

Peninsula Streams Society Newsletter September-October 2009

Happy Fall everyone and thanks for picking up this edition of the Peninsula Streams newsletter. Please read on for an update on all of our exciting activities and visit our website at <http://www.peninsulastreams.org/> for more. –Francesca Loro, Stewardship Coordinator

Creek and Project Updates

Chalet Creek – planting work continues on Fran Robertson’s property and we are expecting our first chum adult returns this year.

Hagan/KENNES Creek – We are still looking for a volunteer to conduct maintenance on the signs in Centennial Park. Please call Ian or Francesca if you can spare a few hours for this project. The District of Central Saanich will be active clearing and cleaning ditches this early fall – our staff has liaised with their staff on these projects. A lot of garbage will be removed from Graham Creek just south of Stelly’s X Road and north of Centennial Park.

Reay (Kelset) Creek – the Victoria Airport Authority has been diligently removing historically contaminated soils in and around the headwaters of Kelset Creek:
http://www.bcclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_south/peninsulanewsreview/news/54637727.html
Hopefully we will see coho returns in Kelset Creek this fall! We are giving away a free Peninsula Streams ball cap to the first confirmed sighting of an adult coho there.

Tetayut (Sandhill) Creek – With the help of new volunteer David Lawrie, P.Eng. and the team of Royal Roads University Environmental Science undergrads, we performed tests to determine if water from a pump on Tetayut Creek could be diverted upstream to increase flow through the Adam Kerr Park section of the creek. The tests worked, so we are now moving ahead with the flow supplementation part of the restoration project. In support of this project, we’ve recently held a community meeting to discuss the project, a work party to roll up 700 feet of pipe (thank you to our volunteers!), and a creek walk on the Tsawout First Nation Reserve (see photo to the left, taken by volunteer Jim Kirby). All three events were extremely well attended and we believe this will engender the rejuvenation of the Friends of Tetayut Creek group. Although delayed by weather early in September, the Adam Kerr Park restoration is still planned to be undertaken the week of September 21st.



Tod Creek – significant planning progress has been made on the Tod Flats project located behind the Red Barn Market. The Friends of Tod Creek Watershed have been working with the landowners, TLC, Saanich Municipality, DFO and others. On June 30th a design charrette was held with the stakeholders and Tom Biebighauser, a wetland designer with the US Forest Service. The results of this planning exercise combined with some research will be presented this fall as a framework design. It is expected to include permanent and ephemeral ponds, a relocated stream

channel and raised farming areas. For more information on this exciting project, please contact Mary Haig-Brown at 250-479-8801.

Tseycum Creek - the District of North Saanich is considering building a stormwater detention pond/channel to alleviate flooding in the Munro/Wilson Roads area.

Fry Releases – Chalet Creek received 500 chum fry from Deep Cove School as well as 30,000 from Goldstream Hatchery. Reay Creek will receive coho pre-smolts this fall...look for an email notice about this release.



Creatures of Habitat, Days of Action 2009 – The Royal Roads University students have now completed the final report on the conference. We will post a link to the report on our website soon. We plan to undertake Earth Week events with the Grade Sixes again in 2010.

Environmental Education Program – We are gearing up for the fall phase of the 2008/09 program which includes the **Alder Seedling Planting Project** financially supported by the Peninsula Co-op. The Gr. 3 students of the participating schools will be returning the red alders that they grew over the summer to be planted at various restoration sites on the Peninsula. If you would like to help out at one of these planting sessions, please contact Francesca at 250-363-6480.

Environmental Education Program Planting Schedule 2009

| Elementary School | Planting Location | Date | Time |
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| Kelset and Sidney | Reay Creek Park | September Sat. 26 th , 2009 | 10-11:30am |
| Prospect | Wray Creek | September Sat. 26 th , 2009 | 12:30-2pm |
| Brentwood Bay | Gowlland Tod Park | September Sat. 26 th , 2009 | 12:30-2pm |
| Cordova Bay | Noble Creek | September Sat. 26 th , 2009 | 3-4pm |
| Keating | Adam Kerr Park | October Sat. 17 th , 2009 | 10-11am |
| Deep Cove | Chalet Creek | October Sat. 24 th , 2009 | 10-11:30am |

Integrated Stormwater Management Planning – we all hope that this project report and its recommendations are endorsed and acted upon by the District of Central Saanich this fall. To view the revised draft report, go to:

http://www.centralesaanich.ca/hall/Departments/Engineering_Public_Works/Integrated_Stormwater_Management_Plan_ISMP_Study.htm

Name our Newsletter Contest...and Win a PSS Ball Cap!



We are looking for a catchy yet relevant name for our newsletter, so we are inviting submissions from you, our readers. Please submit as many names as you want by **October 31, 2009**, after which the winner will be contacted by email or phone. The winner will be featured in an upcoming edition, and will receive all sorts of PSS memorabilia, including the coveted PSS ball cap. Good Luck!

Volunteers of Value

Peninsula Streams is powered by its great volunteer base. We would not be able to do many of our activities without their dedication, skills, enthusiasm and plain hard work. So, thank you to our volunteers for their – Your! – time and effort, we could not do it without you!

Special thanks to our long-standing volunteer, **Bruce Hardy**, a retired Biology professor from Camosun, who has been with PSS for about four years. Bruce is one half of our great Water Quality Sampling team, which goes out every month to collect data on the water and sediment quality on Hagan Creek. Described as a “go-to-guy” by sampling partner Denis Coupland, Bruce is always ready to lend a hand at our work parties. He is also on the Hagan/KENNES Steering Committee and is a dedicated member of Shorekeepers. Thank you for your commitment to making a difference, Bruce!



Bruce Hardy (on the left)

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We would like to extend a special **thank you** to Sherwood Marine Centre for their continued financial support. Sherwood was one of our first supporters and, year after year, has proved itself a most dedicated and stalwart sponsor. Thank You to Barry Sherwood and his staff!

How you can help...there are lots of ways!

- **Become a Member.** For the price of a latte, you can become a valued member of PSS, which entitles you to vote at our AGM. You will also gain access to our e-newsletter and volunteer call-outs. (A membership purchase form can be found at the bottom of p.4)
- **Volunteer on our Public Display Committee** This group attends public events, markets etc. to raise the profile of PSS, hand out informational pamphlets, sign up new members, etc.
- **Volunteer on our Fundraising Committee** Fundraising to support our programs is an ongoing project for us and we are always interested in your ideas and assistance. Introductions to businesses are particularly appreciated.
- **Donate** on our [website](#) through Canada Helps, a secure online donation system. You can use the “donate now” button on the website to securely and electronically donate to the society. You will then receive a charitable receipt for income tax purposes.
- **Shop at Tru-Value Foods** (Brentwood Bay) and quote #46 from the Spirit Board when you make your purchase. Tru-Value Foods donates a sum of goods to PSS equal to 1% of your bill, at no extra cost to you!
- **Shop at Thrifty Foods** and use our pre-programmed Thrifty Foods Smile Card. Thrifty Foods donates 5% of your bill to our education programs. Please remember us at the till; it doesn’t cost you a penny to support us! If you would like smile cards to give to your friends, please contact Francesca at 250.363.6480.

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The Peninsula Streams Society newsletter is published up to six times per year. Do you have something to add to the newsletter? Submissions are accepted on a continual basis, inclusion is subject to space availability and content appropriateness. Please contact Francesca.

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