

Watershed Watch Salmon Society

2010 Annual Report



Watershed Watch Salmon Society's mission is to catalyze efforts to protect and restore BC's precious wild salmon. Through scientific expertise, strategic alliances, outreach programs, and innovative projects, Watershed Watch is at the forefront in sounding the alarm on threats to salmon, and in prompting action to help them.

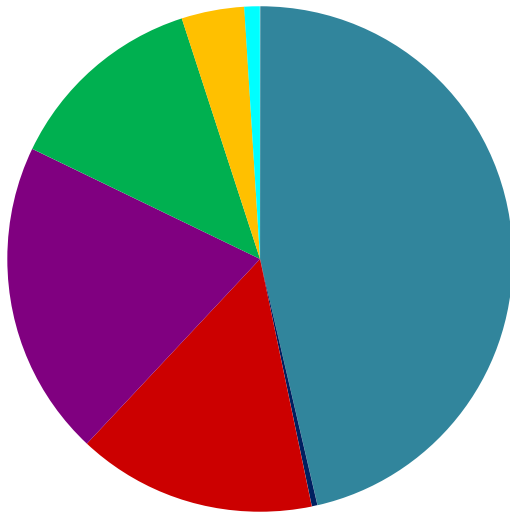
Introduction

Following a disastrous return in 2009, last year’s modern-day record breaking numbers of Fraser sockeye were a welcome surprise, and 2010 may well be remembered as the ‘year of the sockeye.’ Though Watershed Watch and others enjoyed a rare opportunity to celebrate, we are sobered by the bigger problems facing wild salmon, and are working harder than ever towards lasting solutions and more record breaking returns.

Thanks to continued support from the public and our financial sponsors, Watershed Watch focuses on protecting and restoring BC’s iconic wild salmon. We do so by enhancing awareness and catalyzing action on a wide range of habitat, harvest and fisheries management issues. Lasting and real changes in the way salmon and their habitat are protected will only be possible with a broadly-appreciated understanding of the pressures facing wild salmon—habitat loss, poor management, pollution, climate change and unsustainable aquaculture practices.

In an effort to ensure wild salmon is a key issue, we have been updating our outreach and communications. You can now follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and also sign up for our e-newsletter at www.watershed-watch.org to keep up with the latest. To donate to Watershed Watch, please visit our [Donations](#) page.

Financial Summary



Wild Salmon	\$ 288,224.72
Sturgeon	\$ 2,227.63
Independent Hydropower	\$ 95,000.00
Aquaculture	\$ 125,392.50
Water	\$ 79,815.00
Marine Conservation Caucus	\$ 24,912.75
General	\$ 6,200.47
Total	\$ 621,773.07

Our Work, Our Supporters

Watershed Watch's efforts to protect BC's wild salmon are only possible thanks to our individual and major supporters. Our 2010 conservation campaigns were funded mainly thanks to the following:

- Bob Meiser
- BC Federation of Flyfishers
- Bridge Coastal Restoration Program
- Bullitt Foundation
- City of Coquitlam
- David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Fraser Basin Council
- Fraser Salmon and Watersheds Program
- Generation Maintenance
- Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- Kingfishers Rod and Gun Club
- Kwikwetlem First Nation
- Liber Ero Foundation
- Luna Trust
- Metro Vancouver
- One Percent for the Planet
- Orange County Community Foundation
- Patrick Hodgson Family Foundation
- Pumpkin Hill Foundation
- Regional Consulting Limited
- Resources Legacy Fund - Sustainable Fisheries Fund
- Save Our Salmon – SOS Marine Conservation Foundation
- Steelhead Society of British Columbia
- TD Friends of the Environment Foundation
- Vancouver Foundation
- Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation
- Westland Resource Group
- Whistler River Adventures

Watching Out for BC's Wild Salmon

The conservation and protection of BC's iconic wild salmon is the foundation for all Watershed Watch activities. Though rarely flashy or glamorous, the hours spent in meetings, taking a stand on difficult harvest decisions, and shedding light on management issues is often where key changes are made in how salmon fisheries and habitat are managed. Watershed Watch provides a conservation perspective in the development of salmon harvest plans, increases public awareness of key conservation issues, and in 2010 assumed an active role in the Cohen Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River. It is our hope and belief that these efforts will result in a better future—for salmon and us.

Cohen Inquiry

Responding at last to the plight of Fraser River sockeye, the Prime Minister announced in late 2009 a \$14 million federal inquiry to examine sockeye declines. The [Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River](#) is led by BC supreme court justice Bruce Cohen. The Cohen Commission boasts more potential than any previous investigation into Pacific salmon. Watershed Watch is working hard behind the scenes and at the hearings after being granted official standing as a member of the Conservation Coalition, represented through Ecojustice.



2010 Fraser Sockeye Return

As record numbers of sockeye filled rivers and news headlines, the surprise returns highlighted our inability to accurately predict returns and develop sound fishing plans. Watershed Watch pushes hard for the development of better in-season fisheries management, more selective fishing practices, and the general need for precautionary measures to protect co-mingled and endangered coho stocks.



Fisheries Report Card

A new report from Watershed Watch, [Report Card for Three BC Recreational Fisheries](#), by David Roscoe and Christopher Pollon, provides three case studies for recreational fisheries—Langara Island coho and Chinook, non-tidal Fraser sockeye, and Skeena River steelhead. This report card provided government, First Nations, the BC fishing industry and the general public with conservation-oriented assessments of how the sustainability of salmon fisheries might be improved.

Speaking for the Salmon

Watershed Watch happily continued its decade-plus partnership with the Centre for Coastal Studies at Simon Fraser University to deliver several [Speaking for the Salmon](#) meetings and workshops in 2010. By sponsoring and contributing to the organization of these meetings, Watershed Watch helps provide a special place to discuss difficult issues surrounding salmon conservation and fisheries management. Watershed Watch also co-sponsored the 2010

Ecological and Evolutionary Ethology of Fishes Biennial Conference—a 33-year-old international symposium priding itself on stimulating fresh thinking about fish behaviour, ecology and evolution. The 2010 Speaking for the Salmon meetings included:

- [Summit on Fraser River Sockeye Salmon: Understanding Stock Declines and Prospects for the Future](#), March 30-31, 2010
- [Land-Based Closed-Containment Salmon Aquaculture Workshop](#), April 26-27, 2010
- [Invitational Think Tank of Independent Scientists on Fraser River Sockeye](#), December 2-3, 2010
- [The Ups and Downs of Fraser River Sockeye](#), December 6, 2010



Wild Salmon Policy

The Wild Salmon Policy remains a prime focus for Watershed Watch and the Conservation Coalition of the Cohen Inquiry. Hearings on the policy over ten days revealed how much still needs to be done to fully implement the policy. Watershed Watch constantly promotes the WSP at Cohen, through the Integrated Harvest Planning Committee, in community meetings, and in ongoing work to reform salmon enhancement.



Ensuring MSC Certifications are Meaningful

Market-based certifications can be a powerful tool in the fight for conservation; however, if the bar is set too low, certifications become meaningless—or worse. To ensure that the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certifications were robust, Watershed Watch joined the David Suzuki Foundation and SkeenaWild Conservation Trust to vigorously oppose weak plans to certify BC sockeye, by submitting an [official objection](#) to the MSC regarding their plans to label Fraser River sockeye as “sustainable,” and issuing numerous media releases (see below) to increase public awareness of this important issue.

Marine Conservation Caucus

Watershed Watch remains Chair and Secretariat of the Marine Conservation Caucus—an official consultation body of the conservation sector with Fisheries and Oceans Canada. We are also following up on recommendations from the November 2008, workshop [Strengthening Marine and Freshwater Conservation in BC](#). For more information on the MCC, see www.mccpacific.org.



Gilly Award

Watershed Watch’s Executive Director was awarded the 2010 Gilly Award by the [BC Federation of Fly Fishers](#). The Gilly Award is in recognition of 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.



Science Support for Kwikwetlem First Nation

Watershed Watch works closely with the Kwikwetlem First Nation to increase our understanding of Fraser River sturgeon and eulachon, and Coquitlam River sockeye. Kwikwetlem literally means “Red Fish Up the River,” and the reintroduction of sockeye salmon to the Coquitlam River has been a long-time dream for Kwikwetlem Elders. Watershed Watch also helps the Kwikwetlem plan and undertake fisheries mitigation projects associated with [Gateway Program](#) construction.

Overcoming Obstacles for Reintroducing Coquitlam Sockeye

Reintroducing sockeye salmon to Coquitlam Lake for the first time in more than a century is no easy task, and challenges continued in 2010. The key difficulty is finding ways to allow enough juvenile salmon to safely pass the dam in the spring. Watershed Watch assists the Kwikwetlem Salmon Restoration Program Committee (KSRP) explore new ways to send off sockeye smolts. The KSRP includes BC Hydro, Metro Vancouver, Kwikwetlem First Nation, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, BC's Ministry of Environment, cities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam, and environmental groups including Watershed Watch Salmon Society, North Fraser Assistance Program and the Maple Creek Streamkeepers.



Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable

Since 2007, Watershed Watch has promoted the development of the [Coquitlam River Watershed Strategy](#). This process improved collaboration among governments and the various stakeholders of the Coquitlam Watershed, and at the end of 2010 the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable was formed. This roundtable of government, non-government organizations, and private sector members works to enhance the sustainability of the Coquitlam Watershed.

Working Together for the Coquitlam Watershed

Watershed Watch helped plan the public event “Working Together for Coquitlam Watershed and Kwikwetlem Sockeye” in June 2010 at the Poirier Community Centre in Coquitlam. As a follow-up, Metro Vancouver launched a new [website](#) containing video links to the evening’s event, including presentations by representatives from Kwikwetlem First Nation, Kwikwetlem Salmon Restoration Program, BC Hydro and Metro Vancouver, as well as poster board displays and copies of speakers’ presentations, and links to other resources.

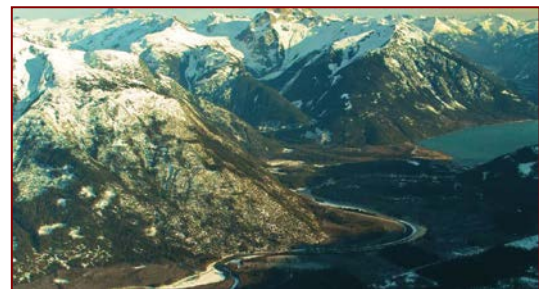


Focusing on Sustainable Energy

Though the development of renewable energy is an important step in adapting to climate change, such development cannot proceed without thoughtful planning and oversight to ensure that ‘clean’ energy is truly sustainable (e.g., low impacts on aquatic environments). Watershed Watch is defending BC’s wild rivers and the people who care about them by demanding a democratic and transparent approach to planning energy development; by educating the public on the benefits and risks of hydropower development; and by sounding the alarm when inappropriate hydropower projects are proposed.

Protecting Bute Inlet

Bute Inlet remained the poster child for questionable run-of-river hydro development in 2010, but thankfully, the project has effectively stalled after dropping out of the Environmental Assessment process in June. This is a major development for those working to protect Bute Inlet. The proposal included 17 river diversions, 1027 MW peak generating capacity, the construction of 443 km of new transmission lines, 267 km of permanent roads, and 142 bridges in wilderness areas, resulting in the footprint rivalling the massive Site C project proposed for the Peace River. To increase awareness of the pitfalls of



the Bute proposal, Watershed Watch joined with the Wilderness Committee, Sierra Club BC, BC Creek Protection Society and Friends of Bute Inlet to host two public meetings, in Victoria and Vancouver, to show how proceeding would affect Bute Inlet and the surrounding area.

Building a Vision for Green Energy in BC

Proceedings from a November 2009 public meeting [Building a Vision for Green Energy in BC](#) were published in 2010. Watershed Watch partnered with Simon Fraser University's Continuing Studies in Science to host presentations, panels and dialogue, and to explore current opportunities and challenges facing Independent Power Producer development in BC. Watershed Watch's Tanis Gower and Aaron Hill presented *Framework for Cumulative Impacts* (Page 49). The slides from some of the event's presentations are available on [SFU's website](#). Cumulative effects of independent power projects were also the focus of a workshop hosted by Watershed Watch and the Sto:Lo Tribal Council—[Cumulative Effects Assessment \(CEA\) Workshop Proceedings](#).

Recommendations for Clean Energy

In 2010 Watershed Watch, the David Suzuki Foundation, Pembina Institute and West Coast Environmental Law developed [Recommendations for Responsible Clean Electricity Development in British Columbia](#). The report highlights concerns and provides recommendations on how to improve how renewable electricity is currently planned, promoted and developed in BC; we followed up these recommendations with a media release [New Energy Act does little to address environmental impacts of rampant hydropower development](#).

Protecting Wild Salmon from Aquaculture Impacts

Watershed Watch maintained its decade-long focus on unsustainable salmon farming practices in 2010. By conducting and sponsoring research on sea lice and impacts on wild salmon, through education and outreach, by working directly with industry and government to improve management practices, and by providing science support as a member of the Coastal Alliance for Aquaculture Reform (CAAR), Watershed Watch remains front and centre on the key issues in the ongoing debate surrounding salmon farming in BC. As always, Watershed Watch's focus is the protection of wild salmon.

New Salmon Farming Research

Watershed Watch contributed to the scientific understanding of interactions between salmon farming and sea lice and their impact on wild salmon by co-authoring peer reviewed papers, supporting other independent research projects, and sponsoring a mathematical modeling symposium. Our co-authored peer-reviewed paper [Dynamics of outbreak and control of salmon lice on two salmon farms in the Broughton Archipelago](#), published in



Aquaculture Environment Interactions in December 2010, confirmed that farmed salmon can significantly amplify sea lice in coastal waters of BC, and that controlling lice outbreaks presents substantial challenges to industry, regulators, and salmon conservationists. Watershed Watch also participated in research into sea lice infestation on sockeye salmon slated to be published in 2011.

Supporting Fellow Researchers

Sponsoring other researchers is a key way Watershed Watch adds to the scientific understanding surrounding sea lice and salmon farming. One sponsored study, [Predation intensifies parasite exposure in a salmonid food chain](#), indicated that sea lice transmitted from pink salmon prey to coho predators increased infection on coho by 2 to 3 fold in salmon farming areas. Another, [Evidence of farm-induced parasite infestations on wild juvenile salmon in multiple regions of coastal British Columbia, Canada](#),



showed that sea lice infestation on wild salmon is highest near salmon farms, and concludes that exposure to salmon farms was the only consistently significant factor to explain changes in levels of sea lice on wild salmon.

Sea Lice 2010 Conference

The 8th International Sea Lice Conference, held in Victoria in May 2010, brought together scientists, industry and regulators to discuss epidemiology, modeling, molecular genetics and genomics, wild-farm fish interactions, integrated pest management, resistance, and regulatory policy. Watershed Watch participated in this conference and co-sponsored the associated Mathematical Modeling Symposium and Workshop. The modeling symposium was aimed at both biologists interested in modeling techniques used in sea lice research as well as quantitative scientists interested in applying models to better understand sea lice biology and management.



Aquaculture a Key Topic in Cohen Inquiry

Aquaculture hearings may not be on the official calendar until August 2011, but this topic has already been a major topic at the Cohen Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River. As a member of the Conservation Coalition, Watershed Watch joined calls for the release of detailed data on pathogens and sea lice from salmon farms and provided detailed affidavits to allow the Inquiry to fully investigate the role salmon farms may play in the decline of Fraser sockeye.

Calling for Transparency in Aquaculture Regulations

Salmon farming management underwent a shift in 2010 with the transfer of oversight from the provincial to federal government. Although there were some areas of improvement in the new Pacific Aquaculture Regulations, introduced by Fisheries and Oceans Canada in December 2010, Watershed Watch and CAAR highlighted concerns around the transparency of industry reporting and lack of clarity concerning possible exemption from habitat destruction provisions of the Fisheries Act.

Watershed Watch emphasized the need for mandatory data reporting and full transparency in order to build public confidence in salmon farm management in CAAR's 2009 submission on [Regulation of Finfish Aquaculture](#).



Working Toward Solutions

To address the threats from open net-pen salmon farms on wild salmon, Watershed Watch has been working toward a variety of short and long-term solutions. As an emergency measure, Watershed Watch and nine other environmental groups in a [letter](#) urged Fisheries and Oceans Canada to close three salmon farms and implement a migration corridor to protect out-migrating Fraser River sockeye. As a longer term solution, CAAR has been working with Marine Harvest Canada on the development of a commercial scale closed containment project that would provide a physical barrier between farmed and wild fish. Though not a perfect solution, closed containment would alleviate many of the threats posed by open net-pen farming. Watershed Watch also helped organize two workshops on closed containment—one with SFU in April (see Speaking for the Salmon above) and one with Tides Canada in June. A [Fisheries and Oceans Canada study](#) also affirmed the viability of closed containment technology for salmon aquaculture.

Broughton Area Monitoring Plan

Watershed Watch and CAAR continued work with Marine Harvest, other producers and regulators on the implementation of a Broughton Area Monitoring Plan to monitor interim relief to the area's wild salmon, as we work towards our goal of a coast-wide transition to closed containment. Newly gained access to ten years of farm and wild fish data will help us develop an improved understanding of and protection from current salmon farming operations.



Improving Water Management

Improving water management—especially the largely unregulated management of BC’s groundwater—remained a key focus for Watershed Watch in 2010. BC’s archaic water laws are putting salmon and their habitat at risk, and Watershed Watch has been working through Living Water Smart’s Water Act Modernization process to provide input on how this key resource can be better managed. We are also striving to increase consideration for wild salmon in water policy, and raise public awareness of the importance of groundwater.

Water Act Modernization

Watershed Watch’s [Brief on BC Water Act Reform](#) and our submission [Watershed Watch Advocates for Clear Standards for Environmental Flows in WAM Process](#) to the OurWaterBC.ca website detail key changes we feel need to be in a revised *Water Act* for British Columbia.

One of Watershed Watch’s recommendations is mentioned in Living Water Smart’s [Report on Engagement](#) (page 43), and we continue to provide input and feedback on what changes are needed to BC’s main water law in order to adequately protect salmon and salmon habitat, especially the urgent need for a long-term, holistic approach to groundwater management



Water Opinion Poll

The public’s support for protecting water, rivers and wild salmon was confirmed with the results from polling organized by Watershed Watch and others. The poll, by McAllister Opinion Research group, interviewed 835 British Columbians from October 25 - 31, 2010. Salmon’s need for water was given a much higher priority than most other consumptive uses, especially diverting rivers for power. The results also show that people are willing to slow development and growth to protect water and salmon, and few are happy with the job government is doing.



Water Issues Symposium

The Vancouver Aquarium hosted a Water Issues Symposium in July 2010 with Alexandra Cousteau's [Expedition Blue Planet](#) team. The symposium was part of the team’s world tour to raise awareness about global water issues. Watershed Watch Executive Director, Craig Orr, was invited to be part of the panel discussion and give his perspective on the critical freshwater issues facing British Columbia and Canada.

Watershed Watch Outreach and Media

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