



"Your connection to stewardship with Fisheries and Oceans Canada."

SHELL ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

The Shell Environmental Fund (SEF) provides financial support for grass roots, action-oriented projects that improve and protect the Canadian environment. Funding support can be requested for projects that yield a direct, positive environmental benefit and engage the local community through hands-on involvement. The SEF is open to all not-for-profit organizations including environmental/wildlife groups, community groups and associations, Aboriginal organizations, municipalities and educational institutions.

Beginning in Fall 2009, the SEF will provide grants of up to \$10,000 per project (up from previous \$5,000 maximum). Projects will only qualify for SEF funding once.

Applications for the same project or continuation of projects previously funded by SEF will not be considered. For example, phases or expansion of original project and funding for a second year of an annual event (Earth Day, etc) would not qualify for funding.

The Shell Environmental Fund prefers to fund projects in public or publicly accessible spaces but will consider support if a conservation easement or similar arrangement is in place to allow for broad public benefit. We do not fund land purchase.

To apply for an SEF grant visit their site at:

www.shell.ca

CULVERT NO MORE

Tetayut (Sandhill) Creek is an important culturally, socially and ecologically creek to the Tsawout First Nation, and has been the focus of several stewardship activities carried out by the band and community partners over the last few years. In the 1960s thousands of cubic meters of fill and a large culvert were installed adjacent to and in the creek, restricting fish passage and eliminating an important section of floodplain. Under direction from Dan Claxton of Tsawout and Ian Bruce of Peninsula Streams, materials and the culvert were removed this summer! The team also constructed a Newbury weir, and plan to continue restoration of natural substrate in the stream and riparian planting. Indian Northern Affairs of Canada worked in joint financial contribution with the partners; making this project a huge success! **More information: fisheries@tsawout.ca**



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

SCOUTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On Sunday September 20, 2009 Scouts Canada Camp Barnard opened its gates to the general public to celebrate the start of **Camp Barnard's 65th year** as a Scout Camp and the **ribbon cutting** on the new bridge over McKenzie Creek. This recently rejuvenated creek, with thanks Pacific Salmon Foundation, Camp Barnard, the Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society and all the volunteers with Scouts Canada, is once again a protected home to BC wild salmon.



Community cooperation at it's best!

For more information on the new bridge; contact Grace Seabrook at rwseabrook@shaw.ca

Cowichan Community Land Trust: The 20th anniversary wildlife costumed dance is now booked for October 30th at the Quw'it'sum Centre. It is followed by the inaugural Return of the Swans Festival on Sunday November 1st; for more information go to www.somenosmarsh.com

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