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Dear fellow fly fishers,

The BCFFF recently announced the award of \$10,000 from the Gilly Fund for the Steelhead Society of B.C.'s habitat restoration work on Spius Creek, a tributary of the Thompson River in the B.C. Interior.

Spius Creek hosts a variety of fish stocks, some under considerable pressure from a number of sources, but is of particular importance to anglers because of its unique and troubled race of steelhead, some of the strongest and largest on the planet.

The Spius Creek habitat restoration project proposes to restore three sites, specifically: 1) 100 metres of stream bank stabilization utilizing rock structures, large woody debris, plantings and fencing; 2) 90 metres of stream bank stabilization using much the same methods and 3) off channel habitat improvements using ballast, planting channel banks with cuttings and installing fencing intended to exclude cattle. A full project description can be downloaded at <http://db.tt/tlcj9Th>

The Steelhead Society is seeking a total of \$40,000 to complete this project and appears to be well on the way to meeting that target with funding so far coming from the Totems Fly Fishing Club, the Kingfishers Rod and Gun Club, the BCFFF and the Steelhead Society. For more information, please contact the SSBC President Brian Braidwood at <brian_braidwood@hotmail.com>

The BCFFF's Gilly Fund was established in 1985 and is funded through the sales of the best selling book *The Gilly*. Revenues from the book's sale have supported many worthwhile conservation projects over the past two and a half decades. For more information about the Gilly Fund please go to <http://bcfff.bc.ca/Gilly%20Fund.htm>

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