

Report from the Chair

Chair Paul Demenok reported that he has presented the SWC's 2016-17 Annual Report to partner organizations including the TNRD, RDNO and CSRD Boards of Directors, and the Mayor and Council for the City of Salmon Arm, District of Sicamous, and Village of Chase.

Report from Program Managers

Erin Vieira and Mike Simpson gave an update on recent program operations:

- SWC has entered into an agreement with the Gardom Lake Stewardship Society for a water quality restoration project
- A one-year special monitoring project for nonylphenols is wrapping up this fall on Shuswap Lake; results will be ready in 2018
- Educational initiatives for safe boating and water recreation ran all summer, focusing on lifejacket use, sober boating, emergency preparedness, and drowning prevention
- Communications over the past few months have focused on the completion and distribution of the 2016 Shuswap Water Quality Summary

Erin Vieira presented the 2016 Shuswap Water Quality Summary, covering water quality results for the major lakes and rivers in the watershed.

Water Quality Contingency Fund Framework

The SWC approved a framework for its \$20,000 contingency fund.

Update on nutrient research in the Shuswap River and Salmon River

Megan Ludwig, UBC-Okanagan M.Sc candidate, presented an update on the research she is conducting funded in part by the SWC. The research objective is to determine the point and diffuse sources of phosphorus and nitrogen in the rivers. The first year of the three-year project is now complete, with water quality data being collected at several sites.

Presentations on aquatic invasive mussels

Martina Beck from the BC Ministry of Environment and Sergeant Josh Lockwood from the BC Conservation Officer Service presented an overview of the Province's Invasive Mussel Defence Program in 2017, which included ten watercraft inspections stations around the province's perimeter and the "Clean Drain Dry" education/outreach program that reached over 73,000 travellers. Robyn Hooper and Sue Davies from the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society presented an overview of their program operations including monitoring and education/outreach in 2017.

The next meeting of the SWC is on December 13th at the CSRD

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