



**Report
For
The**

**British Columbia
Federation
Of
Fly Fishers**

Annual General Meeting

April 26, 2008

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BCFFF Annual General Meeting – April 26, 2008
Grand Hotel Nanaimo B.C.

9:00 am to 12:00pm

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Welcome
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Minutes of previous AGM – 2007
- 5) Business arising out of 2007 AGM minutes
- 6) BCFFF Reports
- 7) Old Business
- 8) New Business
 1. BCFFF Elections
 2. 2009 BCFFF dues structure determination
 3. 2008 Spending limit determination
 4. 2009 AGM host club
 5. Discussion on membership survey results
 6. Presentation on Malaspina University-College fisheries and aquaculture program

BCFFF Annual General Meeting- May 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order by 1st VP Pat Micek at 09:11
The head table introduced themselves to those attending.
There were 23 attendees including the BCFFF Board at the meeting.
Pat Micek welcomed everyone.

A request for proxies resulted in proxies received from two clubs- Westcoast Flyfishers and Island Waters.

Approval of Agenda- Moved by Terry Robinson, seconded by Colin Funk. CARRIED
There were no additions to the agenda.

Minutes of the 2006 AGM – In the 2007 Annual Report. Ken Burgess moved their acceptance as printed, Seconded by Gary Bettridge. CARRIED

Business Arising from 2006 AGM Minutes.

none

discussion re: regulations – none of the BCFFF recommendations were accepted.

A meeting was held with Minister Gary Penner in March – attended by Pat Micek, Peter Caverhill, Andrew Wilson.

Reports

President's Report – Gil Sage not present. His report is in the 2007 Annual report.

Treasurer's Report – Harold Tinning – in the 2007 Annual Report.

- Our affiliations are ORC and the FFF. Rob Way asked if we should belong to the Riverwatch Society. He will look into it.
- Gary Bettridge wishes to speak about the FFF. A motion was made by Ken Burgess and seconded by Dan Cahill.

Gilly Fund Report- Harold Tinning

the fund pretty well inactive this last year.

the accounts have been moved to the Lower Mainland from the Interior.

The money for the wind aerator in Kelowna has probably been spent.

Ron Schiefke to contact the Lonely Loons to get status and a report if complete.

there is no more capital input to the Gilly Fund ie no more books.

Ken Burgess suggested that we could consider applying some the interest to the principal.

He is not making a proposal at this time.

Gilly Fund- continued

Do we have long term projects in mind to generate new capital?
Would Alf Davy allow the BCFFF to publish the Gilly? Are the Gilly Fund rules still appropriate? Do the rules for accessibility of funds need to be updated or can the principal be made more accessible?

Secretary's Report – Ron Schiefke- none

Membership Report – Garth Fowler
total numbers have changed a bit- downward.
total of 607 club members
The Dogwood Flyfishers from Maple Ridge are currently not members. They want to know how we would assess them for their family memberships.
Do we just charge the Primary member for dues and for insurance purposes add the additional family members and charge them accordingly?
We will have to speak to our insurers
How many clubs have family memberships?
Should it be the parents' responsibility to insure their children?
The Executive will discuss this issue.

Direct Membership – Danie Erasmus
Presently 38 Direct Members.
There is a gradual decline
How do we get more Direct Members- flyfishing stores? websites? flyfishing shows?

Education- Denise Maxwell- not present
Peter Caverhill covered some of the points in Denise's' report.
Youth camp- Westcoast Flyfishers- Sooke area- club is active with youth. This camp had BCFFF involvement which helped make the camp a success. Gary Bettridge then asked about co-coordinating programs with the FFF and also what other things can we obtain from the FFF for other BCFFF endeavors
(increasing membership?)

Gilly Fund- Dan Cahill
in 2007 Annual Report
Report to club contacts when something happening with the Gilly Fund.
There was a request for a Bursary. Could not be supported.
When someone goes to a meeting on behalf of the BCFFF the club contacts should be informed.

Flylines – Terry Robinson
-suggests articles about membership in the BCFFF

Awards – Art Lingren – not present
-see pages 18-19 in 2007 Annual Report.

Fisheries Issues- Pat Micek

- we should let the clubs know what the executive is doing.
- clubs should let the Board know what they are doing.
- Shovelnose Creek
- small hydro power projects
- access to fisheries- timber company closures- The BCFFF should be meeting with timber companies.

Museum Report- Gary Cutler - as printed- page 23 -2007 Annual Report

SAC- Don McDermid- not present- page 23- 2007 Annual Report

ORC – Rob Way

access issues are important

liability issues – timber companies

Skeena Regional Report- Sharon Robertson- not present

pages 24-25 – 2007 Annual Report

Sport Fish Advisory Board – Hugh Kingwell- Page 25- 2007 Annual report

No reports from Terrace- Rob Brown or Mid-coast – Rob Stewart

SFAB- Prince Rupert- Mike Wallden- no report

Jack Shaw Diaries- Ralph Shaw- pages 26 and 27- 2007 Annual Report

10:35- 10 minute break

Reconvene at 10:55

A 50 minute presentation by the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission
Titled Protecting an International Watershed (power point presentation)

Meeting continued at 11:43

Old Business – None

New Business

Election of Officers 2007-2008

The following were elected to the positions indicated

President – Pat Micek

1st Vice Pres. – Dan Cahill

2nd Vice Pres - no nomination

Secretary – Ron Schiefke

Treasurer – Harold Tinling

Membership – Ken Burgess

Directors

Ruben Breitreutz

Denise Maxwell

Danie Erasmus

Peter Caverhill

The remaining 2 vacant Director positions were voluntarily filled by Courtney Ogilvie and Stu Brady

BCFFF Dues Structure – to remain as is.

Spending Limit Determination- Moved by Ken Burgess and Seconded by Stu Brady that the limits remain as is. CARRIED

2008 AGM – no club has as yet indicated a willingness to host

Succession Planning – Pat Micek

-what about young anglers (under 40)

- 12 questionnaires given to select young flyfishers- 6 returned so far.

- questionnaires for clubs given out- Pat wants AGM participants to fill them out as well.

Pat feels that we are one or two steps away from extinction.

Only 23 people at AGM compared to 52 in 2006.

Executive was thanked for their efforts by Colin Funk

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report President

Submitted by: Pat Micek

Date: March 30, 2008

Information/Issue:

The last year has been quite busy. The president and board chose to meet 4 times, once over 2 days to better work through some of the issues we faced. The actions of the president and the board have been directed at working to define our direction for the next few years. This of course meant gathering and understanding the views of our membership, working to clarify roles and most importantly putting together a plan for the future. At the same time the president and board have been planning for the future they have been doing the everyday business of representing the interests of the membership.

At the AGM last year the board shared the results of a survey of a few youthful fly anglers. The messages that the board received after sharing the survey at the AGM, pointed to the need for a wider more inclusive survey of our membership. A planning questionnaire was sent out to all member clubs and direct members in August and we received responses through September. The responses offered information that the board discussed at the September meeting and used to fashion a statement about our direction in the next 5 years.

What we want to see in 5 years?

- The BCFFF as a major umbrella group
- Very active clubs and BCFFF
- More young people participating
- A change in the average age of the people on future questionnaires
- Improved quality angling

- Improved communication with the public
- The BCFFF continuing to act as primarily a lobby group
- Growth so that 25% of membership under 35 and 40.
- Growth internally (get the 600 people aware and involved, and active in the BCFFF)
- Improved capability to lobby (more informed and active board, networking capacity)
- A more active BCFFF board
- BCFFF playing a wider role on the Web and forums

Based on what we wanted to see in 5 years we set out identifying what actions we need to take, who would be responsible for them, when they would be accomplished and what resources would be needed.

At our December meeting the president and board chose to get our website in order as one of the main objectives. The website was seen as important because of the communication that it offered and the number of possible people it reaches. The website is one way that the BCFFF can improve communication with the public and members work to grow our internal numbers, reach a younger participant in the BCFFF and general fly fishing community (the average age of the respondents to the questionnaire was 58.8) and also meet several other goals.

In March the president and board worked to more clearly define our focus based on where we want to be in 5 years. The work identified what is important now in order to reach our objectives. Among the key items for the next year will be to continue to develop and refine our web presence; to work to expand the number of members involved on the board and committees; to increase the number of clubs represented by the BCFFF; to enhance the communication between the BCFFF, direct members and clubs.

Over the last 12 months we have also worked on several fishery issues. Not the least of these being Independent Power Projects (IPP's or run-of-river hydro), land use and access and steelhead issues. A number of letters were sent to government officials on matters that impacted our interests. The board, or committee members, continued to attend a wide variety of meetings and the information from those meetings was sent on to our membership as appropriate.

Also, this past year there have been other positive BCFFF activities : We have increased membership (3 new fly fishing clubs have joined us as of January 2008); We have successfully worked with other groups

to raise the awareness of the impact from IPP's and won a battle connected to the Upper Pitt River IPP; We have worked to promote the need for a larger governmental body to discuss the crisis facing steelhead and salmon; and we have opened the door for greater communication among our members.

The challenges facing an all-volunteer organization like the BCFFF sometimes seem daunting, but with greater participation from our membership we can better tackle the work of the future. The BCFFF is a collective team of individuals working for common interests. The board and president need the help of the membership to do the jobs ahead of us. I would like to encourage and challenge every member to become involved in at least one project or issue facing either your club or the BCFFF in the coming year. If everyone becomes involved in only one thing imagine how much can be accomplished!

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Micek
President



**BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report
VP
and
Fisheries and Governmental Relations**

Submitted by: Dan Cahill

Date: April 10, 2008

Information/Issue:

As the First Vice President of the BCFFF, I have responsibility for our Fisheries Committee and Government Relations. I also Chair the Gilly Fund.

Without the assistance of every Board member this job would be impossible. I wish to thank all those Board members who rose to the occasion and attended meetings, wrote letters and provided advice on all the specific trouble spots this past year. Oh, did I mention attend meetings?

Issues that were addressed this year include:

Freshwater Fisheries Regulations Advisory Committee- Pete Caverhill with Dan Cahill as alternate.

Pitt River Independent Power Plant (IPPs) – Gil Sage represented the BCFFF in a Coalition of concerned environmental and Conservation-minded Organizations. The BCFFF also gave \$2,000.000 towards the video produced to educate the public about this valuable fishery and wilderness experience that was being threatened by the possibility of 8 power plants and a hydro transmission line. The efforts of the Coalition proved successful.

Sharon Robertson is the Chair of the Regional Quality Waters Management Committee for the Skeena. The regional committee has put together is a comprehensive and robust community engagement process....there have already been specific stakeholder meetings in all the communities....Houston, Smithers, Hazelton, Kitimat, Terrace and Prince Rupert.

We have responded to the Governments request for input on guiding on the Skagit River. Gil Sage and Peter Caverhill have taken on this project and have written on our behalf setting out our position and pointing the Ministry to the realities of this important fishery. Essentially we oppose the proposal.

At the beginning of the year we were able to meet with the Deputy Minister of MOE and high level bureaucrats to introduce ourselves and the BCFFF. Our President Pat Micek established a strong working relationship.

The BCFFF wrote to the Minister of Agriculture and Lands thanking him for the closure to salmon farms in our north coast waters. We asked him to consider expediting changes to salmon farming on the south coast and Vancouver Island.



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Treasurer

Submitted by: Harold Tining

Date: March 21, 2008

Information/Issue:

The finances for the BCFFF are in good order at Dec. 31 2007. The dues from the clubs came in good time, and there were no unexpected demands on our funds.

The general revenues are in line with the forecast as well as the expenses.

The Gilly fund remains in good order as there was only one application for fund that was approve approved.

BCFFF FINANCIAL POSITION AS DEC. 31,2007

Chequing account	\$ 6,409.94
Savings account (GIC)	\$ 29,337.58
Total Assets	\$ 35,747.52

BCFFF Gilly Fund	\$153,461.22
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BCFF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2007

OPENING BALANCE		\$5,307.51
REVENUE		
CLUBS	\$ 210.00	
CLUB MEMBERS	\$ 6,085.00	
DIRECT MEMBERS	\$ 940.00	
AGM	\$ 8,933.08	
OTHER INCOME	\$ 618.90	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 16,786.98	
EXPENSES		
FLY LINES	\$ 496.00	
AGM	\$ 2,655.38	
DIRECTORS TRAVEL	\$ 2,652.21	
MEETING EXPENSE	\$ 1,093.44	
INSURANCE	\$ 2,655.00	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,211.25	
PROMOTIONS		
AFFILIATIONS	\$ 625.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTES	\$ 3,000.00	
AWARDS	\$ 1,296.27	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 15,684.55	
OPERATING POSITION	1,102.43	1,102.43
BANK BALANCE		
DEC.31/2007		\$6,409.94

GIC at CIBC Kerrisdale banking center
 purchased \$ 29,337.58 @3.50
 Due Sept. 19 2008
 expected interest \$1029.62

Paid clubs 2007

Island waters

loons

Comox valley

Penticton fly fishers

Kalamalka Fly Fishers

Haig Brown

Ospreys

Kamloops Fly Fisher's Association

Totem Flyfishers

Cariboo Chilcotin Flyfishers

lonely Loon Flyfisher's society

Mid Island Castaways

Cowichan fly fishers

West Coast Fly Fishers

GILLY FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DEC. 31, 2007

Gilly fund GIC'S

5166.57 GIC held at CIBC Kerrisdale Banking center
cashable interest variable @ 3.50 matures 14 / 08 / 2008

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21,958.00 held at CIBC	n/c	matures oct 31 /2008
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6700.00 held by RBC	at 3.5 %	
Due Nov. 14 2008		N/C

6300.00 held by RBC	at 3.3 %	N/C
Due Nov. 16 2010		

Total Value of investments as of Dec. 31 / 2007		\$ 153,461.22
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Capital		\$ 116,000.00
Paid out Aug. 15 2007		

BC Conservation Foundation	\$ 5,000.00	Shovel Nose creek project
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**BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report
Secretary**

Submitted by: Ron Schiefke

Date: March 2008

Information/Issue:

No issues to Report



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Past President

Submitted by: Gilbert Sage

Date: April 2, 2008

Information/Issue:

1. Cheakamus River

Steve Hanson and I are still attending the meetings of the Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder team meeting. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every second month. The minutes of both the Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Technical Committee (CERT) and Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder Team (CERST) committees as well as reports on the various studies being undertaken as part of the Cheakamus river recovery plan are available on the CERT website <http://www.certc.ca/index.shtml>. There is a lot of information available on this site

Following is a list of the highlights of the January 24 meeting:

1. Cheakamus Ecosystem Recovery Fund this is the fund that CN established for stakeholders projects. CN has revised its position on expiration of yearly funding allocations and any unused funds will carry over to subsequent years.
2. The biologist report that the majority of the large wood debris structures built are functioning well with the river scouring out pools below the structures.
3. Caroline Melville provided an update on the char enumeration program. Last year 40 char were radio tagged all but 6 left the system and 19 have returned so far. On a recent swim they counted 120 char and 28 steelhead. They plan to tag an addition 40 fish this year and the tags will remain active until 2009 (battery life). A full report will come out in due course.
4. Fish culture update. There are 90,000 coho egg they did not meet their target on chinook brood stock, pinks are being reared at the Chilliwack hatchery. They are just under the 20,000 smolt target on steelhead.
5. Acoustic tracking on steelhead. Fifty hatchery steelhead smolts, released in 2007 were fitted with acoustic tags. Movement of these smolt can be tracked using the POST (Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking see following sites <http://www.postcoml.org/> for information on the acoustic tracking of steelhead see http://www.certc.ca/monitoring_programs.shtml and the report at

http://www.certc.ca/pdf/AcousticTracking_07-08.pdf) Plans for 2008 are to tag another 5 hatchery smolts and 50 wild smolts. Studies undertaken in 2004 and 2005 with wild fish indicated that 75 to 84 % of the fished migrated and 27% made it out of Johnston straight. I asked if any information was available on the 2007 hatchery smolts and Luanne Patterson of CN said she would try and have some data available for the next meeting. I think the acoustic tracking of wild and hatchery fish is certainly going to provide some very interesting data regarding residualization differences between wild and hatchery fish as well as survival info on migration thru Gulf of Georgia

2. Run of River Hydro

In May 07 I attended a meeting of various non governmental environmental organization and individuals to discuss the proliferation of independent run of river power projects in general and the proposal for such projects on the Upper Pitt River. Numerous meeting have been held since that initial meeting and BCFFF has attended all but one. The coalition has numerous members some of which are Burke Mountain Naturalists (www.bmn.bc.ca), Cope local 378 (www.publicpowerbc.ca), Save Our River Society (www.ourrivers.ca) and the Western Canada Wilderness Committee (www.wildernesscommittee.org), check their sites for additional information. To view a map of BC which shows the IPP hydro sites check out the Independent Power Watch site <http://www.ippwatch.info/cms/index.php> When you click on a dot the pop up will indicate the name of the water body, licensee, status of license, if grated license number, details on energy purchase agreement(project, responded to, capacity, actual energy, grid interconnection, contract duration, estimate when project will be in service), land tenure info and links to research resources. The site also has a summary of current land use applications for private hydro projects. This is an excellent site.

I continue to be extremely active in the run of river hydro issue in particular to the proposal for the Upper Pitt and the request for a park boundary adjustment.

Through the Osprey Fly Fishers (BCWF member club) I have been directing correspondence with the BC Wildlife Federation as the Ospreys feel that the BCWF has been slow in recognizing the issues and extent of the problems posed by the run of river projects

Two letters, the first under the president's signature have been written to Minister Penner on the Upper Pitt issue. The letter of Feb 18th stated our opposition to the park boundary request and

outlined our concerns regarding the poor effort made by the proponent to notify the public of the meetings, location of meeting, fact that clock on the 60 day response period commenced with the publication of the request for a park boundary adjustment even though the dates for the public meetings were not available at that time.

The second letter under my signature was dated March 6 and arose out of the need by the fire marshal to close the Pitt Meadows meeting of Feb 28. We suggested that the Minister or senior staff should be attending the public meetings, the need for a meeting in the Vancouver/Burnaby area and the need to extend the comment period to 60 days after the date of last public meeting.

A letter under the president's signature was sent to BCWF president and executive director expressing the BCFFF's concern over run of river hydro and expressing the need for us to work cooperatively

Feb 2 Steve and I attended the rally against Run of River Power held in downtown Vancouver

Feb 7 attended meeting of groups and individuals opposed to Upper Pitt project.

Mailed copies of the DVD Power Play, which had been made available by Save Our River Society, to member clubs, BCWF and a few others that expressed interest in receiving a copy.

Feb. 28 I along with numerous members of the Ospreys, Dogwoods and Totems attended the Feb 28 public meeting in Pitt Meadows. This meeting was shut down by Fire Marshall as there were an estimated 300 people in room rated for 125.

March 7, 8 & 9 BCFFF members working the Superfly booth at the Tradex show helped collect signature on forms letter stating opposition to the Upper Pitt project and the request for a park boundary adjustment.

March 11, attended a rally held in downtown Vancouver protesting independent power projects

March 25, attended the second meet public meeting in Pitt Meadows once again meeting was at capacity with over 1000 people in attendance

Mach 26 Minister Penner announced that he would not be recommending that the request for a Park boundary adjustment for Pinecone Burke Provincial Park be granted

3. Skagit River

Attended the Feb 25 public consultation meeting held by MOE where the presented the draft of their Upper Skagit Watershed Fish and Wildlife Management Plan. I won't go into details here as the plan. I will say that the most controversial issue in their plan is the government's wish and intention to allow guiding on the Skagit. They indicated that the river was under utilized and guides are requesting they be allowed to guide on the river. The MOE plans to allow 500 rod days on the lower Skagit, guiding only on weekdays, will be on a trial bases and permits may not necessarily be renewed.

Dan has initiated a freedom of information request for correspondence between guides and MOE regarding guiding on the Skagit.

I prepared and submitted our comments on the draft plan to MOE; needless to say we are opposed to guiding on the river as we feel that the carrying capacity of the Skagit is near the estimated capacity. At the time I prepared this report staff at MOE attempting to organize a meeting with staff from fisheries and parks and BCFFF to discuss our submission.

Website Committee

I serve on the website committee and attended meetings held on Dec 19, Feb 7 and Feb 26 and March 29.

I have reformatted the Board Activity Report so that the latest information is at the start of the report instead of the bottom.

Nomination Committee

While it has been generally accepted that the past chairman serves as the nominating committee our bylaws actually state that three months prior to elections the board shall appoint a three member nominating committee. Members of the committee while they may serve as directors they cannot be seeking an executive office. To simplify the

process I have agreed to act as chair of the nominating committee with Peter Caverhill and Art Lingren serving as the other two members.



**BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report
Senior Advisory Committee**

Submitted by: Gilbert Sage chair

Date: April 2, 2008

Information/Issue:

No action to report



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Gilly Committee

Submitted by: Dan Cahill

Date: April 10, 2008

Information/Issue:

The BCFFF Gilly Fund Committee members are Dan Cahill (Chair), Harold Tinling, Alf Davey, Harry Shaw, Courtney Ogilvie, and Ken Burgess.

In 2008 we only dealt with two applications by two independent film producers. One was a group from Colorado that wanted support for a Steelhead video of the Skeena system. The second was from a young woman who produces excellent documentary films of the flora and fauna and our coastal environment. These applications did not meet our criteria and were declined.

Our funds are kept in excellent order by our treasurer. The financial statement is set out below.

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Background

In 1986 the BCFFF Gilly Fund became a reality with the publishing and sale of the book "The Gilly". Since then, the book has gone through 11 printings, has become a Canadian best seller for non-fiction many times over, and has generated over one hundred thousand dollars as a living fund for assisting BCFFF member clubs with conservation projects. A BCFFF Gilly Fund Committee works with member clubs, annually, to decide on project funding. This paper provides a snapshot of projects that have been supported recently by both The Gilly Fund and by BCFFF's operational budget.

Please note that not all of the monetary support for projects comes from the Gilly Fund. Some projects may not meet Gilly Fund criteria but are still considered very worthy. They are often funded from

BCFFF's operational budget, much of which comes from our annual fund raising activities.

2006/07 Projects

During this past year BCFFF also provided financial support for a number of projects which did not meet Gilly Fund requirements but were very worthy:

- 1. Youth Fly Fishing Camp** - The Westcoast Flyfishers Association (Sooke) The club had planned a several day fly fishing camp for young people to experience what fly fishing has to offer. The camp successfully took place in June 2006. (**\$1500** was provided from the BCFFF operational budget)
- 2. Jack Shaw Diary Project**– Ralph Shaw has undertaken to transcribe and publish Jack Shaw's hand written interior fishing diaries. When completed (2007), this will be a piece of BC fly fishing history that will be available to BC fly fishers. (**\$2400** provided from the BCFFF operational budget)
- 3. Kamloops City Museum (Fly Fishing Exhibit)** - **\$1500** was donated by BCFFF from the operational budget to assist with the construction of the exhibit. BCFFF member clubs, The Kalamalka Fly Fishers, the Kamloops Fly Fishers Association and Highland Valley Copper have also contributed funds.
- 4. Hatchery Forum (BCIT, Burnaby)** – BC Federation of Drift Fishers organized this forum at BCIT in Burnaby to discuss hatcheries and steelhead. BCFFF was one of several contributors that provided the funds to accomplish this event. (**\$500** provided from the BCFFF operational budget)

In addition to funding specific projects, BCFFF allocates dollars annually to support fisheries conservation work that the BCFFF Executive and committees are continuously involved with. These conservation activities generally involve attendance at government established advisory processes on aspects like wild steelhead management and angler use on classified/quality waters. Participation in these activities involves travel throughout the province. BCFFF is also beginning to be more involved with youth education. We participate in at least one major sports show annually, where we encourage kids to become interested in fly fishing by having them tie simple flies.

2004/05 Projects

- 1. Penticton Creek** - The Penticton Fly Fishers (Penticton) requested Gilly Fund support for restoration work on portions of this creek. Funding in the amount of **\$10,000** was approved in 2003 but it was conditional on the club obtaining funding from Habitat Conservation Trust Fund (HCTF). The HCTF did approve funding for the project so our contribution was sent to the Penticton club in June 2004.

NOTE: - This project has undergone numerous delays because the city of Penticton has become increasingly concerned about liability issues associated with in-stream habitat restoration works that may increase the flood risk. Because of the apparent impossibility of this project proceeding, Penticton Fly Fishers returned the \$10,000 to BCFFF Gilly Fund in late 2006.

- 2. Spring Lake Aeration Project** - Lonely Loon Flyfishers (Kelowna) - windmill aerator on Spring Lake. Total project cost \$9000, which included \$2000 in road improvements. **\$3500** was approved from the Gilly Fund.
- 3. Jingle Pot Marsh Viewing Platform** - Island Waters Flyfishers (Nanaimo) - **\$1000** funding contribution was provided for construction of viewing platform.
- 4. Wilfred Creek Projects** - Mid Island Castaways (Courtenay) - in association with the Fanny Bay Salmonid Society (FBSS) - three habitat projects were undertaken on Wilfred Creek. **\$4000** was provided from the BCFFF Operating Budget (this project did not qualify for the very strict Gilly Fund criteria but funding was deemed to be worthwhile)
- 5. Nicola/Coldwater - Water Use Management Plan (Merritt)** - In January 2005, BCFFF donated **\$1000** to the **Nicola Watershed Community Roundtable**, to assist in the preparation of a water use plan for the Nicola/Coldwater sub-basin of the Thompson Watershed. This sub-basin is a critical spawning/rearing area for depressed Thompson steelhead and other salmonids.). These funds were provided from the BCFFF operating budget not the Gilly Fund.

2003/04 Projects

- 1. Cat Stream** - Island Waters Fly Fishers (Nanaimo)
Habitat improvement; elementary school involvement - **\$1000**
- 2. Goldstream** - Haig Brown Fly Fishers Assn. (Victoria) support to the Goldstream Salmonid Enhancement Association for the purchase of a fish egg sorter - **\$5000**



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Steelhead Committee

Submitted by: Dan Cahill

Date: April 10, 2008

Information/Issue:

Funds have been received from the Minister of Environment to organize and conduct a workshop on steelhead as a first step in developing a potential BC-wide Steelhead Strategy.

A total of \$20,000 has been deposited at the BC Conservation Foundation and is available for workshop expenses including an outside facilitator plus possible follow up with the provincial government.

The proposed workshop concept is to invite a relatively small group of concerned and representative stakeholders, key MOE staff and government MLAs from the Steelhead Futures Caucus to explore the possibilities for a BC Steelhead strategy designed to improve steelhead stock status and angling opportunities.

The BCFFF will work closely with other stakeholders in this workshop. Our representatives include Sharon Robertson, Rob Brown, Rob Stewart, Art Lingren, Perry Wilson, Dan Loughheed and Dan Cahill. This initial meeting would take place over a weekend - probably mid 2008

This workshop proposal is relatively unique in looking at joint hands on stakeholder / Gov't review of all aspects of steelhead management province wide and educating some interested MLAs on the issues.

Al Lill has asked Rod Clapton to commence the arrangements to bring this group together. Dan Cahill is working closely with Rod. This could be an exiting project and is just in the "start-up" phase of building the

structure, obtaining the participation of the subject matter experts and understanding the terms of reference. I will be talking to Rod a bit more about the Terms of Reference. I will report our progress regularly.



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Outdoor Recreation Council Liaison

Submitted by: Rob Way (Liaison)

Date: April 10, 2008

Information/Issue:

Recent and Current Initiatives

- **BC Rivers Day** September 30 2007
- **BC's Ten Most Endangered Rivers List** issued March 24 2008
- **Recreational Trails Strategy Advisory Committee**
Jeremy McCall (ORC Executive Director) sits on the Committee to provide a balance between motorized and non-motorized representatives. The first mtg. was held Nov. 13 in Vancouver, later meetings held Jan. 12, Feb 29/Mar. 1.
- **Adventure Tourism tenure applications**
ORC is now receiving all crown land adventure tourism tenure applications from Integrated Land Management Bureau and Front Counter BC for review and input, and is forwarding to all ORC member organizations, to gather comment and input.
- **Central & North Coast PIMCs**
BC Gov't is proposing to change the existing democratic, participatory land use planning process to an undemocratic government-knows-best model, thereby setting land use planning in BC back 15 years and more.
NGO recreation and conservation sectors are challenging this decision. ORC has since followed up with a written critique addressed to CCPIMC members.
Additionally, the Visual Management Strategy implementation agreement for the Central and North Coasts is being threatened. Visual quality is of prime importance for Tourism and Recreation. As well, Gov't. sees mining in these areas as a minor intrusion.
- **Outdoor Recreation Vehicle Coalition update**
Min. of TSA review recommends implementing only 3 of 47 amendments to the Motor Vehicle (All Terrain) Act recommended

by the ORVC, namely: include ATV's and off-road motor cycles, registration of same, and improved safety standards. ORVC is dismayed at this minimal response, and is calling for a public consultation review process.

- **Environmental Assessment Office Advisory Committee**
ORC pressing the EAO re request for ORC to be notified, as agreed last Oct., about the timely posting of public comment periods for Draft Terms of Reference and Applications. To date, neither ORC nor the EAOAC have been specifically notified, leading to compressed review/response time for their members.
- **BC Government's New Directions in Land Use Planning**
Four members of ORC Executive held a meeting Dec. 17 to review the document "A New Direction for Strategic Land Use Planning in BC". A letter has been drafted to Minister of Agriculture and Lands Pat Bell to request clarification of the intent of the proposed new policy, as well as certain troubling aspects, such as changes concerning public consultation.
- **BC Marine Trail**
The BC Government is beginning to take some action on this initiative, with the MoE assigning it to the Terrace, North Vancouver Island and Williams Lake offices.
- **Independent Power Projects**
ORC is aggressively notifying its members and the public of this issue and related public meetings.
ORC supported a letter prepared by the BC Rivers Alliance to the BC Government listing the principal ecological drawbacks of run-of-the-river projects.

Emerging Issues

- **Wild Salmon Campaign**
A new Resolution, further to the one passed at the 2005 AGM, is to be presented at the 2008 AGM, again recommending the phasing out of open cage fish farms and converting them to closed systems, and effectively authorizing ORC to continue to advocate this policy and therefore to support the Save BC Salmon campaign. ORC will also write a letter to the appropriate Fed. and Prov. ministers on this matter
- **ORC position re Clayoquot Wilderness Resort & Strathcona Provincial Park**
ORC is to prepare a recommendation on this issue, following an interpretation of the Park Management Plan and possible revision to the Plan.

- ORC has been advised of the **proposed lifting of the 1972 moratorium on oil tanker traffic** on the inside passage and changes being considered by Transport Canada following a review of the Pollution Prevention Regulations.

Further Information can be found on the ORC website at www.orcbc.ca, which includes *THE OUTDOOR REPORT*, ORC's quarterly newsletter, or the ORC office at 604 873 5546



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Website Committee

Submitted by: Dan Cahill

Date: April 10, 2008

Information/Issue:

The website committee core work group consists of Dan Cahill, Gil Sage, Andy King and Peter Caverhill.

Andy is our Webmaster and has worked diligently to incorporate all the updates that have been developed by the broader committee and the BCFFF Board.

Gil, Peter and I have taken all the suggestions and over the course of a number of meetings we've been able to draft a number of significant changes to our Website.

The committee anticipates that the updated website (with a few "construction" pages will be on line by the time of our Annual General meeting. We are also targeting another deadline which is to have it operational before the May issue of B. C. Outdoors which will carry a write up on the BCFFF.



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Membership Director

Submitted by: Ken Burgess

Date: April 14, 2008

Information/Issue:

Welcome to 2 new member clubs – The Cranbrook Flyfishers and the Campbell River Flyfishers

As of April 14 2008 the B.C.F.F.F. has 16 member clubs. 13 have paid their 2008 dues, and 11 have submitted membership lists. Based on numbers on lists received and 2007 numbers for the remaining clubs our membership now stands at 665. Cards have been sent to all clubs that have submitted membership lists.

Membership as of Apr 13 2008

Campbell River Fly Fishers	21
Cariboo Chilcotin Flyfishers	18
Comox Valley Flyfishers	72
Cowichan Fly Fishers	49
Cranbrook Fly Fishers	24
Haig-Brown Fly Fishing Association	71
Island Waters Fly Fishers	64
Kalamalka Flyfishers	58
Kamloops Fly Fishers	50
Lonely Loon Flyfishers Society	32
Loons Flyfishing Club	20 X
Mid Island Castaways	47
Osprey Fly Fishers of B.C.	23
Penticton Flyfishers	39 X
Totem Fly Fishers	58
Westcoast Flyfishers Association	19
Total	665

X - Denotes 2007 numbers



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Direct Membership

Submitted by: Danie Erasmus

Date: April 2008

Information/Issue:

Communication:

1. Both new and direct members received a membership package.

Direct membership package include:

-Welcoming letter

-Membership card

-Decal or cloth patch (new members only)

-Latest issue of fly lines

2. Communication to direct members is still mainly through e-mail. I currently forward information disseminated to me from the president and/or secretary.

3. A summary of direct member numbers since 2003 is included (Table 1).

**Table 1. BCFFF direct
members**

Year	Total number
2007	45
2006	45
2005	49
2004	52
2003	55



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Awards Committee

Submitted by: Art Lingren

Date: March 21, 2008

Information/Issue:

BCFFF permanent awards are presented at the annual Dinner/Auction. Not all of these awards are presented every year. Recipients are chosen by an "awards committee" and the Board, after canvassing the membership for recommendations. In addition to the permanent awards, the BCFFF tradition has been to recognize the many members who, over the year, have rolled up their sleeves and contributed.

The Gilly Award

Given in recognition to that BCFFF member who has continuously given exceptional service to BC's Fishery, the Sport of Fly Fishing, and the BC Federation of Fly Fishers. In 2007 we recognized Gilbert Sage for many years of service to the BCFFF.

Appreciation Awards 2007

Every year BCFFF likes to thank those folks who are leaving positions in the organization and those that have gone to some effort to host our annual fund raiser. Hosted by the Osprey Fly Fishers those members who helped put the 2007 AGM together received appreciation awards.

Special Appreciation Award – Riddick's Fly Shop

Riddick's closed its doors permanently earlier in 2006 after being a Lower Mainland and BC fly fishing icon for over 30 years. Gil Sage gave this award to the family at Ken's memorial service.



**BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report
Newsletter Committee**

Submitted by: Terry Robinson

Date: March 28th 2008

Information/Issue:

The Newsletter has been a source of information for our members. Besides the never ending struggle and plea for more articles, pictures and events that are happening with our member clubs, things are fine.

Terry



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Education Committee

Submitted by: Gilbert Sage acting chair

Date: April 2, 2008

Information/Issue:

Committee members Peter Caverhill, Danie Erasmus

When the Freshwater Fisheries Society developed their series Learn to Fish (L2F) handouts there was nothing on fly fishing and the BCFFF offered to help write one. There was little or no follow up on that action at that time. At the December board meeting it was agreed that the education committee would pursue the original offer.

Danie sent Peter and I copies of a learn to fly fish power point presentation that he has been working on. His idea is that the program would be a guide for instructors and that course participants would receive a copy.

I contacted Brian Chan regarding the federation's earlier offer. Brian suggested I contact Natalie West, Information and Education Coordinator for Freshwater Fisheries Society (FWFS) of BC. Natalie indicated that FWFS had been teaching a fly fishing module for a couple of years and they were in the process of finalizing a draft of the printed material. Natalie suggested that perhaps the committee could come out to the Abbotsford hatchery and review the material once they completed the draft which she expected to have done by mid January.

A number of issues came to ahead in January that have occupied both Peter and myself so I have not followed up with Natalie nor has she contacted me.

Danie Erasmus has arranged for posting on the flybc forum under the BCFFF handle. Danie will be responsible for posting and answering or

obtaining answers from other board members to questions as they arise. We need to develop guidelines as to the approval process to be followed before information is posted.

Danie has sent us information on the requirement for web conferencing and the committee hopes to test this out as a means of improving our communication.



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Museum Committee

Submitted by: Gary Cutler

Date: April 12, 2008

Information/Issue:

January 18, 2008 saw the opening of the long awaited B.C. Fly Fishing Museum. Originally conceived by the B.C. Federation of Fly Fishers and orchestrated with the Kamloops Museum by member Grant Stevens, the exhibit has been finally completed. Approximately sixty people attended including council members from the City of Kamloops, contributors Alf Davy, Dwayne Scott and Bill Jollymore. Also present were Brian Chan of Freshwater Fisheries, Ken Burgess with the Kalamalka Fly Fishers and Bob Hamaguchi from Highland Valley Copper

(financial donors), and other VIPs. The Kamloops Fly Fishers assisted as tour guides and Past President, Paul Zaharia, and Director, Len Piggini, were at the fly tying table. Deputy Mayor, John De Cicco, gave opening remarks from the City and cut the ribbon to celebrate the occasion. Ample refreshments were provided by the museum.

Commencing in 1997, with a donation of BCFFF memorabilia and startup funds from member clubs, the museum has attracted many other contributions. A substantial portion of the fly fishing display is from the Alf Davy collection of rods, reels, books and framed fly panels. Dwayne Scott and Bill Jollymore offered artifacts from the days of guide Bill Nation at Echo Lodge on Paul Lake. Cane rod building tools, rods, flies and other equipment, from the estate of Tommy Brayshaw, were given by former fishing partner Charlie Thomas of Hope, B.C. Ralph Shaw from Vancouver Island, who is presently compiling a book of Jack Shaw's journals, donated Jack's aluminum fishing punt.

Through the generous funding by the City of Kamloops, the past year saw major strides in the completion of the "B.C. Fly Fishing

Gallery". The third museum curator to work on this project, Dennis Oomen, has done an excellent job. His current remake of other areas in the museum will reflect his talent. We also thank Director Manager, Elisabeth Duckworth, and other staff members for their capable assistance.

The Kamloops Museum, together with the Kamloops Fly Fishers, will be hosting an Open House on April 11th for interested parties who were unable to attend the opening.

Gary Cutler



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Regional Representative

Region: Skeena

Submitted by: Sharon Robertson

Date: April 15, 2008

Information/Issue:

Skeena Fisheries Advisory Committee

The Skeena Fisheries Advisory Committee meets annually to review proposals for regulation changes. The committee is charged with providing advice to the Ministry. Angler, conservation and rod and gun club organizations have representation on the committee. Ten proposals were put before the committee in March 2008. These were:

- Elimination of triple hooks used for freshwater fishing in the Skeena Region
- No fishing March 1-May 1 Lakelse River CNR Bridge and upstream to Lakelse Lake
- Wild steelhead catch and release, no kill, total bait ban, provincially
- Allow use of two rods/lines per person for use in ice fishing on lakes in Region 6
- The upper 3 km from McDonnell Lake downstream to the forestry bridge should be open to angling
- Allow the use of bait for Chinook salmon from June 16 to July 31 on Morice River downstream of Gosnell Creek
- Define resident priority through consultation
- Allow all anglers under the age of 19 to angle without a license

- All non resident alien anglers must be guided on classified waters in Region 6
- Allow retention of 2 cutthroat trout, none under 30 cm, Tiell River, QCI

Quality Waters Strategy

The Quality Waters Strategy is a stakeholder-driven process with a provincial Quality Waters Committee and a Regional Committee that both have representation from resident anglers, the guiding community, and the Ministry of Environment. The Regional Committee plays an important role in overseeing the Skeena Quality Waters Strategy. I am the Chair of the Regional Committee

The Regional Committee identified the following rivers as a priority for dealing with angler-use issues: Babine, Bulkley and Morice, Kitsumkalum, Kispiox, Kitseguecla, Kitwanga, Lakelse, Skeena IV (downstream from Kitwanga), Skeena IV (upstream from Kitwanga), Suskwa, and Zymoetz I and II.

Community engagement is a fundamental component of the Quality Waters Strategy. The consultation process began with stakeholder meetings throughout the watershed followed by a series of Public Meetings in the larger communities. Working Groups comprised of resident anglers, guides and the Ministry of Environment were formed to develop Angling Management Plans. The draft plans will be brought back to stakeholders and the public for review and comments, the Working Groups will address community input and then the plans will be passed on to the ministry for formalization and the eventual changing of sport fishing regulations.

The community consultation is by design broad-based, so that it can play a critical role in supporting the overall goals of the Quality Waters Strategy, which seeks to balance the needs of resident anglers with those of the guiding industry and the local economy.

A total of 25 stakeholder meetings were held in Houston, Terrace, Smithers, Hazelton, Kitimat and Prince Rupert with 113 people attending.

Six Open House / Public Meetings were held along the watershed in Houston, Smithers, Hazelton, Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert with a total of 255 people attending.

Three questions were used to stimulate discussions at both the stakeholder and the Public Meetings:

1. Do you have any questions or comments on the proposed consultation process?
2. What do you think are the problems surrounding angler use and steelhead in the Skeena River system?
3. What do you see are the solutions?

Email invitations and information updates were sent out at regular intervals to an ever-expanding stakeholder database

A website was established linked at: <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/ske/qws/>

Advertisements were placed in local papers in advance of the Open House / Public Meetings.

A brochure was developed on the Angling Management Planning process. It was made available in all six communities along the watershed prior to the Public Meetings. The brochures were distributed at each of the Public Meetings and made available on the website. Various summaries of angler data and angler-use data were prepared and placed on the website and available at the Open House / Public Meetings.

A response form was developed to provide more quantifiable information from those taking part in the community engagement process. The form was placed on the website as an interactive form and was available in a paper format at all the Public Meetings.

A total of 248 Response Forms were received — 172 electronically via the website, 13 delivered or faxed to the regional Ministry of Environment office in Smithers and 63 handed in at the Public Meetings.

The results of this first phase of the consultation process demonstrate that people from all walks of life care passionately about the future of steelhead sport fishing on the Skeena River and its tributaries. This passion extends around the world, and clearly there is little doubt in most peoples' minds that something needs to be done to preserve the quality of angling in this world-class fishery.

Angling Management Plan Working Groups have been formed and are scheduled to begin their work on April 17, 2008.



BCFFF Annual General Meeting Report Regional Representative

Region: South Coast Sports Fish Advisory Board

Submitted by: Hugh Kingwell

Date: April 17, 2008

Information/Issue:

I haven't had a chance to sum up the SFAB activities, however I will forward you the minutes of the last Main Board meeting and the last South Coast meeting. I am attending another Main Board meeting this weekend.

The meeting minutes are a long read. A couple key concerns would be Fraser River gravel removal and it's habitat implications for all species, few if any sports opportunities are expected for Salmon in the Fraser (poor sockeye runs expected, and poor Chinook as well), Halibut management is a big issue (although not near and dear to many fly fishers), troubles with Steelhead, Chinook and Sockeye on the Skeena as well. The Pacific Salmon Treaty with the US in being renegotiated as we speak however there is little movement expected until the Alaskans begin to come to the table with some help (passing more Canadian and Southern US stocks through).

BC Federation of Fly Fishers Activities - April 08 to May 2007

This list represents many of the activities of the BCFFF during the last year. It should be noted that this board choose to meet 4 times during the year to work on developing a plan for the future.

<u>April 08</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Freshwater Fishing Regulations Advisory Committee (FFRAC)- Richmond – PC ➤ Presentation to Loons FF Club on BCFFF – Vancouver - PC
<u>March 08</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BCFFF Board meeting – All ➤ Organised 3 day BCFFF Involvement Tradex Outdoor show – Abbotsford – PC ➤ Letter to Minister Penner regarding the Feb.25th meeting on park boundary adjustment – GS ➤ Participated in the Superfly BDFFF booth at the Tradex Sportsman show – GS ➤ Attended Cheakamus River Stakeholder meeting in Squamish – GS, SH ➤ Attended public protest rally in Vancouver opposing independent power projects – GS, SH, RW ➤ Submitted comments to MoE upper Skagit Watershed Fish and Wildlife Management Plan – GS, PC ➤ Attended second Pitt Meadows public meeting on request for Park Boundary adjustment to Pinecone Burke Provincial Park – GS ➤ Letter to Minister Bell on Salmon Farming moratorium – PM ➤ Development and planning of goals for the BCFFF Steelhead Committee – SB, PM, DC
<u>February 08</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prepare article on BCFFF for BC Outdoors Mag – PC, GS, PM ➤ Attend MOE public meeting- Skagit Draft Management Plan – Burnaby – GS,SH,PC, RW ➤ Attended public rally in Vancouver against private run of river hydro projects – GS, SH ➤ Attended meeting of environmental NGOs (Prawn Plus) regarding the run of river hydro projects proposed for Upper Pitt River. – GS ➤ Distributed the Power Play DVD to member clubs and selected NGOs – GS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attended Pitt Meadows public meeting on request for Park Boundary adjustment to Pinecone Burke Provincial Park – GS ➤ Email to Environment Assessment Office inquiring to format public meetings on draft terms of reference regarding the proposal for run of river hydro projects on the Upper Pitt – GS ➤ Worked on the development of the BCFFF New Regional Steelhead Committee - PM
<u>January 08</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provincial Classified Waters Board two day meeting – AL ➤ Attended Cheakamus River Stakeholder meeting in Squamish – GS, SH ➤ Email to BC Parks requesting information on the request by Northwest Cascade Power for park boundary adjustment to Pinecone Burke Provincial Park – GS
<u>December 07</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BCFFF Board meeting - All ➤ Attended Cheakamus River Stakeholder meeting in Squamish – GS, SH ➤ Board Development work. – PM ➤ Email to BCWF regarding the proliferation of Run of River Hydro being proposed in the province – GS
<u>November 07</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attended meeting of environmental NGOs (Prawn-Plus) regarding the run of river hydro project proposed for Upper Pitt River. – GS ➤ Attended DFO Community Dialogue re: Pacific Integrated Commercial Fishery Initiative - RW
<u>October 07</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board Development work – PM ➤ Letter to Al Martin Ex. Dir. Fish, Wildlife and Ecosystems regarding Thompson River Steelhead 10 recommendations update from Path to Recovery - PM
<u>September 07</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attended Cheakamus River Stakeholder meeting in Squamish – GS SH ➤ Attended meeting of environmental NGOs (Prawn-Plus) regarding the run of river hydro project proposed for Upper Pitt River. – GS ➤ BCFFF Board Meeting – ALL ➤ Examine implication of Questionnaire Results and findings: Board

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Examining our website and expanding our presence on the web: AK, GS, DC, DE, PC
<u>August 07</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Responded to the proposed development on or around Brohm Creek (Garibaldi at Squamish Project 2006). Received a response. Requested to be part of any additional comment on the project and requested that the EAO (Environmental Assessment Office) include us as a respondent to like projects. GS, PM ➤ Letter to BC minister of Environment re proposed independent power projects referencing opposition to proposed projects for the Upper Pitt River. – GS ➤ Provided a grant of \$2000 for use in producing a film on the environmental impact of small run of the river independent private power projects to coalition of NGO opposed to such projects. ➤ Letter to Minister of Fisheries regarding the interception of summer run steelhead in the Skeena River 2007 commercial sockeye fishery especially in light of the extremely low steelhead return. – GS
<u>July 07</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continued to work on Independent Power Project issues and information: GS, and other board members. ➤ Continued work on developing BCFFF Priorities: Board
<u>June 07</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attended meeting of NGO on action being taken by COPE Local 378 to publicize the potential environmental impacts of run of the river independent private power projects being proposed for the province. – GS
<u>May 07</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attended meeting of various environmental groups to discuss possible actions plans regarding the run of the river independent private power project proposed for the Upper Pitt River. - GS ➤ BCFFF AGM ➤ BCFFF board meeting
<u>KEY</u>	GS (Gil Sage), PM (Pat Micek), PC (Peter Caverhill), SH (Steve Hanson), RW (Rob Way), DC (Dan Cahill), AK (Andy King), DE (Danie Erasmus), SB (Stu Brady), AL (Art Lingren)

BC Federation of Fly Fishers (BCFFF)

Long Range Planning Questionnaire Results

(Compiled results of the 37 returns on the survey, plus 3 commentaries, plus 7 additional returns submitted after compiled. Not all respondents responded to every question.)

1) Please rate your familiarity with BCFFF and what the organization does (on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is little or no familiarity).

Average is **6.9** over 37 respondents_____

2) Please rate your familiarity with the current issues facing fisheries and angling in BC (on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is little or no familiarity).

Average is **6.8** over 37 respondents

3) As a keen and concerned BC fly angler, are you currently involved in activities to ensure the future of the quality fish and quality angling? If so, what activities? If not, what would encourage you to do undertake these activities?

8 no's, 16 yes. Some of the **yes people** expressed that they want to be invited to help with local projects that are needed, defined, and well managed. These volunteers want to help within reasonable time limitations.

4) What do you believe is the function that BCFFF serves toward protecting your interests as a fly angler?

Conservation: Help protect & enhance the fishery & the environment	11
Leadership and advocacy representing all sport fishers	5
Use media and web for information	5
Political or other lobbying on fishery issues, policies & practices	16
Represent the collective voice of flyfishers	11
Spread knowledge & fishing skills	7
Conservation: knowledge of the issues, threats & opportunities	9
Promoting the sport & enlist public support for conservation	7
Encourage young people to join BCFFF clubs	10
Lobbying for more access to waters	6
Dealing with government agencies and other groups	3
Encouraging others to join by being a lead group for all clubs	1
Speaking with one voice for all fly anglers	1

5) What could BCFFF be doing to BETTER ENSURE the protection of your interests?

Use media, BCFFF website more and continue to publish Flylines	5
Be more vocal, hold or attend public meetings on development proposals	10
Mentor kids on fishing & environment; take them fishing and join Clubs!	7
Help identify and protect key habitat, fish populations	8
More fly only as well as managed for quality angling waters	6
Lobby for improved regulations	8
Partner with other enviro organizations like Suzuki Fdn, Sierra Club, TLC, etc.	4
Organize special events with Clubs	3
BCFFF is already doing enough (do it smarter)	10
Avoid “elitism”	1

6) What do you view to be the most critical fisheries issues that BCFFF should be working on over the next 10 years (these are issues that you feel will affect you personally)?

Protect, preserving, enhance steelhead, salmon & trout stocks	19
Protect the environment, including water & fish habitat	20
Public Information on issues, threats & opportunities	9
Reverse decline & degradation of the fishery	6
Better quality fishing	5
More fish hatcheries	3
Special attention to steelhead & salmon	7
More access to good waters	7
Influence government policies/procedures that affect the fishery	13
The abandonment of all fisheries by the Provincial and Federal gov.	1
Youth Education and participation	1
Alien species introduction	1

7) If you believe that BCFFF is serving your interests what would: a encourage you to take on a volunteer role with BCFFF?

Create local fishery enhancement projects and invite me to help	8
Yes I’ll help through my Club	4
I’ll help write letters	4
I’m too busy to volunteer	11
Get more young people involved with more energy than I	4
Hard to commit	5

8) Do you have any ideas that would help to encourage younger fly fishers to join BCFFF and to participate in fisheries conservation and quality angling preservation and improvement?

BCFFF Clubs to work with Scouts, Girl Guides and schools to recruit youth	8
Clubs should invite youth on fishouts, method sessions, casting clinics, etc	12
Use the web for info and continue with the excellent "Flylines"	6
Get youth into good fishing and they'll be hooked	8
Offer free Club memberships to youth under 20 & help them get the right gear	2
Bring youth into fly fishing by committing to it on a personal level	2
Hold open clinics and public casting classes	1
Develop a mentor program	1

9) Are there other BC fisheries/conservation organizations out there that are doing a better job of serving your interests in the area of fisheries conservation and quality angling preservation and improvement? If so, please name the organization/s?

80% answered that BCFF is doing the best job in representing fly anglers. The Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Pacific Salmon Foundation, Suzuki Foundation and the Sierra Club were also cited as effective. The Steelhead Society was only mentioned once as being non effective.

Please provide us with a little information about yourself (remember we will not divulge specific information about participants who respond to this questionnaire)

- Age **58.28** Avg.
- # years angling **45.45** Avg.
- # years fly fishing **27.3** Avg.