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SLIPP 2nd Quarter Report to September 30, 2013

Overview

The focus of SLIPP's efforts in this quarter (July 1 – September 30) has been to continue implementation of the Water Quality Monitoring Plan and communicate the results of the first two years of water quality monitoring in the Shuswap, collect and analyse feedback on the draft Recreation Management Plan, remove derelict abandoned docks from priority areas of the Shuswap, and begin planning for a Shuswap Watershed Program for March 2014 and beyond.

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 (October 1 – December 31). 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 January 2014.

1. Progress Summary

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

Administration, Meetings, Reporting and Expenses

- Preparation, coordination, facilitation and summarizing of the September 11 Steering Committee meeting held in Salmon Arm, focussing on strategic planning
- Completion of the 1st Quarterly Report
- Ongoing communication with Steering Committee, by email and phone
- Regular communication with Steering Committee Chair and Vice Chair, providing information and presentation material
- Meeting with Thompson Rivers University exploring partnership and funding opportunities on July 15
- Ongoing financial tracking of the six budget categories

Sustainable Shoreline Development and Restoration

- Tendering and contract management for derelict, abandoned docks removal resulting in 26 derelict docks being removed from Salmon Arm portion of Shuswap Lake
- Receiving authorizations to proceed with derelict, abandoned docks removal
- Ongoing discussions with the Shoreline Restoration Technical Team and SLIPP Coordinator Steve Matthews
- Preparation and presentation to the Appraisal Institute of BC and Real Estate conference on September 27th on Foreshore Ownership, Riparian Rights, and Restoration



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Water Quality

- Finalization of [2011 Report on Water Quality for Shuswap, Little Shuswap and Mara Lakes](#) by Water Quality and Waste Management Technical Team
- Development and distribution of the [2011-12 SLIPP Water Quality Report Synopsis](#)
- Water Quality Technical Team meeting on July 16, focussing on planning for management and remediation actions based on what is known to date
- 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

- Collected feedback on the Draft Recreation Management Plan (RMP) through an online survey. The survey was closed on September 15.
- Responded to public inquiries regarding the Draft RMP
- Analysis of the Draft RMP survey responses (ongoing)

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

- Development and distribution of the [2011-12 SLIPP Water Quality Report Synopsis](#)
- Presentation at a Shuswap River tour with delegates from agriculture, DFO, and others on September 6th
- Presentation on water quality findings to the Salmon Arm Mayor and Council on September 23, with District of Sicamous councillors and staff in attendance
- Presentation to the Appraisal Institute of BC and Real Estate Professionals on September 27th on Foreshore Ownership, Riparian Rights, and Restoration
- Issued the following media releases:
 - July 5 – Derelict, abandoned docks are slated for removal from Salmon Arm section of Shuswap and Mara Lakes
 - July 25 – Monitoring results show water quality is good in the Shuswap – but care is needed
 - August 16 – Shuswap Water Quality summary report available
- Preparation for open houses (now postponed)
- Ongoing media relations regarding confusion around semi-waterfront docks and enforcement of provincial legislation
- Ongoing database maintenance of contacts (over 700), periodic emails to contacts
- Ongoing additions of new content to SLIPP website, www.slippbc.com
- Management of SLIPP Twitter account, [@SLIPPBC](https://twitter.com/SLIPPBC)

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.

Since the last Quarterly report, \$3000 has been allocated from the Compliance and Enforcement workstream toward the Shoreline Development workstream.

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	\$49,000	\$4,972	\$10,627			\$33,401
Water Quality	\$185,220	\$49,518	\$6,528			\$129,174
Recreation Management	\$35,000	\$0	\$7,374			\$27,626
Compliance and Enforcement	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0
Stakeholder Communication and Engagement	\$41,000	\$0	\$18,943			\$22,057
Administration, Meetings, and Reporting	\$49,000	\$6,864	\$12,781			\$29,355
TOTAL	\$359,220	\$61,354	\$56,253			\$241,613

3. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

The following section includes an estimate of planned activities for October 1st – December 31st 2013:

Administration, Meeting, Reporting and Expenses

- Preparation of the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Shuswap Watershed Water Quality Program
- Preparation and facilitation of October Steering Committee meeting
- Follow up discussions with Thompson Rivers University regarding funding and partnerships
- Ongoing liaison with members of the Steering Committee and Public Advisory Committees as needed
- Ongoing financial tracking of the six budget categories

Sustainable Shoreline Development and Restoration

- Implementation of derelict, abandoned dock removal work from Mara Lake
- Continue to update derelict, abandoned dock inventory with input from the public and agency staff
- Review process for dealing with abandoned vessels

Water Quality

- Preparation of the 2012 Water Quality Report



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- Ongoing liaison with members of the Water Quality Technical Team to ensure timely completion of the 2012 Water Quality Report, and begin preparing for the 2013 Water Quality Report
- Continued implementation of the [SLIPP Water Quality Monitoring Plan](#) for the Shuswap watershed, with the support of agencies and community partners
- Water Quality and Waste Management Technical Team meeting on management options and focus to address key issues

Recreation Management

- Revisions to the Draft Recreation Management Plan (RMP) to incorporate survey feedback, but still within the original scope and mandate of the RMP
- Planning for joint Public Advisory Committee, Technical Team meeting to review latest Draft RMP

Compliance and Enforcement

- Review of compliance, enforcement, education and outreach activities in the past year by agencies without the coordinating oversight of SLIPP

Stakeholder Communication and Education

- Ongoing media releases
- Ongoing distribution of print materials
- Presentation at Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board, Shuswap Zone annual general meeting in Salmon Arm, Nov 28
- 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

- SLIPP Steering Committee Meeting, October 22nd 12 – 4:00 PM at Salmon Arm City Hall