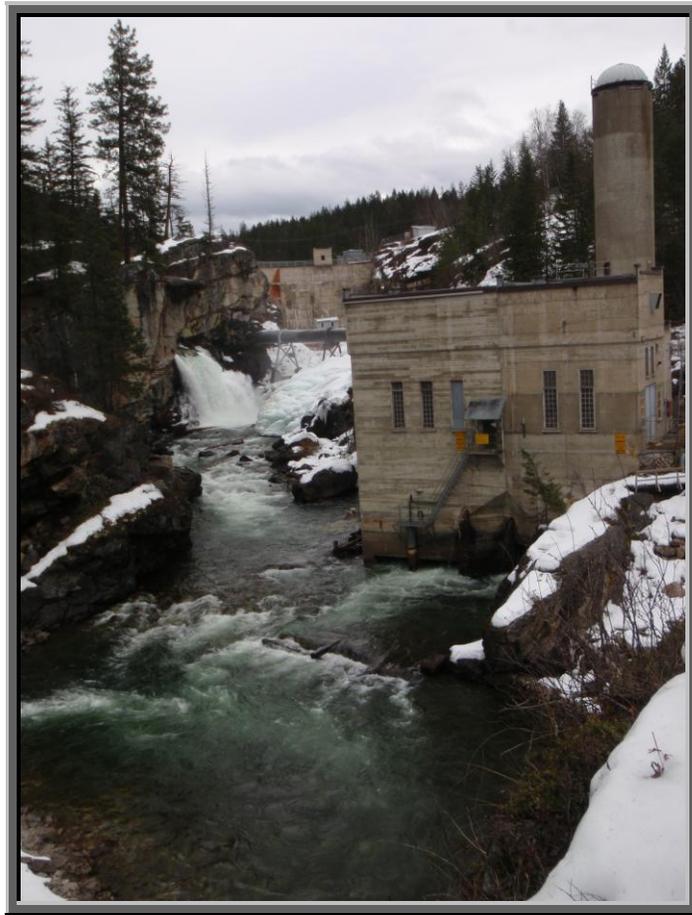


# Seventh Annual BC Interior Stewardship Workshop

March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Lumby, BC



*“Stewards Conserve, Restore, and Protect”*

Hosted by the Fraser Basin Council  
in partnership with  
Fisheries & Oceans Canada and Tolko Industries Ltd.

## INTRODUCTION

2011 was the seventh consecutive year that the Fraser Basin Council Thompson Region has partnered with Fisheries and Oceans Canada to deliver the BC Interior Stewardship Workshop. Additionally, the partnership was pleased to welcome Tolko Industries as a contributor and partner this year.

The Stewardship Workshop has two purposes: (1) to formally recognize and celebrate the work that stewards in the Interior of BC do, and to honour the successes a particular group and/or individual by presenting them with the *BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystem Excellence*, and (2) provide a venue which offers opportunities for learning, value-added training, collaboration and networking with fellow stewards and resource support staff. This report will highlight the presentations and tour that took place over the two-day workshop.

The seventh annual workshop was very successful. It was attended by over 70 stewards from across the Interior, with strong representation from the Lumby area. The event focussed on providing opportunities for shared learning via presentations from fellow stewards, small group work and brainstorming sessions, and networking. This year's theme was Water Conservation, Watershed Management and the Effects of Low Flows. Supporting the workshop presentations was a tour to visit local stewardship projects. For a detailed agenda of the workshop, please see Appendix I.

Representatives from various stewardship organizations were in attendance, as well as those from all levels of government (federal, provincial, First Nations, and local governments), and non-government organizations. For a list of workshop participants, please see Appendix II.

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## OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP DAY ONE: MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

The day began with an opportunity for stewards to meet each other over a light breakfast and refreshments. The workshop opened with welcoming remarks by Fraser Basin Council Senior Regional Manager Mike Simpson, Okanagan Indian Band Head of Fisheries and Watershed Unit Keith Louis, and Stuart Lee, Fisheries and Wildlife Manager for the Spltasin First Nation. Following the salutations, there were three stewardship feature presentations, which gave stewards and stewardship organizations an opportunity to speak to the audience about their work, their challenges and successes, and share lessons learned. Next, workshop participants heard presentations from Tracy Bond and Dora McMillan from the Baker Creek Enhancement Society about Recognizing and Promoting the Salmons Journey up the Fraser River. As well Dean Watts, a Water Use Biologist from Fisheries and Oceans did a presentation on the importance of Water Conservation and the Effects of Low Flows. The last presentation of the morning was made by Valerie Cameron of the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations, who took the opportunity to speak to the stewards about the Water Act Modernization and the planned Water Sustainability Act. Workshop participants enjoyed plenty of networking over lunch, and afterward embarked on a tour to visit the Wilsey Dam, and the Duteau Creek Salmon Trail.

## SUMMARY OF STEWARDSHIP FEATURE PRESENTATIONS

### ☞ **Laura Frank, Regional District of the North Okanagan**

Laura introduced the group to the Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan (SRWSP) which is in its early stages of development. Laura provided the group with an overview map of the area to be covered by the plan, the current initiatives underway in that plan area, and the process for defining the plans terms of reference.

Laura explained to the group that the SRWSP provides an opportunity for community participants to consider the full range of natural systems and human activities within the Upper Shuswap watershed with the ultimate goal of creating partnerships with shareholders, whose common objective is to manage the rivers watershed, including its tributaries, in a sustainable manner.

Lastly, Laura walked the group through the three phases for building the plan including the stakeholder and public engagement, issues identification and visioning, plan development, and plan implementation and monitoring.

### ☞ **Mike Wallis, The Salmon River Watershed Roundtable**

Mike provided the group with an overview of history of the Salmon River Watershed Roundtable (SRWR) and the past and current sustainability problems in the Salmon River watershed.

Mike spoke about the SRWR main goals and objectives including cleans water, reduced peaks and troughs in surface and groundwater patterns, and re-establishment of riparian corridors and wetlands. Mike then provided the group with some example projects that the SRWR has completed in the watershed including stream bank stabilization, livestock exclusion fencing, riparian planting, and off channel watering sites for livestock.

For more information about the Salmon River Watershed Roundtable visit:

<http://www.srwr.ca/>

### ☞ **Mary Forbes, Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society**

Mary shared with the group some the work that the Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society (CCCS) does including extensive public education and interaction through the hosting special events. Mary told the group about the CCCS' hallmark programs called the Waterwise and Earthwise programs. Mary explained the goals of each program including how there are specific sub programs in the Waterwise program to target different age groups for kids. Lastly, Mary did a demonstration using a water bottle surprising the group with how much oil goes into producing each bottle.

For more information about the CCCS visit: <http://www.cconserv.org/>

## **SUMMARY OF STEWARDSHIP GENERAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **RECOGNIZING AND PROMOTING THE SALMONS JOURNEY UP THE FRASER RIVER**

Presented by Tracy Bond and Dora McMillan, Baker Creek Enhancement Society.

Tracy Bond and Dora McMillan shared with the group plans for recognizing and promoting the journey of the Fraser River's salmon run through the installment of salmon statues and or plaques at key Fraser River crossings in the interior. If you are interested in being a part of this project contact Tracy at: [tbond@quesnelbc.com](mailto:tbond@quesnelbc.com)

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### **WATER CONSERVATION AND THE EFFECTS OF LOW FLOWS**

Presented by Dean Watts, Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Dean Watts provided the group with an interesting look at water conservation and the effects of low flows by providing geographic examples of watersheds struggling to retain their water flows, followed up by photos of these watersheds during time of high flows and low flows.

Dean went into further detail about the impacts of low flows by talking about the impeded migration and passage of fish, the stranding of fish, the exposure of incubating eggs and alevins, the increase in water temperature, and the reduction in available habitat due to reduced water quality, quantity and carrying capacity.

Dean concluded by stating that water conservation efforts will be critical to sustaining and restoring aquatic ecosystems into the future, that there are many perspectives on in stream flow requirements all of them having pros and cons and elements of uncertainty. Lastly, Dean stated that this uncertainty justifies conservative decision making in order to sustain fish and fish habitats.

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### **WATER ACT MODERNIZATION**

Presented by Valerie Cameron, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Valerie Cameron gave a presentation on the modernization of BC's Water Act including a history and the role of the current Water Act, as well as the reasons for updating the Act including addressing BC's population growth, climate changes, demands for more participation, and new ways of doing business. Valerie also discussed the four main goals of the modernizing the Water Act including protecting stream health and aquatic environments, improving water governance arrangements, introducing more flexibility and efficiency in the water allocation system, and regulating ground water use in priority areas and for large withdrawals.

Valerie updated the group on the process that has occurred to date for modernizing the Water Act including a literature and background review, public engagement, and proposals

for change. From this process the new Water Sustainability Act will hopefully be submitted for legislative drafting and approval by 2012. The new Water Sustainability Act will likely include a framework of province wide water provisions, known problem area provisions, and chronic problem area provisions.

For more information visit: <http://www.livingwatersmart.ca/water-act/>

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### STEWARDSHIP TOUR: WILSEY DAM AND THE DUTEAU CREEK SALMON TRAIL

In the afternoon, workshop participants enjoyed an opportunity to go outside, stretch their legs and get some fresh air, and see first-hand the stewardship work that various stewardship groups have completed or are working on in the Lumby and area community. The tour included a visit to the Wilsey Dam and the Duteau Creek Salmon Trail.



*Clockwise from upper left: workshop participants tour the Wilsey Dam with guide Lee Hesketh (pics 1-2); Duteau Creek Salmon Trail discussion pic 3-4*

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## **LUMBY STREAM FLOW RECOVERY PROJECTS 2004-2010**

Presented by Tom Minor, White Valley Community Resource Center

Tom Minor presented to the group work completed by local stewards and local agriculture stewards on local creeks including Duteau, Creighton, and Bessette creeks. Utilizing before and after photos Tom walked the group through the steps taken to restore sections of these three streams for improved fish habitat and erosion prevention.

Tom summarized his presentation by providing tips for stewards wishing to complete similar work in their local areas including the importance of establishing how much water is available and where it is going, sharing this information to all users, increasing awareness of rights and obligations under the Water Act, looking for alternative or additional water sources, encouraging conservation and co-operation, initiating a Water Use Plan, looking for funding sources, and working to restore stream conditions that will provide the best possible conditions for fish survival during low flow periods.

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## **A TRIBUTE TO PETE AND JOE HUWER**

Bob Harding and Lee Hesketh paid tribute to two local stewards who passed away suddenly in September 2010. Brothers Pete and Joe Huwer were agriculture producers and stewardship leaders in the Lumby area. Both Joe and Pete worked diligently on their farms to ensure that their practices conserved, restored and protected the natural environment and these stewardship efforts were recognized by participants of the workshop.

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## **STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION AND PRESENTATION OF ECOSYSTEMS EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Following a full day of interesting and informative presentations and the tour, workshop participants gathered for a celebratory dinner and enjoyed more time visiting and networking. The evening dinner session began with a welcome from Janet Green a councilor for the Village of Lumby.

After dinner, the *BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystems Excellence* was presented. The purpose of the award is to meaningfully recognize the successful stewardship efforts of an individual and/or organization that have provided significant stewardship activities for interior ecosystems over an extended time period. To be eligible for the award, an individual or organization must have been instrumental in:

- Devising an innovative approach or leadership to BC Interior ecosystem stewardship; or
- Demonstrating consistently responsible and efficient use, protection, and/or restoration of BC Interior stream resources; or

- Actively promoting public awareness, understanding and concern for efficient use and management of BC Interior ecosystems; or
- Other initiatives that work toward the stewardship of BC Interior ecosystems

This year, the workshop organizing committee had the pleasure of honouring the stewardship community with a single award in the individual category:

✂ Individual Award: **Tracy Bond**

Tracy has a passion for the environment and for encouraging responsible management of our resources. Through Tracy the BC Interior North area ecosystems have found a voice that encourages developing a broader understanding of the management issues associated with the communities located within our Northern ecosystems and that tackles these management issues in a way that is reflective of the realities and challenges each community faces. Tracy is cognoscente of the social, economic and environmental challenges associated with ecosystem management and does her best to represent the challenges in a respectful and meaningful way.

Tracy was instrumental in securing and developing the Nature Education and Resource Center and the network of interpretive trails within the West Fraser Timber Park in Quesnel, by obtaining locally donated materials, labour, equipment and furniture. The Nature Center, today, is a hub for ecosystem awareness providing education and outreach opportunities through its moms and tots programs, school programs and evening information sessions.

Tracy has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to building a stewardship ethic through her role as a Stewardship Coordinator under Fisheries and Oceans, Canada's, Habitat Conservation and Stewardship Program in 2005.

In her role as Coordinator for the Baker Creek Enhancement Society, Tracy has represented the needs of community stewardship groups and the aquatic resources and created an awareness of key resource management issues in the BC Interior North Area for fifteen years. She has supported key initiatives within the Area that have resulted in partnerships, processes and projects that benefit the community, aquatic resources, streams and ecosystems. Some examples of partnerships and processes Tracy has initiated, supported and participated include the Horsefly Round Table, the Bouchie Lake Stewardship Group, the Bowron Lake Enhancement Society, the City of Quesnel's Environmental Advisory Group, the Quesnel River Research Centre, the Quesnel Air Quality Roundtable, the Official Community Plan of Quesnel and Regional District, Communities in Bloom, the Community Campus Landscape Committee and the Pacific Salmon Foundation. Projects that Tracy has been involved in have resulted in the development of the Dragon Creek Stewardship Plan, the Cariboo Chicoltin Riparian Logic Model and Behaviour Change Plan, and numerous riparian restoration and stream rehabilitation projects within the Narcolsi, Baker Creek, Cottonwood River, Naver Creek and Dragon Creek areas.

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Tracy serves as Fisheries and Oceans, Canada's, Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board representative for the BC Interior North Area and works hard to assimilate the concerns, issues and solutions of community groups with ecosystem based objectives and to report these concerns back to the Advisory Board and Regional Director of Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch of DFO. Tracy was recently asked to stay on as the rep, by the members of the board, because of her valuable contribution to their business (Jack Minard).

Most recently, Tracy was instrumental in improving riparian management within the Cariboo-Chilcotin and Quesnel area ecosystems. Tracy's commitment to understanding ecosystem management challenges and her involvement in multi partner processes enabled her to share her awareness of ecosystem programs with a regional - provincial initiative of the then Ministry of Environment. Because of her passion for supporting creative solutions to complex ecosystem management challenges she was aware of the Fraser Salmon and Watershed Program's Social Marketing and Behaviour Change initiative; because of her wide ranging partnerships, she was aware of a Cariboo Chilcotin MOE initiative aimed at addressing riparian area management. Tracy was responsible for linking these two initiatives which ultimately led to the development and implementation of equipment operator workshops aimed at improving awareness of the need to manage riparian areas and to provide the operators with the tools and understanding of ecosystem processes to enable them to make the appropriate management decisions when undertaking work within riparian areas (Robert Mills).

In her spare time, Tracy is a Director for the Quesnel Naturalists and is actively involved in the Quesnel Environmental Society and Quesnel's Climate Action Group. Tracy also serves as a Big Sister for the Boys and Girl Club in Quesnel and volunteers her time with youth at a yoga/belly dance studio.

Congratulations Tracy on your successes, achievements, and stewardship ethic!  
Nominated by: Tina Chestnut and Lee Hesketh



*Mike Simpson, Senior Regional Manager for Fraser Basin Council presents the Ecosystems Excellence Award to Tracy Bond of the Baker Creek Enhancement Society (pictured left) and Tracy Bond and Dora McMillan (pictured right).*

## OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP DAY TWO: MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>

Once again, the day began with the opportunity for stewards to meet with each other over a light breakfast and refreshments and enjoy casual networking time. Bob Harding of Fisheries and Oceans Canada provided some welcoming remarks. Mike Simpson introduced the Open Space Technology networking session in which workshop participants facilitated small-group conversations on relevant stewardship topics of their choice. The next session of the day was Lee Hesketh who provided an update on the Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board (SEHAB) and then gave an overview of the Farmland Riparian Interface Stewardship Program (FRISP). Following that, an informative presentation on Sensitive Habitat Inventory and Mapping (SHIM) was given by Don Ignace and Avon Isnardy of the Skeetchestn First Nation. Lastly, the final session of the day was a presentation by Dale Michie of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada on the Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative.

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## SUMMARY OF OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY NETWORKING SESSIONS

For the second time, Open Space Technology was incorporated into the Stewardship Workshop. The concept was founded by Harrison Owen and is intended to give workshop participants the opportunity to set a portion of the agenda according to their needs and interests. Open Space Technology works like so: from the entire audience, any number of people write an issue of their choice on a piece of paper; those people then take responsibility to convene a session on their topic. There may be any number of sessions occurring simultaneously; the remainder of workshop participants join a session of their choice and engage in dialogue. The leader who created the topic reports out to the entire audience at the end of the session.

A summary of the four participant-led sessions are presented here:

### **☞ Topic: Direct Experience and Public Participation – led by Neil Brookes**

A discussion took place on a wide range of Direct Experience and Public Participation subjects including sustainable funding, environmental tax opportunities, BC Park's, and how funding from fines should be re-invested into the area where the offense or damage occurred.

The group also suggested that direct experience and public participation can be gained by developing a website listing stewardships groups, stewardship events and news. It was suggested that groups can look outside the box and create opportunities for corporate team building on sites requiring restoration such as planting trees or cleaning up refuge. Stewardship groups can also create such events as seed swaps, or they can host a forum to get messages out.

Lastly, the group talked about the importance of getting school kids involved in stewardship related field trips. Often these field trips provide lifelong lessons to hundreds of future stewards (the kids) and their parents who often attend. The participation of the kids parents

can sometimes open up doors/networking opportunities for the stewardship groups which can often result in in-kind contributions from the parents or their employers.

**∅ Topic: Water Storage – led by Al Midgley**

The group discussed several items relating to water storage including the costs of developing water storage, the need to leave sufficient water for proper river function at freshet, the need for proper channel maintenance and the need to have sufficient capacity to do this maintenance properly, and the need to plan for licensing changes and new infrastructure plans. The group also talked about opportunities available through such groups as Duck's Unlimited who has extensive experience in water storage. The group also talked about the possibilities of putting together a small but organized water storage pilot project proposal which would minimize the level of risk for all involved, and provide a framework for ownership and management of such a storage system.

**∅ Topic: River Bank Erosion – led by Bruce Fowler**

The group began by discussing the various man-made causes for riverbank erosion, as well as the legislation currently in place that enables authorities to enforce the rules to prevent this damage from occurring. It was mentioned that maintaining riparian health is a natural way of preventing river bank erosion. A key to maintaining these riparian areas is educating the public and providing them with the tools to do this maintenance themselves.

The group also discussed current Best Management Practices and talked about how there is extensive information on river bank/riparian area protection but that it is not always readily available to the general public. The group also talked about working with private land owners to help educate them about preventative measures they can take to protect the riparian areas on their property. Lastly, the group concluded that more education around who is affected by river bank erosion and how they are affected needs to be summarized and released to the general public.

**∅ Topic: Salmon Passage Wilsey Dam – led by Randy Rauck**

A discussion took place about the Wilsey dam and how the original plans for a fish ladder were never implemented. Salmon previously spawned above the falls and there is a push locally to regain this lost habitat. A local committee has been formed to work towards achieving this goal of constructing a fish ladder, and currently the committee is working closely with BC Hydro and First Nation groups to make this happen. \$900,000 has already been spent on studies about the proposed fish ladder. There will be a fish fry release above the dam in 2011 and the group discussed how the dams turbines may result in a high level of fish culls. Lastly, the group talked about the overall net gain for all of the communities, especially those upstream from the dam if the fish ladder is built and the salmon return. There is a Wild Salmon Awareness Festival scheduled for July 22, 23, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Refer to the following website for more details: [wildsalmonsociety.com](http://wildsalmonsociety.com)

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**FARMLAND RIPARIAN INTERFACE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (FRISP)**

Presented by Lee Hesketh, Program Manager FRISP.

Lee Hesketh also took the time to introduce and provide an update on the Farmland Riparian Interface Stewardship Program (FRISP). FRISP is a program of the BC Cattlemen's Association that works to enhance stewardship on farms throughout the Province. FRISP has three goals: (1) Create and increase the long-term stewardship capacity for the agricultural community and the BCCA membership; (2) Provide technical information, advice and support regarding sustainable agriculture/environment management to stewardship groups and the ranching community. (3) Assist with the enhancement and restoration of farmland as part of watershed management plans.

Its approach to stewardship is to work with Mother Nature – not against it – and commonly uses bioengineering as a tool to achieve this. As a result of the FRISP program, farmers and ranchers in BC have been empowered to become better stewards of their land, particularly riparian corridors. As the coordinator of the FRISP program, Lee has learned that stewardship does not need to be expensive, and can in fact be very affordable if you work with a team of people that share common thinking and are driven to spend dollars wisely. Lee ended on a philosophical note and encouraged all present to think of the current economic times as a sunrise, not a sunset.

**SALMON ENHANCEMENT & HABITAT ADVISORY BOARD (SEHAB)**

Presented by Lee Hesketh

Lee Hesketh provided an update on the role and activities of the Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board (SEHAB). The SEHAB is essentially a “watchdog” for the Salmon Enhancement Program of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and it provides a forum for volunteers to give advice to the Federal and Provincial governments on matters such as salmon stock management strategies, habitat and restoration policies, public education on the importance of salmon resources, and resource allocation to habitat management. The Vision of SEHAB is to have Pacific Region Communities living sustainably within the natural limitations of healthy ecosystems supporting abundant and biologically diverse Pacific Salmonids. Lee is the SEHAB representative for the Southern Interior of the BC and encouraged all workshop participants to approach him with their comments, concerns, ideas, and feedback.

For more information on the SEHAB visit [www.sehab.org](http://www.sehab.org).

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**SENSITIVE HABITAT INVENTORY AND MAPPING (SHIM)**

Presented by Don Ignace and Avon Isnardy, Skeetchestn First Nation.

Don Ignace and Avon Isnardy gave a presentation on the Skeetchestn First Nation's Sensitive Habitat Inventory and Mapping (SHIM) of the Deadman River in 2009/2010. They explained how SHIM can be completed on any watershed and but can require extensive field work up front in order to create a base level of data for that particular watershed. The SHIM work completed on the Deadman River began by training members

of the Skeetchestn First Nation, specifically on the use of GPS equipment, field survey methodology, data base building and mapping program use.

The SHIM of the Deadman River began with crews working from the mouth of the river up to the end of the river's known salmon habitat. While surveying this stretch of river field crews GPS'd, photographed, measured and documented key sites along the river including spawning areas, bank erosion problems, bridges, salmon resting pools etc.

Upon the completion of the field data collection portion of SHIM, the site information inventoried was then entered into a master tracking data base which was linked to a mapping program called Arcview. With this database resource managers were provided with a fluid mapping product allowing them to continuously manipulate the data for different purposes while still being able to add new information to the database as it becomes known.

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### **PACIFIC INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL FISHERIES INITIATIVE**

Presented by Dale Michie, Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Dale Michie discussed the Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative which was implemented by Fisheries and Oceans Canada in 2007 to achieve the following objectives:

- Move commercial fisheries in-land to meet Wild Salmon policy objectives – minimize marine mix stock fisheries
- Establish clearly defined shares in the Salmon fishery
- Enhance environmental sustainability and economic viability of commercial fisheries
- Meet First Nation aspirations to be involved in commercial fisheries (economically and management of fisheries)

Dale explained how the PICFI program provides commercial opportunities to First Nation groups throughout BC with the understanding that First Nation food fish takes priority over commercial demonstration fisheries, and that demonstration fisheries will only occur when available commercial allocations exist.

Dale reviewed the four key elements of PICFI including First Nation access and distribution of fishing licenses, capacity building for business and training planning as well as fishing and business skill development, co-management of the fisheries resource and policy development, and lastly enhanced accountability for the management of the salmon resource.

Lastly, Dale discussed the results of the five British Columbia First Nation Inland Demonstration Fisheries that occurred in 2010 including the Okanagan Nation Alliance, Secwepemc Fisheries Commission, Esh-Kn-am Joint Ventures LTD (Cook's Ferry), T'silhqo'tin National Government, and the North Shuswap Tribal Council.

For more information about PICFI visit the following website:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/picfi-ipcip/index-eng.htm>

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**MEASURING SUCCESS: PARTICIPANT RESULTS**

At the end of the workshop, participants were encouraged to fill out an Evaluation Form. This information is very useful to the workshop organizing committee, as it helps to measure the success of the event and plan for subsequent years. Please see Appendix III for evaluation results.

## APPENDIX I

**SEVENTH ANNUAL  
BC INTERIOR STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Lumby, BC and surrounding area**

**AGENDA – Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

- 7:30 am Breakfast and Refreshments - *Served in the Curling Club Lounge*
- 8:30 am Welcome & Introductions
- *The Fraser Basin Council – Mike Simpson, Thompson/ Cariboo Senior Regional Manager*
  - *Okanagan Indian Band – Keith Louis – Head of Fisheries and Watershed Unit*
  - *Splatsin First Nation – Stuart Lee – Fisheries and Wildlife Manager*
- 9:00 am Stewardship Feature Presentations
- *Laura Frank, Acting Sustainability Coordinator, Regional District of North Okanagan - Topic: Shuswap River Watershed Sustainability Plan*
  - *Mike Wallis, Biologist - Topic: The Salmon River Watershed Roundtable stewardship projects*
  - *Mary Forbes, Coordinator, Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society - Topic: Water Wise Program*
- 10:00 am Refreshment Break
- 10:25 am Recognizing and Promoting the Salmons Journey Up the Fraser River
- Tracy Bond and Dora McMillan - Baker Creek Enhancement Society*
- 10:45 am Water Conservation and the Effects of Low Flows
- Dean Watts, Water Use Biologist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada*
- 11:20 am Water Act Modernization
- Valerie Cameron, Regional Manager, Ministry of Natural Resource Operations*
- 12:00 pm Lunch (Sponsored by Tolko Industries Limited)

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**APPENDIX I CONTINUED...**

- 1:00 pm Depart on Tour (transportation provided)  
*Wilsey Dam*  
*River restoration*  
*Duteau Creek – Salmon Trail*  
*Creighton Creek – Low flows*
- 5:00 pm Return to Lumby Curling Club Lounge
- 6:00 pm Banquet Dinner and Presentation of *Ecosystems Excellence Award*  
plus...
  - *Janet Green, Village of Lumby Councilor – Welcome to Lumby!*
  - *Tom Minor, Local Steward – Presentation Topic: Working with irrigators to improve irrigation practices*

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**AGENDA – Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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- 7:30 am Breakfast and Refreshments  
*Served in the Lumby Curling Club Lounge*
- 8:30 am Welcome & Introductions  
*Bob Harding, Fisheries & Oceans Canada*
- 8:40 am “Open Space” Networking Activity  
*Casual networking conversations – you choose the topic!*
- 10:00 am Refreshment Break
- 10:30 am Farmland Riparian Interface Stewardship Program (FRISP)  
&  
Salmon Enhancement & Habitat Advisory Board (SEHAB)  
*Lee Hesketh, Program Manager*
- 11:00 am Sensitive Habitat Inventory and Mapping (SHIM)  
*Don Ignace and Avon Isnardy, Skeetchestn First Nation*
- 11:25 am Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative  
*Dale Michie, Fisheries and Oceans Canada.*
- 12:00 pm Lunch  
Farewells & Departure

## APPENDIX II

**SEVENTH ANNUAL  
BC INTERIOR STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP****March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Lumby, BC and surrounding area****Participant List**

<b><u>Given Name</u></b>	<b><u>Surname</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Alan	Caverly	Ministry of Natural Resource Operations
Allen	Midgley	Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society
Avon	Isnardy	Skeetchestn Indian Band
Bill	Verhage	Argo Road
Bob	Harding	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Bob	Hewitt	Skeetchestn Indian Band
Brenda	LaCroix	Christina Lake Stewardship Society
Bruce	Fowler	Lower Shuswap Stewardship Society
Carla	Vierke	Cherryville Water Stewards
Carole	Bowen	Christina Lake Stewardship Society
Cathy	Macpherson	Cherryville Water Stewards
Ceryne	Staples	Thompson Rivers University
Chris	Armanini	Tolko Industries Ltd
Christian	St-Pierre	Ministry of Natural Resource Operations
Clay	Campbell	Paradigm Resources Ltd
Dale	Michie	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Dean	Watts	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Don	Sam	Nlaka 'pamux Nation Tribal Council
Don	Ignace	Skeetchestn Indian Band
Dora	McMillan	Baker Creek Enhancement Society
Ed	Dodds	Ministry of Transportation
Eugene	Foisy	Regional District of the North Okanagan
Fred	Lockwood	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Gay	Jewitt	Whitevalley Community Resource Centre
Gerald	Christie	Columbia Shuswap Regional District
Hank	Cameron	Cherryville Water Stewards
James	Pepper	Okanagan Nation Alliance
James	Derby	Christina Lake Stewardship Society
Janet	Green	Village of Lumby - Councillor
Jean	Clark	Lower Shuswap Stewardship Society
John	Haugen	Nlaka 'pamux Nation Tribal Council

**APPENDIX II**  
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<b><u>Given Name</u></b>	<b><u>Surname</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
John	Fournier	Lower Shuswap Stewardship Society
Keith	Louis	Okanagan Indian Band
Kevin	Duncan	Nlaka 'pamux Nation Tribal Council
Kristen	Murphy	Ministry of Natural Resource Operations
Kristi	Carter	BC Lake Stewardship Society
Larry	Arcand	Cherryville Water Stewards
Laura	Frank	North Okanagan Regional District
Lee	Hesketh	Farmland Riparian Interface Stewardship Program
Lindsay	Gardner	Fraser Basin Council
Lynda	Ritchie	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Mandy	Ross	Thompson Rivers University
Marc	Solomon	Fraser Basin Council
Marcin	Pachcinski	Columbia Shuswap Regional District
Mary	Forbes	Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society
Michelle	Nickerson	Middle Shuswap Wild Salmon Society
Mike	Simpson	Fraser Basin Council
Mike	Wallis	Salmon River Watershed Roundtable
Naomi	Fournier	Lower Shuswap Stewardship Society
Neil	Brookes	Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society
Patricia	House	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Pete	Spencer	Environmental Farm Plan Program
Peter	Bowen	Christina Lake Stewardship Society
Randy	Rauck	
Sandra	Hepburn	Prince George Naturalists/Heather Lake Eco Reserve
Sarah	Ostoforoff	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Shona	Smith	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
Skye	Dunbar	BC Lake Stewardship Society
Stuart	Lee	Splatsin First Nation
Susan	Latimer	Allan Brooks Nature Centre/Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program
Susan	Everatt	Lower Shuswap Stewardship Society
Tom	Minor	Whitevalley Community Resource Centre
Tracy	Bond	Baker Creek Enhancement Society
Valerie	Cameron	Ministry of Natural Resource Operations
Valerie	Janzen	Salmon Arm Golf Club
Walter	Edwards	
Wendy	Gilbert	

**APPENDIX III**
**Seventh Annual BC Interior Stewardship Workshop  
EVALUATION RESULTS**

**1. In general, do you feel that the workshop was worthwhile? (please circle)**

Not at all				Very much
1	2	3	4	5
			<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>

**2. Will the tools and information presented at this workshop be helpful in your stewardship efforts in the future?**

Not at all				Very much
1	2	3	4	5
		<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>

**3. To what degree were the presentations and small group discussions at this workshop relevant to your stewardship activities?**

Not at all				Very much
1	2	3	4	5
		<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>

**4. To what degree has this workshop improved your awareness of stewardship initiatives currently underway in BC?**

Not at all				Very much
1	2	3	4	5
			<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>

**5. To what degree has this workshop assisted you in making connections with other stewards?**

Not at all				Very much
1	2	3	4	5
			<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>

**6. In your opinion, what were the most useful aspects or topics of this workshop? How will you apply them in the future?**

- Wilsey Dam (Shuswap Falls) set precedent for future projects. The Salmon will return.
- Great networking opportunity (x5)
- The Open Space Technology session was very useful, great for sharing ideas, it is a good idea (x6)
- Stories about/pictures of restoration projects – very inspiring
- Hearing what other stewards are doing and how. How do they get the community on board, how do they deal with difficult situations socially.
- Making PICFI information available to other stewards and the general public was beneficial.
- Awareness & conservation
- Ideas that were generated for the PG Naturalist to get involved in.
- Learning about stewardship strategies of other groups and networking
- All topics, all speakers very informative. Absolutely excellent.
- The field trip/ tour was great (x2)
- Enjoyed the evening presentations
- Hearing about other projects
- The social/coffee breaks
- FRISP
- Water Act Modernization, discussion group, Wilsey dam, displays, and PICFI
- Liked Tracy and Dora's work with the moulds and I am interested in doing this with my community

**7. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for topics for next year's workshop?**

- Conservation- Watershed with dwindling return expectancies
- Do not schedule it for March
- Open technology forum worked well, do it again, (x9)
- Open Space Technology- excellent-keep a spot on the agenda for it. It adds to the overall workshop.
- Open Space Technology worked very well but I would allow more time for reporting back at the end.
- Open Space Technology – have two sessions – one each day
- The workshop was run very well, excellent event (x4)
- Please continue the event, ensure workshop happens annually (x3)
- Add to next year's agenda how to get this great work out to the broader community. Utilizing great idea people like Mary Forbes to cook up awareness would really help.
- The structure of the Workshop worked well, and the size of the group was just right. Any larger and it may become overwhelming to try and connect with people.

- The small group discussions were very valuable. They gave everyone the chance to voice their opinions/thoughts in a smaller setting
- The diversity of topics, diversity of participants including First Nations, Ngo, agriculture etc.
- Keep up the good work!
- A couple of presentations that are less fish-centric (eg. Amphibians)
- Keep featuring local projects and initiatives – loved that
- More Stewardship stories, successes and failures, and talk about why.
- More “creating public awareness and public relations” stories
- More funding ideas/fund raising/ availability of funds, funding forum (x3)
- BC Hydro, local MLA and MP should be present
- A website should be designed so that all stewardship groups can give info about opportunities to volunteer, upcoming events and past activities.
- Information of invasive species – plants, animals, fish etc.
- A talk about maintaining soil health would be beneficial
- Protecting good agricultural land from development and flooding.
- FBC- Stewardship website to connect active groups
- Use recycled paper, no Styrofoam cups, and no water bottles, less prizes – instead funds could have been donated to an initiative in need. Enforce PPT rules.
- Training sessions
- Incredible turn-out – you guys did a good job
- Open Space Technology is good. The workshop overall was very helpful, great for networking with others. It would be nice to bring in more corporations to hear the success stories.
- Get MRNO money for 2012 workshop-ask Valerie Cameron, Kevin Dickenson
- Open Space was a good idea – suggest a 30-45 minute session instead
- “Poster” session right after day 1 lunch. It was hard to make time for posters and info at kiosks
- Grant writing breakout session
- Current water security issues
- Display development
- Hands on display of the GPS and ARC map on the field trip.
- Presentations of all the community displays/presentations
- Have a native plant nursery give out a few plants and information for groups to take back home
- Opens Space Network was ok because it generated discussions people were comfortable joining group to discuss something that interested them.