



BCFFF
Monetary Support
To
Conservation Projects
(1987 to 2009)

(From BCFFF Gilly Fund/BCFFF Operational Account)

Background

In 1986 the BCFFF **Gilly Fund** became a reality with the publishing and sale of the book "The Gilly". Since then, this book has gone through 11 printings. It 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 over the years by both The Gilly Fund and by BCFFF's operational account.

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 account, much of which comes from our annual fund raising activities.

Since 1987, more than ninety thousand dollars (\$93,843) has been allocated to worthy projects from BCFFF's Gilly Fund and operational account.

The source of funding for projects listed below is indicated by: **GF** (Gilly Fund) and **OA** (operational account). Donation to projects indicated by **??** means we have misplaced the details on the origin of the donated funds (and we are relying on BCFFF member clubs to supply this document with additional information and corrections). We suspect that the majority of projects between 1998 and 1987 were funded from the BCFFF Gilly Fund.

2010 Projects

Divas on the Fly – This was the second year of a program to introduce survivors of breast cancer to the healing aspects of fly fishing - \$1500 **GF**

Other projects for funding in 2010 are being considered.

2009 Projects

Little River Fish Hatchery Upgrade – Purchase circular tanks for coho rearing.
Comox Valley Fly Fishers - \$5900 **GF**

Divas on the Fly – This was the first year of a program to introduce survivors of breast cancer to the healing aspects of fly fishing - \$1500 **GF**

(Total expenditure in 2009 = **\$7400**)

NOTE: In October 2009 we lost our long term member, Gil Sage, to cancer. Gil had been a stalwart in supplying his energies to the many tasks that BCFFF has faced. BCFFF has voted to set-up a scholarship to remember Gil (Gil Sage Conservation Award). This award (up to \$2500 annually) will go to a worthy person working in the fisheries field at a post secondary institution—in the areas that Gil found near and dear (ie conservation of wild fish; quality angling). The details of this scholarship will be worked out in 2010.

2008 Projects

Construction of electrical building on Millstone River side-channel video monitoring project – The video monitoring will provide a high-tech way of counting and

identifying fish that move into the side channel. Island Waters Fly Fishers Society
(Nanaimo) -\$6000 **GF**

Adopt-a fry Button project – pays for buttons that will be sold to raise funds to support Alexandra Morton’s lawsuit against the Provincial Government. Related to the fish farming/sea lice issue in the Broughton area - Granville Airton -\$600 **OA**

Stream fertilization projects on Fraser River tributaries – BCFFF is one of several contributors. These contributed funds pay for follow-up monitoring to the fertilization done in 2008 (without these funds the fertilization would not have been allowed to proceed). - Osprey Fly Fishers of BC (Coquitlam) -\$3000 **GF**

Rainbow trout research on the Crooked River. University of Northern BC – Danie Erasmus – Direct Member of BCFFF, member of Polar Coachmen Fly Fishers and associate member of the Osprey Fly Fishers of BC. If it can be shown that rainbow trout from the Crooked River are genetically distinct, then arguments can be made for strict regulations. Currently regulations allow for harvesting of rainbow trout from July 1st to March 31st. BCFFF will share funding with the university. -\$2415 **GF**

Donation to the Haig Brown Institute – to support the Haig Brown festival on Vancouver Island (Campbell River and Victoria) celebrating the centenary of the life of Roderick Haig Brown. -\$1000 **OA**

(Total expenditure in 2008 = **\$13,015**)

2007 Projects

Upper Pitt River Run of River Hydro Proposal – Financial support to PRAWN for costs associated with preparing a video comparing the Upper Pitt River with the Run of River hydro project on the Ashlu. -\$2000 **OA**

Jack Shaw Diary Project– Ralph Shaw has undertaken to transcribe and publish Jack Shaw’s hand written interior fishing diaries. When completed (2007/08), this will be a piece of BC fly fishing history that will be available to BC fly fishers. -\$2400 **OA**

Kamloops City Museum (Fly Fishing Exhibit) - Assistance 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. -\$1500 **OA**

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 **OA**

Watershed Watch – Assistance in printing and distributing a WSW Citizen’s Guide to run-of-river power development projects in BC. -\$1000 **OA**

(Total expenditure in 2007 = **\$7400**)

2006 Projects

Watershed Watch – Assistance with costs to put-on a salmon conference at Simon Fraser University and costs to reprint the WSW sea lice brochure. -\$1000 **OA**

Youth Fly Fishing Camp - Westcoast Flyfishers Association (Sooke) The club organized 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 **OA**

(Total expenditure in 2006 = **\$2500**)

2005 Projects

Spring Lake Aeration Project -Lonely Loon Flyfishers (Kelowna) - windmill aerator on Spring Lake. The total project cost was \$9000, which included \$2000 in road improvements. -\$3500 **GF**

Wilfred Creek Projects - Mid Island Castaways (Qualicum Beach) – in association with the Fanny Bay Salmonid Society (FBSS) - three habitat projects were undertaken on Wilfred Creek. -\$4000 **OA**

Nicola/Coldwater - Water Use Management Plan (Merritt) - In January 2005, BCFFF donated funds 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. - \$1000 **OA**

Long Lake wheelchair accessible fishing pier – Island Waters Fly Fishers Society (Nanaimo) -\$1000 **GF**

(Total expenditure in 2005 = **\$9,500**)

2004 Projects

Penticton Creek - The Penticton Fly Fishers (Penticton) requested Gilly Fund support for restoration work on portions of this creek. Funding 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. -\$10,000 **GF**

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.

Jingle Pot Marsh Viewing Platform - Island Waters Flyfishers Society (Nanaimo) - for construction of viewing platform in the marsh. -\$1000 **OA**

(Total expenditure in 2004 = **\$11,000**)

2003 Projects

Cat Stream - Island Waters Fly Fishers (Nanaimo) Habitat improvement; elementary school involvement - \$1000 **GF**

Goldstream – Haig-Brown Fly Fishers Assn. (Victoria) support to the Goldstream Salmonid Enhancement Association for the purchase of a fish egg sorter. - \$5000 **GF**

(Total expenditure in 2003 = **\$6000**)

2002 Projects - no projects funded

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2000 Projects-

Oxygen unit and fish transport tanks - Cowichan Valley Fly Fishers (Duncan)
-\$5000 **GF**

Funding contribution to Penticton Fly Fishers (Penticton) - nature of project lost in time.
-\$490??

(Total expenditure in 2000 = approx. **\$5490**)

1999 Projects- no projects funded

1998 Projects

Yale First Nation Fish Wheel- Thompson River Fly Fishers
(Kamloops) - \$500??
Not sure if project was approved or not?

(Total expenditure in 1998 = **\$500**)

1997 Projects

Kamloops City Museum – BCFFF direct donation for historical
BC fly fishing permanent display - \$2125??

(Total expenditure in 1997 = **\$2125**)

1996 Projects

Aerator on Kid Lake- Lonely Loon Fly Fishers (Kelowna) - - \$1675??

(Total expenditure in 1996 = **\$1675**)

1995 Projects

Randolph Creek Hatchery - Penticton Fly Fishers (Penticton) - \$1075??

Ballon Lake Hanceville Hatchery - Cariboo-Chilcotin Fly Fishers
(Williams Lake) - - \$2500??

(Total expenditure in 1995 = **\$3575**)

1994 Projects

Mosson Creek Fish Hatchery - Loons Fly Fishers (Vancouver) - \$5000??

Steelhead Society of B.C. - \$500??

(Total expenditure in 1994 = **\$5500**)

1993 Projects

Saunier Lake Project - Lonely Loon Fly Fishers (Kelowna) - \$2000??

Spawning Channel on Lac Des Roches - Grizzly Anglers
(Clearwater) - \$2000??

Henderson Creek – Burnell Lake Project - Penticton Fly Fishers
(Penticton) - \$2039??

Sawmill Lake Project - Penticton Fly Fishers (Penticton) – unknown amount and source?

(Total expenditure in 1993 = **\$6039**)

1992 Projects

Project - Grizzly Anglers (Clearwater) - \$3000??

Port Moody Ecological Society for purchase and installation of rearing tanks at Noon Creek Hatchery
- Loons Fly Fishers (Vancouver) - \$300??

(Total expenditure in 1992 = **\$3300**)

1991 Projects - no projects funded

1990 Projects

1990 Coldstream Enhancement Project - Kalamalka Fly Fishers
(Vernon) - \$2949??

(Total expenditure in 1990 = **\$2949**)

1989 Projects

1989 Central Park Casting Pond - \$500??

1989 Kalamalka Fly Fishers (Vernon) - \$1000??

1989 Kingfisher Creek Society (donation for Life membership

for BCFFF) - \$1000??
1989 Lassie Creek - Lonely Loon Fly Fishers (Kelowna) - \$300??
1989 Skagit Anglers Committee of BCFFF - costs associated with
"Save the Skagit" Campaign - \$275 **OA**

(Total expenditure in 1989 = **\$3075**)

1988 Projects – no projects funded

1987 Projects

1987 Dutch Lake Spawning Channel hydro costs
- Grizzly Anglers (Clearwater) \$800??
1987 Reservoir Lake Project - Lonely Loon Fly Fishers (Kelowna) \$500??

(Total expenditure in 1987 = **\$1300**)

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; angler use on classified/quality waters; and the recently created Provincial Freshwater Fishing Regulations Advisory Committee. 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.

For more information on BCFFF's Gilly Fund please visit our website (see below).



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