreamkeepers.ca](http://www.westvancouverstreamkeepers.ca)), the Committee Reports and a review of the Work Plan for 2011 by John Barker (see attachment).

**3) Zoning Amendment Bylaw:** On December 13, West Vancouver Council held a public hearing on the Zoning Amendment Bylaw. Bill McAllister attended the meeting and presented questions to Council seeking to ensure that creek protection measures will be maintained.

**4) Charitable Status:** At the last meeting of the board on January 11 it was decided that West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society will pursue charitable status. Bill McAllister will attend to the application.

**5) Cypress Creek Fish Ladder:** A second meeting was held on January 24 with CAER (DFO laboratory) personnel and Matt Foy, Senior Biologist with DFO and Rob Bell-Irving, our DFO Community Advisor, to discuss the design of the fish ladder for Cypress Creek. The purpose of the fish ladder is to assist returning pink salmon to access upstream spawning habitat. We would like to see the ladder in place in time for this year's pink run that is due to arrive in late August and through September. Representing Streamkeepers were Barrie Adams, John Barker and Noel Murphy.

**6) EPN Students present to Council:** On January 24, two students from West Vancouver Secondary's EPN (Environmental Protection Network), at the invitation of the Mayor, gave a presentation to West Vancouver Council on the findings of the spawning salmon surveys that were conducted with Streamkeepers in the fall of 2010. The students, Joseph McDaniel and Wonjun Kim, along with Streamkeeper John Barker, made the presentation. Council also passed a motion that evening at the request of Joseph McDaniel that Council write to the provincial government encouraging them to designate wild Pacific salmon as the official provincial fish.

**7) Parks Working Group Input Forum:** A Streamkeeper team of Barrie Adams, Elizabeth Hardy and Bill Chapman made a presentation to the Working Group on January 25 that was well received. The key points made were to ensure that creeks and the riparian area within parks are protected, that an umbrella organization could be considered to coordinate the efforts of the various stewardship groups having an interest in our parks and that the long standing supportive relationship between the Parks Department and Streamkeepers be maintained.

**8) Nelson Creek Hatchery:** Approximately 67,000 eyed coho eggs were delivered from the Capilano Hatchery to the Nelson Creek Hatchery on January 26. The coho are expected to hatch in March and be ponded in April. The coho fry will be released into local creeks in early June. The volunteers assisting with raising the coho fry this year are Elizabeth Hardy (manager), Roger Fox, Taylor Hunt, Andrew Klaver, Dave Mortimer and Kurt Peiffer.

**9) Hay Park Intake Pipe:** Four Streamkeepers have volunteered to assist with the task of keeping the intake pipe clear ó Taylor Hunt, Franz Lefort, Brock Mackenzie and Linda Windibank. Each will be taking a week at a time to monitor the flow of water into the rearing pond and clean stream debris away from the intake pipe as required. An information and training session was held on January 29.

**10) Meetings with District Staff:** On December 7 and February 1, two of our regular monthly meetings were held at the Operations Centre. Stephen Jenkins and Andrew Vander Helm represented the District. At these meetings, property developments requiring an Environmental Development Permit are reviewed, as well as other creek and habitat-related matters. Members who would like to have items brought forward should contact Bill McAllister <[jacmcallister@telus.net](mailto:jacmcallister@telus.net)>.

**11) Hay Park Planting:** A planting event occurred on February 12 headed by Streamkeeper volunteers Hugh Hamilton, Greg Harder, Don Harrison, Brock Mackenzie and Hailey Tocher plus eight EPN students. A total of 40 native shrubs and trees were planted.

**12) Community Events:** Adopt-a-Fish will take place at the end of May at the Memorial Library and across the street in Memorial Park where elementary students will release coho juveniles into McDonald Creek. Streamkeepers will also have a display at Community Day on June 4. Member attendance and participation is welcome. Nora Gambioli is organizing both events.

**13) Membership Renewal:** New members and renewals have been noticeably strong and we thank everyone for their support. If you have yet to sign up for 2011, please notify Jim Torry, our membership coordinator, <[jaytee2@shaw.ca](mailto:jaytee2@shaw.ca)> who will send you a membership renewal form. The fee is \$10.00 for the calendar year.

**14) Future Newsletters:** The timing of our newsletters is tied to the level of activity of the Society. During the fall, which is the busiest period for Streamkeepers, newsletters were published monthly. As we move into spring our focus will be on the coho fry releases, storm drain marking and the projects detailed in the Work Plan. It is anticipated that the next newsletter will be published in May.

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