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SLIPP 1st Quarter Report to June 30, 2013

Overview

The focus of SLIPP's efforts in this quarter (April 1 - June 30) has been to communicate with specific groups in the Shuswap, continue implementation of the Water Quality Monitoring Plan, release the draft Recreation Management Plan, and modify the approach for foreshore restoration based on Steering Committee direction and public feedback.

This report includes 3 main sections: 1) a progress summary of SLIPP activities completed in the past quarter, 2) a budget update for the past quarter, and 3) a preview of planned activities for the next quarter (July 1 – Sept 30). The SLIPP activities described in the first and third sections are supported by all funding sources, including the annual \$335,000 pilot project funds, in-kind local, provincial and federal government funding, partner contributions, Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, and project grants.

The next quarterly report will be provided in October 2013.

1. Progress Summary

This progress summary describes the major SLIPP activities that took place from April through June 2013. Activities are organized according to the six budget categories identified in the Contribution Agreement.

Administration, Meetings, Reporting and Expenses

- Coordination, facilitation and summarizing of the June 10 Steering Committee meeting held in Sicamous
- Coordination, facilitation and summarizing of the All Committee meeting at Quaaout Lodge on April 24 with more than 100 people in attendance. The morning session was open to the public, and the afternoon session had concurrent meetings of technical teams, public advisory committees for: Sustainable Shoreline Development and Restoration; Recreation Management; and Water Quality and Waste Management
- Ongoing communication with Steering Committee, by email and phone
- Coordinating meetings for July 15 with Thompson Rivers University to explore funding and collaboration
- Completion of the 4th Quarterly Report
- Ongoing financial tracking of the six budget categories

Sustainable Shoreline Development and Restoration

- Inventory of derelict, abandoned docks was completed with participation by federal and provincial government staff in late May and early June
- Prioritization of derelict, abandoned docks, based on funding criteria and logistics was done in late June, and a tender was sent to five select contractors. Alpha Log and Timber with subcontracting to RW Gallant Enterprises Ltd was awarded the work.



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- Funding for derelict, abandoned dock removal is leveraged in roughly equal parts from your local government contribution; Old Town Bay court award funds; provincial funds held in trust by Fraser Basin Council; and Habitat Conservation Trust Funds, totalling \$35 000 at minimum.
- Ongoing discussions and development planning within the Shoreline Restoration Technical Team regarding the development of a prioritization tool.
- Thank you letters were sent to upland landowners who participated in restoration initiatives in March 2013

Water Quality

- Receipt and review of draft 2011 water quality report by Water Quality and Waste Management Technical Team
- Continued implementation of the [SLIPP Water Quality Monitoring Plan](#) for the Shuswap watershed, with the support of agencies and community partners - a major focus continues to be directed at implementation of the Monitoring Plan
- All water quality monitoring projects are in full implementation. The Water Quality and Waste Management Technical Team review the Monitoring Plan and results on an ongoing basis and report out to the SLIPP Steering Committee, PAC, and public through media releases and the SLIPP website

Recreation Management

- Draft Recreation Management Plan was released to the public for comment in late May, see <http://www.slippbc.ca/draft-rmp-ready-for-public-review> to access the draft plan and for a link to an online survey to provide feedback.

Compliance and Enforcement

- No activity in this quarter by SLIPP; it was determined earlier in 2013 that the individual government agencies will self-coordinate.

Stakeholder Communication and Education

- Spring newsletter released in April
- Hosted an All Committee meeting at Quaaout Lodge on April 24 with more than 100 people in attendance. The morning session was open to the public, and the afternoon session had concurrent meetings of technical teams, public advisory committees for: Sustainable Shoreline Development and Restoration; Recreation Management; and Water Quality and Waste Management
- Issued the following media releases:
 - April 22 – Several areas along the shoreline of Shuswap Lake restored
 - April 29 – All Committee meeting sees strong turnout
 - May 28 – Draft recreation management plan available for comment
 - May 31 – SLIPP does not enforce federal or provincial legislation
 - June 12 – Regional District representatives want to keep working together
- Presentations on SLIPP made to the following groups:
 - Marina owners and North Shuswap Chamber of Commerce (April 17)
 - White Lake Community Association (April 24)
 - Shuswap Waterfront Owners Association meeting (May 15)
- Participated in CSRD hosted meeting around docks and buoys (April 29)



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- Ongoing media relations regarding confusion around semi-waterfront docks and enforcement of provincial legislation
- Ongoing database maintenance of contacts
- Ongoing additions of new content to SLIPP website, www.slippbc.com

The expenses incurred by the delivery of the majority of activities described above are captured in the SLIPP budget report in the following section.

2. Budget Report

The Budget Report provides a financial update on the spending-to-date of the SLIPP pilot funds compared to the budget. These funds are in addition to an estimated \$500,000 in contributions by local, provincial and federal government partners through in-kind and project funding.

SLIPP coordination by Fraser Basin Council staff in Q1 was funded by the \$25,000 Living Rivers Trust Fund, accessed and managed by FBC. Website maintenance is funded by the Old Town Bay court award funds. Therefore, no expenses show under stakeholder communication and engagement in Q1.

2013/14 Expense Summary

Summary of expenses	2013/14 budget	Expenses in Q1	Expenses in Q2	Expenses in Q3	Expenses in Q4	Budget remaining
Shoreline Development	\$46,000	\$7,459				\$38,541
Water Quality	\$185,220	\$50,317				\$134,903
Recreation Management	\$35,000	\$0				\$35,000
Compliance and Enforcement	\$3000	\$0				\$3000
Stakeholder Communication and Engagement	\$41,000	\$0				\$41,000
Administration, Meetings, and Reporting	\$49,000	\$11,188				\$37,812
TOTAL	\$359,220	\$68,965				\$290,255

3. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

The following section includes an estimate of planned activities for July 1st – Sept 30th 2013:

Sustainable Shoreline Development and Restoration

- Implementation of derelict, abandoned dock removal work targeting approximately 27 docks in Salmon Arm portion of the lake by mid-August
- Continue to update derelict, abandoned dock inventory with input from the public and agency staff

Water Quality

- Finalization of the 2011 Water Quality Report



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- Further preparation of the 2012 Water Quality Report
- Continued implementation of the [SLIPP Water Quality Monitoring Plan](#) for the Shuswap watershed, with the support of agencies and community partners
- Ongoing sampling projects including, identification of general lake conditions, algal bloom, food web investigation, tributary loading study, and shallow water quality sampling
- Water Quality and Waste Management Technical Team meeting on management options and focus to address key issues

Recreation Management

- Feedback from the public on the draft Recreation Management Plan

Compliance and Enforcement

- Ongoing communication with compliance and enforcement agencies

Stakeholder Communication and Education

- Development of lay-person summary of water quality monitoring program and 2011/12 results
- Ongoing media releases
- Ongoing distribution of print materials
- Public engagement will commence after the next Steering Committee meeting. Originally planned as summer open houses, it was agreed to postpone public engagement until the Steering Committee reaches agreement on the future direction of SLIPP or a successor organization, and there will be more water quality data to present to the public

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Water Quality and Waste Management Technical Team meeting – July 16, Kamloops
- SLIPP Steering Committee Meeting – Wednesday Sept 11 (9AM to 1PM), CSRD office, Salmon Arm