

# Ninth Annual BC Interior Stewardship Workshop

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Summary Report



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## **Workshop Summary**

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual BC Interior Stewardship Workshop was held in Vanderhoof, the most northerly location and the geographic centre of the province, to date for the workshop. It was a great success with attendance of 55 people.

Following the format from previous years, the workshop included sessions for learning, networking, and making new connections. The agenda featured presentations from stewardship organizations, First Nations, a university researcher, and university students. The tour for this year's workshop took the group to visit Murray Creek, one of the tributaries to the Nechako River. The group also toured the Nechako Conservation Centre, home to the Nechako Sturgeon recovery initiative. A highlight of the workshop was the presentation of the Fraser Basin Council's BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystem Excellence to Wayne Salewski of the Nechako Environment and Watershed Stewardship Society and leader of the Murray Creek Rehabilitation Project.

A summary of the workshop sessions follows on the succeeding pages, in the order that they were conducted.

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## Welcome and Introductions

The ninth annual BC Interior Stewardship Workshop was opened with welcoming comments from Fraser Basin Council's Senior Regional Manager Mike Simpson. He acknowledged the traditional territory of the Carrier-Sekani First Nation and thanked the host communities of Saik'uz and Vanderhoof. Chief Stanley Thomas and Jasmine Thomas from Saik'uz First Nation provided welcoming comments and a song. Mayor Gerry Thiesen of Vanderhoof, Director Jerry Petersen from Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Area 'F', and Wayne Salewski of the Nechako Environment and Watershed Stewardship Society also welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their work in stewardship. Mike acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the workshop sponsors: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, BC Agroforestry Industry Development Initiative (funded by Investment Agriculture Foundation and the Province of BC), New Gold, Integris Credit Union, and the Living Rivers Trust Fund.

Mike Simpson explained the purpose of the annual Stewardship Workshop: (1) to recognize and celebrate the work of stewards in BC's Interior regions, and (2) provide a venue for networking, learning, collaboration, and training. For the purposes of the workshop, "stewardship" is the conservation and/or restoration of land and water resources. Stewardship is done by landowners, organizations, First Nations, and government agencies.

Mike further introduced the Fraser Basin Council as a charitable non-profit society that works on difficult sustainability issues that are often inter-jurisdictional and that require multiple partners to find solutions. The Council is a non-positional, neutral facilitator and educator. Its vision is *Social well-being supported by a vibrant economy and a healthy environment.*

## Presentations

### Agroforestry: Opportunities to Integrate Production, Diversification, and Conservation

*Presented by George Powell and Lisa Zabek*

George Powell and Lisa Zabek began their presentation on Agroforestry by defining agroforestry as *the intentional, integrated production of trees or shrubs with other crops and/or livestock*. It is the intensive management of interactions and a concept of how you grow, more than it is a concept of what you grow. He went on to define several systems of agroforestry, such as shelterbelts, integrated riparian management, silvopasture, alley cropping, and forest farming. Perhaps the most common system of agroforestry in the Interior regions of BC is silvopasture: the production of livestock and forage crops alongside tree/fiber production.

The inputs to agroforestry are agricultural, conservational, silvicultural, and enterprise. The outputs are the many benefits:

- Production: potentially more production per unit of area, enabled by production synergies
- Economic: diversification ('not putting all your eggs in one basket') and better cash flow by blending long term with short term returns
- Ecological Goods and Services: the protection of resources such as crops, infrastructure, soil, water and energy; environmental restoration; filtration of noise, water, dust, etc.; reduction of light pollution; carbon sequestration
- Social: food security; rural diversification; community stability

George and Lisa wrapped up their presentation by explaining the BC Agroforestry Industry Development Initiative, whose purpose is to support the development and adoption of agroforestry practices. It does this by providing cost-share funding for agroforestry research and development work in BC. The second and final phase of funding ended in March 2013. For more information, you can email [support@agroforestry.info](mailto:support@agroforestry.info) or visit [www.agroforestry.info](http://www.agroforestry.info).



*AGRI Photo  
Black walnut alley cropping with forage, Oyama*

## Stewardship Feature Presentations

For several years, the organizing committee of the annual Stewardship Workshop has allotted some time on the agenda to three or four stewardship organizations to make a presentation to the group. This has become one of the most popular features of the workshop. Please follow this link to see all of the presentations:

[www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/tr\\_interior\\_stewardship.html](http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/tr_interior_stewardship.html)

### **Saik'uz Youth Photovoice Project: making the connections between land and health**

*Presented by Jasmine Thomas, Saik'uz Whut'en and Lindsay Beck, University of Northern BC*

Jasmine and Lindsay presented their findings on Photovoice as a mechanism for identifying strengths and concerns, promoting dialogue, and affecting policy. Photovoice is a tool that enables people to convey how they think and feel about issues. Their research objectives were to determine how the youth of Saik'uz First Nation view their relationship with the land and its influence on well-being, and what pathways and opportunities exist for youth to heal, foster, and improve their connections with the land. Through several months of participant photography in the Saik'uz traditional territory and beyond, sharing circles, interviews and a workshop, participants found they were able to demonstrate through their photos a disconnect from the land and consequences of land management to their health.

### **Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative**

*Presented by Brian Frenkel, Freshwater Fisheries of BC*

The Nechako White Sturgeon is an endangered species with a highly unviable population of approximately 300 animals. Brian's presentation focused on the recovery initiative that is working toward achieving a naturally self-sustaining population. The recovery initiative is focused on several actions, such as preserving and retaining genetic diversity, restoring natural recruitment, and harm reduction. These efforts – done through the Nechako Conservation Centre in Vanderhoof for thirteen years – have included an egg hatchery, mark-recapture programs, habitat research, experimental spawning site restoration, and more. An exciting new development is an improved hatchery with better designs and technological components for the work of the NCC. It's anticipated that the new 'Sturgeon Conservation Centre' will be operational in spring 2014.

### **Carrier Sekani Tribal Council**

*Presented by Christina Cielski, CSTC*

Christina gave an overview presentation of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council (CSTC): its mandate and objectives, and operations with a particular focus on fisheries stewardship and management. The CSTC is an advocate and support for its eight member First Nations (Nadleh Whut'en, Nak'azdli, Saik'uz, Tl'azten, Takla Lake,

Nadleh Whuten, Stelat'en, Tsil Kaz Koh, and Wetsuwet'en). The traditional territory of the Carrier Sekani covers 7.8M hectares, northwest of Prince George up the Stuart and Middle Rivers, and west of Prince George up the Nechako River and its tributaries. The CSTC receives much of its core funding from the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy through Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). The CSTC is assuming a greater role over resource management that was previously held by DFO. Christina gave an overview of the CSTC programs, including habitat and assessment work for critical stocks (four stocks of Sockeye salmon, Chinook, Nechako white sturgeon). The CSTC is also involved in capacity building, training for its members, and outreach to its communities. Christina emphasized that stewardship means being an advocate and a land manager, and that it is an active role not a concept.

### **Murray Creek Restoration Project**

*Presented by Wayne Salewski, Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society*

Murray Creek winds through an agricultural area until it feeds into the Nechako River. Twenty five years ago, some landowners had the idea to restore it so that it could once again support a population of rainbow trout and salmon. Over a couple of decades, a group of people quietly generated support and interest for undertaking restoration activities. The Murray Creek Stream Restoration Project officially started in 2009. Wayne explained its goals and objectives, the guiding principles, and operations. Fundamental to their approach is the use of communication, cooperation, participation, and respect. It has creative ways to encourage landowner participation such as a certification label, demonstration sites, maintaining social license, and of course external funding. In its first year, the project completed mapping, stream assessment and site prescriptions, and three site restorations. The momentum carried into 2010, 2011, and beyond. The project team emphasizes that partnerships are a true indicator of success. Wayne showed some photographs of 'before' and 'after' restored sites on the Creek. The Murray Creek project has received accolades for its success, and the project team has been invited to work on other streams in the Nechako. This has led to the establishment of the Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society! Although a fairly new organization, it already has several partners and has established some objectives and potential areas for its operation.

## Stewards' Field Tour

The field tour for this year's Stewardship Workshop focused on what has been one of the most important resources in the Nechako Valley for thousands of years: fish and fish habitat, particularly salmon and sturgeon.

After a hearty lunch, the stewards set out to visit several restored sites on Murray Creek, some of which Wayne Salewski had discussed and illustrated with his presentation earlier in the day. The group witnessed riparian fencing, off-stream watering, and culverts. Fortunately, the weather was perfect for a field tour.

The Group visited the Murray Creek sites, and the site of the new Conservation Centre that Brian Frenkel spoke about in his presentation earlier in the day.



*Touring a restoration site on Murray Creek: NEWSS member Wayne Salewski, landowner Richard Martens, biologist Mike Wallis*

## Stewards' Banquet Dinner and presentation of Ecosystems Excellence Award

Following a full day of workshop activities, the stewards gathered at The Village Inn Restaurant where they enjoyed dinner and an evening of socializing and networking. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Fraser Basin Council's *BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystem Excellence* to Wayne Salewski of the Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society. Wayne was nominated for the award by Mike Wallis, and chosen as the 2013 award recipient for his leadership role in watershed sustainability issues in Vanderhoof and the surrounding area. Wayne has been leading a successful restoration project in the Murray Creek watershed through a collaboration of ranchers, landowners, stewards, and other partners. He has been pivotal to the formation of the Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society. "Wayne has brought a lifetime of personal, agency and corporate relationships to the stewardship table and combined them masterfully with his local area knowledge, a strong organizational skillset and an ability to function well within organizations to effectively support watershed sustainability." We all congratulate you, Wayne!



*Wayne Salewski, second from left, is the recipient of the 2013 Ecosystems Excellence Award. Also shown here left to right are NEWSS supporters Mike Wallis, Richard Martens and Lee Hesketh.*

## **Workshop Day 2: Welcoming Comments**

Bob Harding from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) opened the second day of the workshop with welcoming comments and reviewed the highlights from the first day. Bob again congratulated Wayne Salewski as the recipient of the 2013 *BC Interior Stewardship Award for Ecosystems Excellence*.

### **Farmland Riparian Interface Stewardship Program (FRISP) and Salmon Enhancement Habitat Advisory Board (SEHAB)**

*Updates given by Lee Hesketh*

For the last several years of Stewardship Workshops, rancher Lee Hesketh has provided updates on two stewardship programs that he is closely involved in. Once again, Lee took some time to explain these two programs, and the resources and network they facilitate.

Lee is the Program Coordinator for the Farmland Riparian Interface Stewardship Program (FRISP) of the BC Cattlemen's Association. FRISP educates and assists ranchers and landowners to apply sustainable best management practices on their land, with a focus on riparian ecosystems. In past years of the program it provided funding to landowners to do restoration activities and install infrastructure such as fencing and off-stream watering. To date, the future of the program is uncertain but the Cattlemen's Association is hopeful that there will be reinvestment in the program. As the program coordinator, Lee has been fielding questions and calls for help for numerous land management practices, but recently lots of ranchers have concerns with waste management.

Secondly, Lee explained the Salmon Enhancement Habitat Advisory Board (SEHAB) as a program that facilitates communication from the general public directly to DFO. Lee is a community representative on the Board and is available to discuss issues or concerns that landowners may have; as such he is responsible for taking such issues and concerns to DFO on behalf of the general public.

Lee wrapped up by extending an invitation to all present to attend a Biodiversity Tour at his ranch in Silver Hills (near Lumby, BC). The tour will be held in September. The tour is an annual event and is a great venue for networking and learning more about sustainable land management practices. For more information, please email Lee at [silverhillsranch@aol.com](mailto:silverhillsranch@aol.com).

## **Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society**

*Update given by Brian Frenkel*

On the first day of the workshop, Wayne Salewski presented the Murray Creek Restoration Project, and ended by introducing the newly formed Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society (NEWSS). Brian Frenkel took the opportunity to explain more about the Society and its ambitious goals. Following the success of the Murray Creek project, landowners in other parts of the Nechako watershed looked to Wayne and his team for help in restoring and improving management practices on other Nechako tributaries. In order to respond to the demand and facilitate good work, the Murray Creek team started the NEWSS.

Across the Nechako watershed, there are 120,000 ha of agriculture land (which is approximately 1/3 of the watershed land-base). The NEWSS will focus its work on this area, the vast majority of which is also in the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR). It has already drafted a list of potential tributaries to work on and a large number of small restoration projects. The role of the NEWSS will be *to serve in an advisory capacity for both landowners and government and will serve as a vehicle for the delivery of incentives and investments by government in the Nechako agriculture industry*. In addition to its objectives of undertaking rehabilitation on 30 tributaries, the NEWSS will also facilitate a greater understanding of water in the Nechako watershed, including the aquifer that lies beneath the agriculture belt.

The NEWSS has established relationships with the local governments, First Nations, government agencies, industry, UNBC, non-profit organizations, and the regional Cattlemen's association. Brian introduced one of their most exciting objectives, which will be to develop a 'Gold Label' certification program. To date, the NEWSS is focusing on facilitating some preliminary meetings, fund raising, establishing key media such as a webpage, and hiring an executive director. For more information about the NEWSS, please contact Wayne Salewski at 250 567-9542 or [salewski@telus.net](mailto:salewski@telus.net).

## **Watersheds and Human Health: stewardship as a path to link health, environment and community**

*Presented by Dr. Margot Parkes*

Margot began her presentation by introducing the concept that health and well-being are embedded in the ecosystems that we live in; in other words, humans aren't just in their home ecosystem, they are a part of it. She conducted an exercise with the audience by showing several different photographs and asking the audience to explain how health fit into the various pictures. She then gave an outline of some of the ways that individual and community health are intrinsically linked to watersheds and stewardship.

Margot explained the concept of ecohealth, which is *systems approaches to the health of people, animals, and ecosystems in the context of social and ecological interactions*. It fosters connections for health/well-being, environment/ecosystems, and society. The environment therefore is the context - or setting - for health. This concept is getting a new cycle of attention, despite the fact that it is an ancient holistic view cultivated by Aboriginal peoples for thousands of years.

So what then does health have to do with stewardship? Margot explained that if the environment is our home – as the ecohealth concept depicts – then stewardship is therefore the care of our home. Margot explained an acronym, ‘CARE’:

C – Communities: society, culture, economy

A – And thinking (instead of ‘or’ thinking)

R – Resilience: cultivating ensuring capacity to respond positively to change and challenges

E – Environment/Ecosystems

She cited some of the previously mentioned workshop presentations as examples of CARE: the Murray Creek rehabilitation project, the Saik’uz youth photovoice project, and agroforestry.

Furthermore, Margot explained why a watershed is a good ‘setting’ for health. A watershed is a stand-alone biophysical unit; it’s a naturally delineated unit for resource management and governance, as well as a setting to link rural and urban sustainability and health. Margot is exploring and researching this concept with the support of multiple partners. The “Knowledge to Action” project is focused on ‘improving social and environmental determinants of health through integrated water governance’.

Margot concluded her presentation by emphasizing the environment as a context for healthy settings. Settings can be many different places: watersheds, airsheds, foodsheds, parks, schools, workplaces, and so on. An ‘integrated settings approach’ would see these settings coming together, and shifting away from protection and toward promoting safe and healthy environments.

## **Lakelse Sockeye Recovery Program – Fisheries and Oceans Canada** *Presented by Lana Miller and Sandra Devcic*

Sandra, Lana and James – from the North Coast Resource Restoration Unit – introduced the Lakelse Sockeye Recovery program as one that was mobilized by community. The Lakelse watershed is relatively pristine although there has been some development and resource extraction that has created some habitat issues over the last several decades. The watershed has a good historical record of sockeye stock status and productivity. Recently, sockeye escapements have been significantly lower than the historical numbers.

In 2003, the Lakelse Sockeye Recovery Program was initiated. It was driven by DFO but was a multi-stakeholder process. The program set out to determine limiting factors for sockeye production and develop an action plan to address such factors. Through the Program's research, it discovered that spawning habitat in the main tributaries was heavily impacted, and there was poor incubation survival in some of the streams. The Program mitigated these by focusing on protecting the existing habitat and stocks; enhancing the stock by supplementing it with hatchery stock; and restoring impacted spawning habitat.

With the assistance of many volunteers, the Lakelse Watershed Society, and government and industry funding, the Program facilitated an education and awareness campaign, did habitat mapping, and helped with the development of other plans that would help protect the existing habitat such as a lake management plan and liquid waste management plan. The habitat restoration component of the Program included improving access for spawners and creating main-stem and off-channel spawning habitat. Project effectiveness monitoring has indicated that escapements and productivity in the watershed have increased in the last 10 years.

### **Open Space Technology: What's missing from this agenda? You choose the topic!**

As it has done for three years previously, the Stewardship Workshop wrapped up with a session of Open Space Technology. The session was unstructured, without an agenda, just participant-selected themes. Workshop participants either created a theme, or joined a theme started by someone else. Several small group dialogues took place according to the themes, which were:

- Beavers and flood control - led by Judy Hillaby
- The decline of 108 Lake – led by James Gellein
- Spiritual elements of watersheds – led by Danilea Castell
- The challenges with collaboration in practice – Theresa Fresco

## **Concluding Remarks**

Mike Simpson and Tracy Thomas thanked all participants for their attendance and participation at the Ninth Annual BC Interior Stewardship Workshop. A special acknowledgement was made to the workshop partners, Bob Harding and Sean Bennett from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as well as to the corporate sponsors.

## Appendix I: Workshop Agenda

**NINTH ANNUAL  
BC INTERIOR STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP**  
Draft agenda at 26 April 2013  
**Tuesday, May 7 & Wednesday, May 8, 2013**  
Vanderhoof Village Inn, Vanderhoof, BC

### DRAFT AGENDA – Tuesday May 7, 2013

- 8:00 Refreshments & Light Breakfast
- 8:30 Welcome & Introductions  
*District of Vanderhoof, Bulkley Nechako Regional District  
Mike Simpson and Tracy Thomas, Fraser Basin Council*
- 9:00 Agroforestry/silvopasture Projects & Opportunities  
*George Powell & Lisa Zabeck*
- 10:15 Refreshment Break
- 10:45 Stewardship Feature Presentations  
*Lindsay Beck, UNBC Graduate Student & Jasmine Thomas, Saik'uz First Nation  
(15 min)*  
*Brian Frenkel, Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative, Comm. Working Group  
(20 min)*  
*Christina Cielsielski, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council (20min)  
Wayne Salewski, Murray Creek Restoration Project (20min)*
- 12:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 Field Tour (transportation provided)  
*Murray Creek restoration – multiple sites to visit  
Sturgeon recovery*
- 5:30 Banquet Dinner  
*Meet at the Village Inn Restaurant  
Presentation of Ecosystems Excellence Award*

### DRAFT AGENDA – Wednesday May 8, 2013

- 7:30 Breakfast (provided)

- 8:30            Welcome & Introductions  
*Bob Harding & Sean Bennett, Fisheries and Oceans Canada*
- 8:45            Update on FRISP & SEHAB Programs  
*Lee Hesketh, Manager of Farmland Riparian Interface Stewardship Program and  
BC Southern Interior representative for Salmon Enhancement Habitat Advisory Board*
- 9:00            Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society Update  
*Brian Frenkel*
- 9:15            Watersheds and Human Health  
*Margot Parkes, UNBC*
- 10:00           Refreshment Break
- 10:30           Lakelse Sockeye Recovery Program  
*Lana Miller & Sandra Devic, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Smithers  
Sean Bennett, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Kamloops*
- 11:00           Open Space Technology  
*What's missing from this agenda? You pick the topic.*
- 12:00           Lunch  
Farewells & Departure

## Appendix II: Workshop Participants

Allen Midgley	Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society
Aya Katada	Nechako Valley Secondary School
Barry Booth	Horsefly Round Table
Bob Harding	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Brent Barclay	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Brian Frenkel	Nechako Watershed Sturgeon Recovery Initiative
Catherine Kendall	Eaglet Lake Farmers' Institute
Charlotte Morrow	Northern Shuswap Tribal Council
Chief Stanley Thomas	Saik'uz Nation
Christina Ciesielski	Carrier Sekani Tribal Council
Danielea Castell	Sound Weaving Water
Don Lawrence	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Donald Sam	Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council
Esther Tong	University of Northern BC
Geneve Jasper	Ministry of Agriculture
George Powell	BC Agroforestry Industry Development Initiative
Guy Scharf	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
James Gellein	Preserving the 108 Lakes
James Powell	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Jasmine Thomas	Saik'uz First Nation
Jeanette Gellein	Preserving the 108 Lakes
Jerry Petersen	Regional District of Bulkley Nechako, Area 'F'
Jerry Thiessen	Vanderhoof
Joanne McLeod	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
John DeGagne	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
John Haugen	Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council
Judy Hillaby	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Julia Russell	University of Northern BC
Kevin Duncan	Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council
Lana Miller	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Lee Hesketh	BC Cattlemen's Association
Lindsay Beck	University of Northern BC
Lisa Zabek	Ministry of Agriculture
Margot Parkes	University of Northern BC
Michelle Roberge	M.R. Concepts
Mike Simpson	Fraser Basin Council
Mike Wallis	Salmon River Watershed Roundtable
Milton Thomas	Lhtako Dene Nation
Nathan Voth	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phillip Krauskopf	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Ray Klingspohn	Nechako Environment and Watershed Stewardship Society
Rene Talbot	Columbia Shuswap Regional District
Sarah Ebert	Nechako Valley Secondary School
Sandra Devcic	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Sarah Ostoforoff	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Sean Bennett	Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Shamus Curtis	UFFCA
Shasha Kendall	Eaglet Lake Farmers' Institute
Susi Porter-Bopp	Canadian Freshwater Alliance
Theresa Fresco	Fraser Basin Council
Tracy Thomas	Fraser Basin Council
Valerie Janzen	Salmon Arm Golf Club
Vanessa Morgan	University of Northern BC
Wayne Salewski	Nechako Environment Watershed Stewardship Society

### **Appendix III: Summary of Workshop Evaluations**

The summary of workshop evaluations is incomplete; it will be added to this report as soon as possible.

## Appendix IV: History of BC Interior Stewardship Workshops

Date	Location	Tour	Ecosystems Excellence Award Recipient
2005	Kamloops	n/a	n/a
March 7-8, 2006	Williams Lake	Scout Island Nature Centre	n/a
March 29-30, 2007	Kamloops	Kamloops drinking water treatment plant	Jamie Felhauer
February 28-29, 2008	Quesnel	College of New Caledonia campus; Cariboo Pulp and Paper	Dora McMillan
March 12-13, 2009	Chase	Adams Lake Lumber; Adams River bridge	Tom Minor
February 24-25, 2010	Lillooet	Seton spawning channels; native plant greenhouse; Powerhosue restoration site	Mike Wallis Cayoose Creek Indian Band
March 15-16, 2011	Lumby	Wilsey Dam; Duteau and Creighton Creeks	Tracy Bond
February 28-29, 2012	Cache Creek	Cache Creek landfill; Ashcroft public pool; Ashcroft waste water treatment plant; Bonaparte River	Harold Ridgway
May 7-8, 2013	Vanderhoof	Murray Creek; Nechako Conservation Centre	Wayne Salewski