

# BC Federation of Fly Fishers

## Activities – Current to April 2008

This list is aimed at providing the BCFFF membership, and others, with a very brief summary of the activities that the Federation has been involved with over the recent past. It primarily identifies events that were attended by the BCFFF Executive members and some of the more major time consuming tasks that took volunteer time. If anyone wishes more information on any of these, please contact BCFFF.

### 2008

#### April/08

- Freshwater Fishing Regulations Advisory Committee (FFRAC)- Richmond – PC
- Presentation to Loons FF Club on BCFFF – Vancouver – PC
- Attended SFAB South Coast meeting - HK

#### March/08

- Letter to Minister Penner regarding the Feb 25<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the request for park boundary adjustment – GS
- Organised 3 day BCFFF Involvement Tradex Outdoor show – Abbotsford – PC
- Participated in the Superfly BCFFF booth at the Tradex Sportsman show-GS
- Attended Cheakamus River Stakeholder meeting in Squamish – GS, SH
- Attended BCFFF board meeting – All
- 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
- Attended Skeena Fisheries Advisory Committee meeting - SR

#### February/08

- Prepare article on BCFFF for BC Outdoors Magazine – PC, GS, PM
- Attended consultation meeting on Upper Skagit Watershed Fish and Wildlife Management Plan – GS  
PC RW SH
- 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 project proposed for Upper Pitt River. – GS
- Distributed the Power Play DVD to member clubs and selected NGOs - GS
- 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 of 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

#### January/08

- 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

### 2007

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### **December/07**

- BCFFF Board meeting – All
- Board Development work. – PM
- Attended Cheakamus River Stakeholder meeting in Squamish – GS
- Email to BCWF regarding the proliferation of run of river hydro being proposed in the province - GS

### **November/07**

- 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

### **October/07**

- 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

### **September/07**

- 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
- Examining our website and expanding our presents on the web: AK, GS

### **August/07**

- 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

### **July/07**

- Continued to work on Independent Power Project issues and information: GS, and other board members.
- Continued work on developing BCFFF Priorities: Board

### **June/07**

- 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

### **May/07**

- 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

### **April/07**

- MoE – Freshwater Fishing Regulations Advisory Committee – inaugural meeting (Richmond) – PC
- Attended Cheakamus River Stakeholder meeting in Squamish – GS, SH

### **March/07**

- Skeena Fisheries Advisory Committee meeting – SR

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- BCFFF Board Meeting (Tsawwassen) – all
- Angler Participation Workshop (FW Fisheries Society of BC – Richmond) - PC, DM
- Letter to Minister Hearn re 2006 Skeena sockeye fishery
- BCFFF Gilly Fund approves \$5000 in funding for Shovelnose Creek bank stabilization

### **February/07**

- Meeting with Minister of Environment Barry Penner and senior Provincial F&W staff to discuss a number of issues of concern to BCFFF ( Victoria, Parliament Bldg) – PM, PC
- Follow-up letter to Minister Penner and senior staff – thanks for meeting and reiterating what was discussed – PM
- Main SFAB (3 days) – Richmond - HK
- Skeena Regional Quality Waters Committee – SR
- Skeena Regional Quality Waters Committee – MW (independent angler seat)
- Letter to Minister Penner re alien species in BC (prompted by White Lake yellow perch discovery) – GS
- work with SSBC and Kingfisher Rod and Reel club to consider donations for bank stabilization work on Upper Squamish R. to protect Shovelnose Creek – GS, PC, DC
- Presentation to BCIT fisheries class on BCFFF – PC
- Attended SFAB main board meeting - HK

### **January/07**

- David Suzuki Foundation Meeting to discuss the fisheries implications of the new draft Fisheries Act (Bill C-45) – Vancouver – PC, PM
- Conference Call (FFSBC – Brian Chan) – discuss funding support to angling organizations for projects to improve angling access – GS, PC
- South Coast Steelhead Coalition Meeting (North Vancouver) – discuss steelhead recovery work, funding issues etc – PC
- Quality Waters Strategy (2 day meeting, Richmond) – review projects for funding (ie Stream Guardians on Classified Waters and others) and proposals for new Classified Waters. – AL
- Letter to Minister MOE re comments made by MLA Krueger that gov't looking at reducing fishing regulations by as much as 95% - GS

## **2006**

### **December/06**

- Cheakamus Stakeholder Meeting (Squamish) – SH, GS
- North Coast Sport Fish Advisory Board – MW

### **November/06**

- Angler Participation Workshop (called by FFSBC) – Abbotsford – GS, PC, DM
- BCFFF November Board Meeting (Surrey) – all
- Skeena Regional Quality Waters Committee meeting - SR
- Conference Call (FFSBC – Brian Chan) – discuss funding support to angling organizations for projects to improve angling access – GS
- South Coast Sport Fish Advisory Board (2 days) – Sechelt – HK

### **October/06**

- Submission to Standing Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture – board

### **September/06**

- nil

### **August/06**

- Cheakamus Recovery –Open House (Squamish)- PC, GS
- Letter to MOE re Proposed Angling Regulation Changes for the Seymour River in Region 2 (Lower Mainland). - PM

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### **July/06**

- Cheakamus Stakeholder meeting (Squamish) – PC
- BCFFF interim summer Board Meeting (Nanaimo) – GS, HT, KR, DC, RS, PM, DMcD, PC
- South Coast Steelhead Coalition meeting North Vancouver – SH
- Letter to MOE Reg2 commenting on proposed opening on Coquihalla- PM
- Sent e-mail response to MOE Reg 2 supporting proposed opening of Cheakamus above lower falls to non retention fishery- GS
- Letter to City of Kamloops re funding for Kamloops Museum – GS
- Met with ILMB re: Skeena Quality Waters Management Committee priorities-SR
- Request from MOE for formal BCFFF representation on the Skeena Fisheries Advisory Committee. Confirmation granted in March 2006 from BCFFF Board.-SR

### **June/06**

- Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC official opening of the “learn to Fish” ponds at Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery (Abbotsford) – PC
- written input to Vancouver Island Region on their proposed angling regulation changes for 2007/08 for a number of Island rivers. There was considerable BCFFF discussion and debate over these changes and the subject was discussed for over an hour at the May AGM. – BCFFF Board/membership

### **May/06**

- Trout Unlimited Canada (Vancouver Chapter) AGM (Vancouver) – PC
- BCFFF AGM meeting and annual fund raising dinner/auction (Victoria) – all
- BCFFF board meeting (Victoria) - all
- Parks Canada workshop on the proposed Georgia Strait National Marine Conservation Area (Vancouver) – GS
- Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder meeting in Squamish-GS, SH
- Met with MOE re: Skeena Quality Waters Management Committee-SR
- Sent out documentation to clubs to obtain response from clubs and individuals on the proposed regulation changes for Vancouver Island streams- PC

### **April/06**

- Letter to Main Board Sports Fishery Advisory Board outlining BCFFF opposition to any wild steelhead retention for the Skeena
- Co-signed letter to MOE outlining BCFFF opposition to any wild steelhead retention for the Skeena
- Skeena Regional Quality Waters Management Committee proposal submission to the Provincial QWS Committee-SR
- Cheakamus Ecosystem Restoration Stakeholder meeting in Squamish - GS, SH
- Steelhead Hatchery forum (BCIT in Burnaby) – GS, PC, RW, SH
- Quality Waters Strategy Meeting (Victoria) – AL

### **March/06**

- Thompson River Steelhead workshop (Merritt) - PC
- Skagit Environmental Endowment Fund - workshop Skagit (Blaine) - GS
- Obtained update on Penticton Creek- GS
- Discussed funding of fly fishing camp with Westcoast Flyfishers – GS, PC

### **February/06**

- Squamish open house on the Cheakamus River spill – PC,GS
- Thompson River Steelhead workshop held in Richmond - GS
- Letter to MOE in support of a limited 2 year hatchery program for Cheakamus River
- Steelhead Society of BC –AGM (Langley) - PC
- Skeena Regional Quality Waters Management Committee meeting-SR
  
- Quality Waters Strategy Meeting (2 days) - Richmond – AL
- Letter to BCWF regarding our position of a no kill fishery on wild steelhead in the Skeena watershed - PC
- Skeena Fisheries Management Advisory Committee Inaugural Meeting-SR

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### **January/06**

- South Coast Steelhead Coalition meeting North Vancouver – GS
- Family Fishing Society Board Meeting (Delta) – PC, DM
- Skeena Regional Quality Waters Management Committee Inaugural meeting –SR

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### **December/05**

- Steelhead hatchery Forum held in Spences Bridge – GS, SH
- Angler Participation Workshop (Abbotsford) – by Fresh Water Fisheries Society of BC – PC
- Dean River advisory meeting (Williams Lake) – AL, SH

### **November/05**

- Parks Canada open house on the proposed Georgia Strait National Marine Conservation Area (Vancouver) – GS, SH
- Haig Brown FF Assn Meeting (Victoria) - Presentation on BCFFF – PC
- BCFFF Board Meeting (Surrey) – all
- Letter to MOE regarding Northern Pike in East Kootenays
- BCFFF Power Point presentation to Haig-Brown FF Assn (Victoria) - PC

### **October/05**

- Nicola/Coldwater Water Use Plan Meeting (Merritt) - GS

### **September/05**

- Cutthroat trout symposium (Port Townsend WA) – DM

### **August/05**

- BCFFF executive meeting (Horseshoe Bay) PC, GS, KM

### **July/05**

- nil

### **June/05**

- Thompson R. steelhead recovery meeting (WLAP, Surrey) – PC

### **May/05**

- BCFFF AGM (Vernon) - all
- BCFFF board meeting (Vernon) - all
- BCWF annual convention (Nanaimo) - took part in the fisheries panel discussion - PC
- South Coast Steelhead Coalition meeting (Burnaby) – GS, PC
- Prepared draft position paper on proposed bait ban

### **April/05**

- BCFFF presentation to Dogwood FF (Maple Ridge) – PC

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