

Peninsula Streams Society
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Charitable Status
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Media Advisory:

EVENT: Donation of \$7,500 from Esquimalt Anglers Association to Peninsula Streams Society in support of the Millstream Fishway Project

TIME: 10 am, Wednesday March 14th 2018

LOCATION: Esquimalt Anglers Association Clubhouse, 1101 Munro Street, Esquimalt

Opportunity for photographs/video, and interviews with Esquimalt Anglers Association President **Bob Culm** and Peninsula Streams Society Executive Coordinator **Ian Bruce**.

Further project information in media release below.

Media Release

For immediate release: March 13, 2018

A Step Closer to Successful Fish Passage on Millstream Creek

Bob Culm is all smiles. Bob is the President of the Esquimalt Anglers Association, and they have just contributed \$7,500 towards the cost of a salmon enhancement project on Millstream Creek. "Our Club members are very active supporters of salmon enhancement," notes Bob. "We volunteer a lot of hours at Goldstream hatchery and elsewhere, and it really makes a difference to sport fishing in Victoria area waters."

"The Esquimalt Anglers Association are heroes," says Ian Bruce, Executive Coordinator for the Peninsula Streams Society. "It is so heartening to see how they and others are really stepping up for the Millstream and other salmon projects in our region."

"Stepping up", explains Ian Bruce, is a deliberate pun. The Peninsula Streams Society is working with the Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Society and others to build a fishway (a series of fish steps) that will enable coho salmon and cutthroat trout to get further up the Millstream Creek. Currently, fish passage is blocked at Atkins Road by a large

perched culvert. The fishway will allow the fish to navigate upstream, creating access to an additional eight kilometres of habitat.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has provided funding for about half of the project cost. The rest must be raised locally. Peninsula Streams Society is seeking 15 'step sponsors'—one per step—who will each contribute \$7,500 towards the project costs, as well as smaller donations from groups and individuals. Esquimalt Anglers are the fifth group to contribute; other step donors include Trotac Marine Ltd. and Ralmax. Local municipalities and the Pacific Salmon Foundation are also contributing.

Others who are interested in 'buying a fish step' are asked to contact the Society at PeninsulaStreams@gmail.com; both large and small contributions receive tax receipts.

For more information on the project or to donate, see peninsulastreams.ca/millstream-fishway-project.

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