



Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association

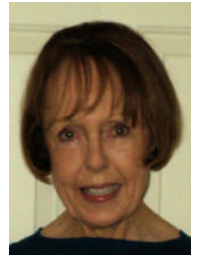
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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

How did this happen so fast? We're still enjoying the crazy pace of all the summer activities, but also looking ahead to the fall with this September issue!



Special Thanks to the Volunteers

What would we do without you people!? This has been a great year for people stepping up when needed. As usual, we're indebted to our long-time members who can always be counted on, but this year we've had many of our new members *ask* to help, too. Among our most consistent supporters have been some regulars from the new Women Shooters' Club. All gifts of time and expertise have been sincerely appreciated, especially when you've lifted loads off the shoulders of some of our long-time people who are used to being "flogged" mercilessly.

Range Safety Officer (RSO) Program

A big THANK-YOU is extended to the people who have been supervising the Ranges as RSOs. Their presence has generated a lot of very positive feedback, and it's obvious that safety is being addressed effectively. With their new red & black vests & caps, many new people appreciate having an identifiable individual who will provide guidance and answer questions along with the obvious increased safety.

Range Safety Orientation

NEW MEMBERS: The first Orientation course, presented by David Michaud was presented Wednesday, August 08 at 7:00 p.m. up at the Range. Although they didn't know it, the 14 people who attended this first presentation basically had guinea pig status with this brand new program. We're very grateful to them for jumping right in, and for their unwitting assistance in helping to get the bugs ironed out!

A reminder from last month:

If you were not a member in 2011, you will be welcome to join VFGPA again for 2013, but you will not be granted access to any ranges until you have completed the Orientation Course.

Please see David's announcement later in this publication for the next available date.

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The Range Safety Committee is investigating ways to make the session times more flexible and more frequent so that all 600 (or more) of you new members can qualify before the **2013 memberships go on sale November 01, 2012.**

A **discount** applies if your 2013 membership is purchased by **December 31.** Even if you haven't completed Orientation, it's still a good idea to purchase your membership at the discount, and then earn you Range Access Sticker by attending the Orientation later.

Summer Highlights

Congratulations to Tony Hackett, Paul Hill, and assorted hard working volunteers for the success of the new 5-Stand Skeet facility. After opening a little over a month ago, this is a hugely popular activity on the Shotgun Range. Lots of fun having clays pop out from five different directions! Skeet and 5-Stand practice are on alternate Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. to closing. Check the Calendar on the website.

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More recently, on July 29, we welcomed the staffs of **the Q! 100.3** and **the ZONE! 91.3** for their annual Range Day. This is how they have chosen to be thanked for their overwhelmingly generous efforts in advertising our Outdoor Discovery Day on Father's Day. This year the gang of 36 staff & their guests chose to try Archery and Trap at the Shotgun Range, and then head up to the Multi-Purpose Range to try out some handguns. They also managed to set up and make time for a delicious BBQ with some help from Perry Chow. Many thanks to the volunteers who fulfilled all the visitors' wishes!

Actually, it was hard to tell who was having more fun – the volunteer members or the guests! Everyone left, vowing to return next year.

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Last weekend the Black Powder Club held one of their two annual Rendezvous long weekends. Fortunately for "yours truly" was able to be up there and see part of the action (Perry Chow will have a report on it in the next October 2012 VFGPA Newsletter). The +30 deg. heat didn't deter anyone but me from taking part, which proves that obviously all of the five dozen participants are tougher than your president!.

Looking Ahead

The Juniors' Club will be starting up again in September. Air gun and .22 target shooting will be offered on Saturdays. Anyone who has already been registered will receive an e-mailed information poster when start-up date is decided. If you would like to be on this list, please contact Chantel Spicer at chantelspicer@shaw.ca.

The next Members' General Meeting will be held **September 17**, and will be a regular **Business Meeting**. As usual, the meeting is planned to be held at Strawberry Vale Community Hall, 11 High Street, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

We'll be conducting a draw for some of the gifts received from the BC Wildlife Federation for selling over 100 tickets in their Conservation Lottery. The Lottery raised \$35,000. for conservation projects across the province.

See you in September!

Myrna Francis,
VFGPA President

IMPORTANT NOTICE VFGPA BBQ & PICNIC:

The Victoria Fish & Game Salmon BBQ & Picnic has been cancelled due to low tickets sales & not enough volunteers. Refunds will be issued to those who have purchased tickets. We will be considering the possibility of choosing to hold the event at a later date that is convenient to more people.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION on the BCWF Wilderness Watch Program



Attention ALL BCWF members:

Please find the Wilderness Watch membership application form at : http://www.bcdf.net/images/stories/Programs/Wilderness_Watch/Wilderness_Watch_Application_Form_October_2009.pdf

BCWF will be issuing **NEW Wilderness Watch member ID cards** in September and require ALL *existing and new* Wilderness Watch members to complete and return the application form to the BCWF office as soon as possible.

BC Wildlife Federation- Wilderness Watch Program
c/o Kerry Smith, Program Assistant
101-9706 188 Street
Surrey, BC V4N 3M2

Fax: [604-882-9933](tel:604-882-9933)

Email: core_assistant@bcwf.bc.ca coreassistant@bcwf.bc.ca

BONUS: All applications received by September 30, 2012 will receive a FREE Wilderness Watch cap.

As you may be aware, Wilderness Watch is a province-wide BCWF program designed to assist federal and provincial resource enforcement agencies in their protection of BC's fish, wildlife and habitat. While on patrol, Wilderness Watch volunteers visit areas used for hunting, fishing, hiking and other outdoor recreational activities to look out for any infractions of environmental legislations (fish and wildlife poaching, pollution, vandalism etc.). Wilderness Watch volunteers (who must also be BCWF members) are needed now, more than ever, to be the extra eyes and ears in partnership with resource agencies.

For more information on the Wilderness Watch program, [click here](#).

Thank you for your support of this important BCWF program.

Jim Helsdon
Wilderness Watch Provincial Coordinator
BC Wildlife Federation
E jhelsdon@shaw.ca

**SKEET AND 5- STAND NOTICE**

Skeet practice and 5-stand will be held on alternate Tuesdays in August. Please refer to the club web-site calendar for practice times beyond August.

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with additional shoots and information please add your name and email address to the 5-stand mailing list here <http://eepurl.com/jllEr>

AUGUST

5 - stand August 7, 5 - stand
Skeet August 14, Skeet
5 - stand August 21, 5 - stand
Skeet August 28, Skeet



For safety reasons no other activities are allowed on the shotgun range during skeet practice

Thanks, Tony Hackett
aghackett@shaw.ca or 250 658-2355.

Canadian Firearms Safety course; Non Restricted & Restricted PAL courses and challenges; Call;

- David Michaud; (250) 385-3658 or (250) 389-8897
- Dave Degrassi; (250) 474-3483
- Mark-J. Nussabaumer (250) 888-7801 or (403) 679-8122

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) course; Call;

- Robin Pike (250)812-4316 (5-9 pm) thepikes@shaw.ca or
- Murray Kilshaw (250)382-1029 (9-5pm) coreexaminer@shaw.ca

Federal Firearms Verifier

- Mark-J. Nussabaumer 250-888-7801 or 403-679-8122

GUN SHOWS COMING UP

August 19 - in Duncan (information contact Geoff M. at (250)746-7812

October 21 - in Courteney (information contact Bob M. at (250)339-1179

October 27 & 28—in Victoria (information contact John Pullen at (250)474-2512
located at the Saanich Fairground at 1528 Stelly's Crossroad, Saanichton, BC

November 25 - in Duncan (information contact Geoff M. at (250)746-7812

2012 BCRA Tactical Rifle Championship (Aug 31-Sept 2 Vokes Range Chilliwack)

Anyone interested in partnering for this shoot? I'm technically proficient but light on trigger time out to 600m but am keen to develop the skills and put the time in to be competitive. If interested contact John Volpe at jpv@uvic.ca / 250.888.7711 More Info:

<http://www.bctacticalrifle.com/www.bctacticalrifle.com/Home.html>

JUNIORS TRAP

Our Juniors program is looking to expand into trapshooting this summer. We're looking to have between five and ten juniors participate. It will likely be held on a Wednesday evening, the date still has to be determined. This will be a by donation event and ammo and guns as well as expertise are provided. No prior experience is required. Open to kids age seven and up. If you are interested in participating or helping out please contact Jeremy Osborne at jtosborne14@yahoo.ca We can only take a limited number so please RVSP quickly. We will look to set the dates in the next week. Thank you, Jeremy



MOMMY AND ME SHOOT JULY 21st

On July 21st the **Victoria Women's Shooting Club** hosted a "Mommy and Me Shoot" at the Multi-purpose range drawing roughly 20 participants, half of whom had never, ever shot before!

The day started with a safety briefing by FGPA Pres: Myrna Francis, and RSO and Exec: Lisa Nichols before the group split into two.

All firearms were 22 calibre. Newbies started off with new FGPA member and VWSC Execs, Jennah Stavroff and Dawne Deeley on club revolvers while some of the semi-experienced ladies (and their mainly teenage sons who seemed to be gladly pulled away from video games for the day) got going on rifles with Myrna and Lisa.

Our youngest was 8 year old Bailey who came with her mom Whitney and her grandma Katherine. The oldest?... We'll never tell!

Half of our participants for the day were children or nephews of members showing what a family sport shooting can be! The boys eventually had to be pulled away from the rifles after about 4 hours of shooting. All in all the feedback was great and the volunteers (Dawne, Lisa, Myrna and Jennah) all had a great time. The day ended with a good clean-up and some timbits before we said farewell. Our next event in August is a Skeet and Trap day with the hope of organizing a Black powder Shoot in September. Anyone interested in getting on the Victoria Women's Shooting Club e-mail list can simply e-mail victoriawomensshootingclub@gmail.com

We strive to be an inclusive and democratic group and are always open to suggestions on events or the direction of the club. If you have questions or would like to at anytime be removed from the membership list please e-mail victoriawomensshootingclub@gmail.com



THERE WILL BE NO MALAHAT MARAUDER MEETING & ALSO NO SATURDAY BLACK POWDER SHOOT THIS MONTH



Headquarters

The Pig War At Salmonella Gulch

August 24th, 25th & 26th

VFGPA 700 Holker Pl., Malahat, BC



NAME _____ ALIAS _____ Male_ Female_

SASS# _____ VFGPA# _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE _____

POSSE WITH REQUEST _____

Circle one category:

Buckaroo/ Buckaret- te13 & un- der	Young Gun 14-16	Cowboy/ Cowgirl 18+	Wrangler 36+	49'r (49 +)	Senior 60+	Silver Senior 65+	Elder States- man/ Grand Dame
B Western	Duelist	Senior Duel- ist	Frontier Cartridge	Frontier Cartridge Duelist	Gunfighter	Classic Cowboy/ Cowgirl	Frontiersman

2nd shooter

NAME _____ ALIAS _____ Male_ Female_

SASS# _____ VFGPA# _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS (if different than above) _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE/STATE _____ POSTAL CODE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

POSSE WITH REQUEST _____

Circle one category:

Buckaroo/ Buckarette 13 & under	Young Gun 14-16	Cowboy/ Cowgirl 18+	Wrangler 36+	49'r (49 +)	Senior 60+	Silver Senior 65+	Elder Statesman/ Grand Dame 70+
B Western	Duelist	Senior Duelist	Frontier Cartridge	Frontier Cartridge Duelist	Gunfighter	Classic Cowboy/ Cowgirl	Frontiersman

Pre-registration required by Wednesday August 20th. Register early as refund will be given if unable to attend.

Free dry camping from Thursday evening to Monday morning. Speed events & practice bay open Friday 4 p.m. Events include: speed side matches, 10 stage main match, mid-range rifle and Schuetzen.

Lunch will be available to purchase on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday potluck BBQ dinner & door prizes. Sunday banquet, costume contest and awards.

Buckaroo & Young Gun	Must be accompanied by an adult who is a family member	free
Adult	\$60 for first shooter, \$50 for each additional family member	
Saturday Potluck BBQ & Door Prizes	Enjoy the pulled pork provided or bring your own meat to BBQ. Circle the item you will bring to share.	Salad, Dessert , or Vegetable dish
Sunday banquet tickets (must pre-pay)	\$25 x _____ (specify if vegetarian option required _____)	
Please make your cheque payable to V F G P A and mail with registration form to Terry Parkinson aka Colorado Charlie 7016 Con-ada Road, Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1E7		Total Registration Fee \$

**Additional Information:**

Events include: speed side matches, 10 stage main match 6 Sat and 4 Sun, mid range rifle and Schuetzen.

Lunch will be available to purchase on Saturday and Sunday.

Ammunition count (minimum): rifle 120 rounds, pistol rounds 120 rounds, shotgun 75 rounds

Friday August 24th

1:30 p.m. Rifle Range

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Rifle Range

Target Set-up crew meets at the storage shed.

Registration Packages Available/Speed Side Matches/Practice Bay open.

Saturday August 25th

8:30 a.m. Main Club House

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

Welcome/Mandatory safety meeting

Six main match stages

Range and Practice Range Closed

Pulled Pork BBQ potluck & door prizes

Sunday August 26th

8:00 a.m. Main Club House

8:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Rifle Range

4:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Main Club House

Cowboy Church

Announcements/Mandatory safety meeting

Four main match stages

Mid-range rifle side match and Schuetzen

Range Closed

Costume Promenade/ Banquet dinner/ Costume and Shooting Awards

NEAR BY MOTELS

Malahat Mountain Inn, 265 Trans Canada Hwy., Victoria, BC 250 478-1975

Malahat Ocean View Motel, 231, Trans Canada Hwy., Victoria, BC 250-478-9231

Malahat Bungalows, 300A Trans Canada Hwy., Victoria, BC 250-478-3011

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS TO EXPLORE

Butchart Gardens http://www.butchartgardens.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

Whale Watching <http://www.hellobc.com/vancouver-island/things-to-do/parks-wildlife/whale-watching.aspx>

Tea at the Empress <http://www.fairmont.com/empress/GuestServices/Restaurants/AfternoonTea.htm>

Craigdorrach Castle www.thecastle.ca

Royal BC Museum www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

BC Marine Museum <http://www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/MainSite/default.aspx>

Imax Theatre <http://www.imaxvictoria.com/>

Pacific Undersea Garden www.pacificunderseagardens.com

Minature World www.miniatureworld.com

Wineries <http://www.bestbnbvictoria.com/victoriaattractions/wine.php>

ATTENTION U.S. COMPETITORS

Download non-resident declaration form 909 from www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp. Then, call the Canadian Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000 to acquire your authorization to transport permits. Handguns must be transported fitted with trigger locks in a locked hard case. Long guns must not be visible in your car and it must be locked when you are not in your car.

For further information contact:

Registration: Terry Parkinson tdparkinson@shaw.ca (250) 652-5603

Match Director : Al Wilson Hawewater.hal@gmail.com or (250) 920-8707



Victoria Frontier Shootists

There are several island cowboy shoots coming up in July and August. If you have not already done so please get your Headquarters registration in to Colorado Charlie this month. Or you can drop off your registration with Victoria Diamond at the Victoria shoots this weekend. Please register for Headquarters early as it helps the club out with planning. A full refund will be given if you are unable to attend.



August 24th to 26th - Headquarters - The Pig War at Salmonella Gulch

(side matches/10 stages/Saturday Potluck BBQ/door prizes/ Sunday afternoon Schuetzen/ Sunday catered banquet (must pre-pay), costume contest, awards).

Shoot Cost \$60, \$50 each additional family member, child accompanied by adult family member shoot free.

Registration form attached. The 2012 Schuetzen Target has once again generously been donated by Cornelius O'Keefe and will be on display at Pullen's Gun Shop.

As well, The Valley Regulators at Courtenay Fish and Game are hosting two big cowboy matches this summer. Registration forms available on their web site <http://www.valleyregulators.com/>

July 21st & 22nd - Showdown in the Valley, the Island Championship

August 30th to September 2nd - Boom Town, SASS Canadian National Championship

Al Wilson

THE VICTORIA FRONTIER SHOOTISTS

Thank you to our July stage writers, Grey Fox for the Wild Bunch and Six Gun Simon for the Cowboy Action Monthly Shoot. We had great SUMMER weather, and a good turn out. Congratulations to the Wild Bunch Match winner, Six Gun Simon, and the Cowboy Monthly Match winner, Haweater Hal!!

The Island championships of Cowboy Action Shooting were held on the 21 and 22 of July in Courtenay. The overall match winner by .54 seconds was VFG member Victoria Diamond aka Joleen Wilson. Hubby Hal aka Al Wilson came in second.

Headquarters, our annual match will be held August 24th to 26th at the shotgun and rifle ranges. Over 50 shooters will attend from Washington, Alberta and across BC. Spectators are welcome to watch the competition. Shooting 9 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday there will be more cowboy action shooting in the morning followed by the Scheutzen in the afternoon. Please note that eye and ear protection are mandatory so come prepared. An event like this takes many volunteers to be a success.

Thank you to all,
Al Wilson





BEGINNER RELOADING COURSE

More Details: This course is 3 hours in length and is conducted in a classroom. Each student is taught reloading safety; center-fire cartridge components; reloading data; equipment; the metallic cartridge reloading process and what equipment is best for you. Refreshments are also included.

Taught by VFGPA Board Member Dan Bauer

Cost: \$30 - \$20 for VFGPA members

When: Tuesday August 28th 7-10pm

Where: The Victoria Fish and Game Club House.

Our physical address is: 700 Holker Place, Malahat, BC V9B 2V5

Registration :

Contact Instructor by email Heavymetaldan@hotmail.com or by phone (250) 896-0979

Directions to our property:

Our property, our Shooting Sports Ranges, and the Clubhouse are located a short 15 minute drive north of Victoria. Travel north from Victoria on the Trans Canada Highway #1 to the top of Malahat Mountain. Turn right on to Holker Place, and go 100 meters to our property entrance. Holker Place is approximately 1 kilometre past Shawnigan Lake Road and is opposite the turnoff to Spectacle Lake Provincial Park. The Club House is at the top left of the property and there is ample free parking.

Orientation Session

By the time you receive this newsletter we should have had our first Clubs Orientation Session in the Clubhouse. A good place to have any of your questions answered, we will be going through the latest rules/regulations and policy as well as included photos of places you might not have seen as yet. A quick walk about to the Rifle/Pistol and Shotgun ranges.

Next Orientation Session after August 8th is Sept 5th- 7pm and Sept 23rd -10 am.

David Michaud

CRSO

david_michaud@shaw.ca

JOHN DEERE RIDING MOWER

Outdoor Discovery Day, at the range on Father's Day generated most of the capital to purchase a pre-owned John Deere Riding Mower.

Thanks to Jim Carson and others for their contributions, and soliciting attendees at the Discovery Day Event. This machine is much needed to keep the property tidy and groomed. Many thanks, also, to Jim Carson for his exhaustive search and his impressive negotiating skills in acquiring this machine for the Club



**STEELHEAD STREAM CLASSIFICATION POLICY**

The provincial government is currently conducting a five year review of their steelhead stream classification policy and accepting public comments until July 31. The overall purpose of this policy is to place priority on the conservation of wild steelhead stocks and to manage risks associated with hatcheries to minimize risks to wild stocks. The policy recognizes that angling benefits can be derived from hatchery use, and outlines criteria necessary to meet the 'hatchery augmented' classification. Default classification is 'wild', and procedures provide management approaches for the two classifications. Most notably, all wild streams are non-retention only, and management priorities will reflect the conservation status of both 'wild' and hatchery augmented' streams. Streams classified as 'hatchery augmented' will be enhanced for the purpose of providing harvest fisheries, not to rebuild natural production.

The above comments are the current regulations contained in the Steelhead Stream Classification Policy. The following letter is in response to a February 10 letter from the Amalgamated Conservation Society to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations concerning hatchery enhancement of Sooke and Goldstream River steelhead.

Thanks,
Wayne Zaccarelli

Wayne Zaccarelli, Secretary-Treasurer
Amalgamated Conservation Society

Dear Mr. Zaccarelli:

Your letter of February 10, 2012 to Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) hatchery augmentation and government policy has been referred to me for a response. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Regarding hatchery augmentation, the ministry has supported a variety of hatchery augmentation programs for steelhead on Vancouver Island including both smolt and fry programs. The objective of smolt programs was to promote angling use whereas the objective of fry programs was primary community engagement and education. Fry programs often involved the use of local infrastructure and community members to culture steelhead fry.

Although these community-based projects initially seemed unlikely to negatively impact stocks, declines in steelhead stocks observed in the last decade, due to poor marine survival, has placed many small steelhead stocks into the conservation concern or extreme conservation concern zones. When stocks are in these conservation zones, the removal of even a few adults for fry programs can represent a biologically significant impact to the population and can reduce the ability of these same stocks to recover.

These hatchery programs are evaluated annually to confirm predicted program objectives and hatchery programs which are not meeting predicted objectives and outcomes are adjusted or discontinued. The ministry refers to the Steelhead Stream Classification Policy, which has been in place since 2005 when considering the disposition of hatchery programs and the overall purpose of this policy is to manage the risks in order to maintain healthy, self-sustaining wild steelhead stocks. This policy recognizes that hatchery augmentation may provide angling benefits and addresses the conditions under which streams should be considered as candidates for steelhead hatchery augmentation; however, this policy also recognizes the risks of hatchery augmentation and acknowledges the lack of scientific evidence to support the use of traditional hatchery practices to recover "at-risk" steelhead stocks.

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Under the Steelhead Stream Classification Policy, all streams that contain steelhead are classified as:

- (a) "wild" - managed to maintain and protect the abundance, distribution and genetic diversity of indigenous steelhead stocks in the province while providing angling opportunities when stock abundance permits;
- (b) "hatchery-augmented" - managed to maintain or develop new angling opportunities while minimizing risks to wild indigenous steelhead.

In order for a stream to be classified as "hatchery-augmented" there must be a reasonable expectation of creating a viable angling opportunity in a cost-effective manner and the following criteria are required:

- Systems that have been historically augmented and where continued augmentation is not considered to pose a risk to extant wild stocks or;
- Systems where a wild stock has been depleted or otherwise impacted to the point that recovery is not considered possible or;
- Systems where a steelhead population never existed and potential impacts to other native species have been evaluated and are considered acceptable.

Using the above criteria, streams with a small but viable population, such as the Sooke and Goldstream Rivers, are not appropriate candidates for hatchery-augmentation because there is no likelihood of creating a viable angling opportunity and there is a risk to extant wild stocks.

While the ministry appreciates the efforts of the Amalgamated Conservation Society and the Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society for running hatcheries since the early 1980s, our understanding of the efficacy of hatchery steelhead programs has evolved over the last 30 years. Studies across the west coast of North America clearly demonstrate that hatchery programs are not an effective tool for recovering wild steelhead populations and, in fact, hatchery programs harm, rather than help, these populations. It is worth noting that no steelhead stock in the Province of British Columbia has demonstrated "recovery" through the use of hatchery augmentation despite considerable investments in these programs.

In regards to the Columbia Fuels oil/fuel spill April 16, 2011, the ministry does not believe that hatchery augmentation would benefit the recovery of the steelhead population for the reasons provided above. As recommended in the Steelhead Stream Classification Policy, the ministry instead encourages non-government partners and public involvement groups to undertake projects which promote wild stock recovery through habitat protection, restoration, or enrichment.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding these topics or others, please feel free to contact Mike Stalberg, Fish and Wildlife Section Head, Nanaimo by phone at 250-751-3100 or by email at Mike.Stalberg@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for writing and sharing your interest and concerns.

Yours truly,

Craig Sutherland
Assistant Deputy Minister, Coast Area
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 250-387-9773



JUNIOR ANGLER TROPHY

The Jack Hiscock Memorial Trophy for the junior fisherman of the year has been recovered from storage and will be presented to the junior member who enters the quality catch of the year. The competition is open to any species of fish - both fresh and saltwater. Just complete the information contained in the fish entry slip which appears in each newsletter. Include the age of the junior member. If the fish is a 'catch and release' entry, include the length and girth measurements. E-mail this information and picture (if possible) to chairman at whz@shaw.ca

A picture of the Jack Hiscock Memorial Trophy.



The following entries have been received since the last newsletter:

Wayne Zaccarelli	17 lb 3 oz Chinook	July 07	Macaulay Point
Wayne Zaccarelli	20 lb Chinook	July 18	Victoria Harbour

A few pictures from the VFGPA Family Fishing Day June the 16th, 2012



**VICTORIA FISH & GAME ANNUAL BIG GAME COMPETITION**

Hunters are reminded that Blacktail deer taken in MU 1-1 through 1-13 by Victoria Fish & Game members are eligible for the five trophies available each year. Deer must be field dressed which means that the heart, liver and kidneys (edible portions) are the only internal organs which can be included when the animal is weighed. Deer must be weighed on Club scales by the caretaker or his designate.

The official weigher reserves the right to refuse weighing any deer which arrives in an unpresentable condition. Lungs must be removed and body cavity wiped dry with a rag or paper towels. Deer 160 pounds and over taken with a rifle and 140 pounds and over taken by bow and arrow must be witnessed by an executive member at time of weighing. Please contact the Club caretaker or Wayne Zaccarelli to make arrangements.

Trophies available include:

McIlwaine Van & Storage (est. 1955) largest deer / rifle
Victoria Fish & Game (est. 1966) largest scoring antlers
Robinson's Sporting Goods (est. 1970) largest deer / bow & arrow
Bob Hollingworth Memorial (est. 1983) largest buck deer / junior member
Malahat Marauders (est. 1990) largest deer / muzzle loader

Gold, silver and bronze buttons are awarded in both rifle and bow & arrow classes for deer in the following weight categories:

	<u>RIFLE</u>	<u>BOW & ARROW</u>
Gold	180 lb +	160 lb +
Silver	160 - 179 ½ lb	140 - 159 ½ lb
Bronze	140 - 159 ½ lb	120 - 139 ½ lb

In addition, the Victoria Fish & Game Bear trophy is awarded annually for the largest Black bear taken by a Club member. Boone & Crockett Club scoring is used to determine the largest entry. Boundaries are again MU 1-1 through 1-13.

To All Avid Outdoors people

It's URGENT for you to take a look at this link, especially if you are a hunter, or any other outdoor sportsman (either gender). This petition needs to be signed by all. If all goes their way, all outdoor activities will change not only in BC but this could spread throughout Canada! **Petition available to sign at Island Outfitters in Victoria and every sporting store across BC.** If you enjoy hunting and fishing and the outdoors, you need to make a stand, as you know this stuff won't end. Canadians are looking like foreigners in their own country. Stand up for your rights! You have them too!

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/story/2012/06/27/bc-appeal-court-tsilhqotin-rights.html>

Sent by Lorenzo Sforza

p.s. These are the letters concerning the matter:

1. https://dl.dropbox.com/u/64595952/Moose_Hunting.pdf
2. http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/management-issues/docs/fact-sheet_provincial_moose_population_may2012.pdf
3. <http://www.welcometowilliamslake.ca/index.php/the-news/local-news/4816-local-sportsmens-association-protests-tng-proposal.html>
4. <http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/moose+ravaged+salvage+logging+beetle+killed+pine+forests/6972712/story.html>
5. http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/management-issues/docs/gmz5b_alternative_harv_strat_review.pdf



July 9, 2012

File: 77515-40-ELKB

Amalgamated Conservation Society
1101 Munro Street
Victoria, BC V9A 5P2
Email: whz@shaw.ca



Attention: Wayne Zaccarelli, Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Mr. Zaccarelli:

Thank you for your email dated June 9, 2012, regarding your members concern over the declining state of the aquatic environment at Elk Lake.

As you may be aware, Elk Lake has had a history of water quality concerns. In 1988, in response to increased public concern regarding the water quality in Elk and Beaver lakes, the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the Ministry of Environment (MOE) undertook an extensive water quality monitoring program. At that time it was also anticipated that increasing residential, agricultural and commercial development in the watershed could potentially affect water quality. Based on the results of this study, ambient water quality objectives were developed for Elk and Beaver lakes in 1992 to help guide management decisions. The goal was to restore and protect the water quality in the lakes so it was acceptable for the designated water uses: recreation and protection of aquatic life. However, very little was accomplished at this time as the objectives were not embraced by local governments. The Elk/Beaver water quality report can be found on line at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wat/wq/objectives/elkbeaver/saanich.html>

The findings from the 1992 water quality report indicated that the extensive aquatic plant growth in the lakes, including algal blooms, was caused by high concentrations of nutrients, phosphorus in particular. A phosphorus budget was calculated for Elk Lake, which showed that the majority of phosphorus (approximately 70%) within the lake was a result of internal loading from the hypolimnion or bottom sediments. Other sources of phosphorus identified were septic inflow (18%), Inflow Creeks (9%) and atmospheric loading. During the early land development period around Elk Lake, nutrients bound to sediment particles through land clearing activities, would have been a large external source of phosphorus to the lake. The phosphorus would slowly accumulate in the lake bottom, and under normal lake conditions would be permanently bound to the sediment particles. However under reducing conditions, when oxygen levels become low at the water sediment interface, the phosphorus is released into the overlying water column (internal loading) and becomes available for plankton growth.

Lake management strategies to improve water quality in Elk Lake were recommended in the 1992 report, and included the reduction of phosphorus through various ways, such as aeration, and land management practices. Aeration of Elk Lake would eliminate the physical and chemical conditions at the bottom of the lake that cause internal loading. Land management practices to reduce phosphorus loading from external sources included reduction of livestock access to O'Donnell Creek and the stabilization of eroding stream banks. It was also suggested that the Municipality of Saanich and the CRD should develop a plan to manage storm water run-off from roads, agricultural activities, urban development, and fertilizers from lawns and gardens, as well as develop a septic tank maintenance plan to ensure the tile fields were working.

From 1993 to 1995 the lakes were monitored to determine whether water quality objectives were being met. Additional sampling was conducted by CRD staff in 2006 and MOE regional staff in 2007. All the results consistently showed that water quality objectives were not being met for dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll a and plankton community structure, and that both Elk and Beaver lakes were eutrophic to highly eutrophic (high nutrients).



Some restorative activities have occurred along O'Donnel Creek, where the District of Saanich with local stewardship groups conducted a two year riparian restoration project, which should contribute to improving water quality in the lakes. In 2007, following a report released by Ministry of Health regarding sewer system standards, the District of Saanich passed a bylaw which stated that by the end of 2010, all septic systems will need to be pumped out and/or maintained by a professional, depending on the type of system in place. Assuming this program is enforced, it could greatly help reduce the number of faulty septic systems that may be in place within the Elk and Beaver Lake watershed.

The formation of the Elk-Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory group has brought the issue of water quality back to the forefront. While aeration as a restoration option was discussed at the April 24, 2012 meeting, it is still only a theoretical option and a feasibility study would have to be conducted to determine if and what type of aeration was suitable for Elk Lake. The feasibility study could also include the investigation of other restorative options and whether they are suitable or not for Elk Lake, both environmentally and economically.

As indicated in your letter, aeration can be very costly. The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO), Fish and Wildlife sections do operate many lake aeration systems in other locations around BC. However, these systems are installed and operated to provide fisheries where lake conditions are naturally over-productive as the result of geological or physical conditions, and not the result of human development/activity. While historically on Vancouver Island, the Fish and Wildlife section has been solely managing the aerators on St. Mary, Langford and Glen lakes, they are no longer able to take on this role. The poor water quality conditions in these lakes, and in Elk Lake, are largely a result of historical inputs of nutrients from anthropogenic activities. More recently the onus has been placed on local government agencies to support and manage these aeration systems, in addition to developing watershed plans to manage external sources of nutrients.

That being said, the Fish and Wildlife section does have a vested interest in maintaining fish habitat and fishing conditions and will continue to work with local stakeholders. In 2007, a new aeration system was installed on St. Mary Lake and was almost entirely funded by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, with little or no involvement from the Regional Fish and Wildlife section. Furthermore, the City of Langford is being encouraged to take the lead on obtaining funds for the aeration replacement project in Langford Lake.

In regards to Elk Lake, the District of Saanich and the CRD are the lead authorities responsible for developing a plan to look at restoration options in conjunction with a review of land use practices and overall nutrient inputs. This recommendation was also put forward in the 1992 MOE water quality objectives report. It would seem reasonable that the Elk-Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory group or a technical subcommittee of all the stakeholders would be the ideal group to work on this project. A potential funding source for either the feasibility or implementation of a restoration project is the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF), which receives a large portion of its funds from anglers through the purchase of freshwater fishing licenses.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at 250-751-3146 or Deb.Epps@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for writing and sharing your concerns regarding Elk and Beaver Lakes.

Yours truly,

Deborah Epps, M.Sc. R.P.Bio.

Environmental Impact Assessment Biologist

Cc: Janette Loveys, Manager Park Operations Services, CRD Parks and Chair, Elk-Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group
Scott Silvestri, Small Lakes Fisheries Biologist, FLNRO
Department of Sustainability, Environmental Protection Division, CRD



Open Letter to Resident Hunters re: Moose Population Region 5

Dear Wayne,

The Tl'etinqox-t'in have announced a no-hunting area for the Anaham Range, except for Tsilhqot'in hunters and Tl'etinqox-t'in members who have guide operations. The rationale for this announcement is low moose populations.

Recent inventory (2011/12) has shown significant declines in parts of Regions 5, 6 and 7a. Many of these declines are associated with large-scale salvage logging for mountain pine beetle. There has been a significant increase in wolf populations in all of these areas according to First Nations, trappers, outfitters, resident hunters, and other outdoor users. The Province has put together a task force to deal with the declines in moose populations.

While unfortunate, this decline in moose demonstrates the reality of budget cuts and funding shortfalls for wildlife management in British Columbia. Basic management functions are on life support and have been for more than a decade. Creating healthy and abundant wildlife populations collaboratively rather than fighting over what remains should be the approach taken by all parties.

As a resident hunter, you can drive positive change by contacting your local MLA. A face to face meeting is best, followed by letters and emails. Make sure you request a reply. Remember, your MLA works for you. There are two issues that need to be addressed:

The hierarchy for allocation of fish and wildlife harvest is:

- 1) Conservation
- 2) First Nations needs for food, social and ceremonial purposes
- 3) Resident Hunter
- 4) Non-Resident Hunter (guide-outfitter operations)

1. If there is sufficient moose to allow a harvest after conservation and First Nations needs are met, will government ensure resident hunters have the opportunity to hunt in all crown land areas where a harvestable surplus exists?

2. How much money is going to be committed to moose recovery and what is the timeframe?

Government has treated fishing and hunting in British Columbia as a cash cow for decades with little to no investment in the future. When you manage businesses in this manner, failure is the predictable outcome.

In many of these areas moose have generally been declining since the late 70s/early 80s. Moose recovery in these areas needs to be well funded (millions of dollars) and on the ground efforts need to start in 2013. The expectation is moose experts provide research and that their recommendations are not overridden by politics. The over-arching goal is to establish moose populations which are consistent with levels seen in the early 80s when healthy and abundant moose populations existed.

Contact your MLA and ensure they support and adequately fund science-based fish and wildlife management in British Columbia. The declines in moose are only a symptom of a much bigger problem which affects all wildlife.

If you have any questions, please contact BCWF Wildlife Committee Chair, Wilf Pfleiderer - wilfp@telus.net or Vice Chair Jesse Zeman - jessezeman@shaw.ca. The BCWF will provide updates as this situation continues to evolve.

In Conservation,

Bill Bosch
President, BC Wildlife Federation



Regardless of the reason for the moose decline (if in fact it exists) this appears to be another example of the natives managing the resource instead of letting the government managers do their job. I note that there is no notice of this in the LEH hunts for moose in Region 5. It seems like just as many authorizations in all sub-units as last year. By this, I would assume that the government does not agree that the moose population is down substantially. This may just be another instance of the natives trying to push resident (and non-resident) hunters off 'their' lands (ie. crown land).

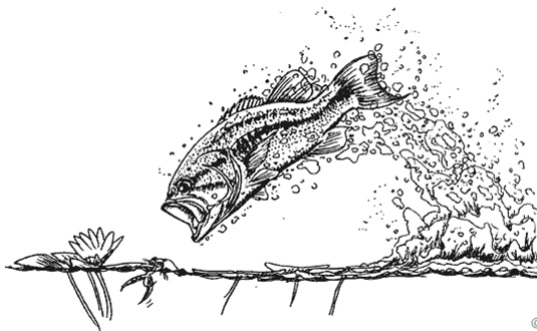
*Big Game Chairman,
Wayne Zaccarelli*

CHINOOK REGULATIONS:

Effective June 16 and until July 15, the daily catch limit for Chinook salmon in Areas 19 and 20 from Cadboro Point (Ten Mile Point) to Sheringham Point is two fish over 45 cm., only one of which may be over 67 cm.

DFO has set up three arbitrary Zones based on Chinook escapement to the Fraser River as determined by the Albion Test Fishery which started fishing April 25. To June 11, five (5) Chinook had been caught in the 8 inch mesh Chinook net. A further eight (8) Chinook had been caught in a multi panel net. Based on their number crunching, they estimate an escapement of 30,000 to 73,000 (median 47,060) which falls into Zone 2.

Zone 1	less than 30,000	2 Chinook; no wild over 85 cm.
Zone 2	30,000 - 60,000	2 Chinook; only one over 67 cm.
Zone 3	over 60,000	2 Chinook over 45 cm.



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Thank you,
Editor, Jodi Sturgill

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Thank You, Jodi Sturgill (250) 383-4622



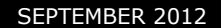
AUGUST 2012

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE:			1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP Bay 7 closed 9-4pm MP Road delays 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP Bay 7 closed 9-4pm MP Road delays 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP Bay 7 closed 9-4pm MP Road delays Black Powder 'Rendezvous': SG, RP, CH, RH & Campground CLOSED from 1pm 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Powder 'Rendezvous': SG, RP, CH, RH & Campground CLOSED
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12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C.O.R.E. Course: CH 8am-6pm Frontier Shooters: RP & RH Closed til 1:00pm 	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SKEET PRACTICE: shotgun range 3pm 	15	16	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP Bay 1 & 2 closed 10-1pm SALMON BBQ CANCELLED
19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silhouette: RP closed 9am-3pm CH Closed till 4pm 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH Closed till noon; M/P Bay 7 Closed till 4pm. 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP & RH closed 9am-4pm 5 Stand: shotgun range 3pm 	22	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frontier Shootists: Campground closed @ 12pm; SG, RP closed for setup from 3pm; CH closed all day 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIAS: MP Range closed after 1pm; setup for match "HeadQuarters" Frontier Shootists: SG, RP, CH & Campground CLOSED NO BLACK POWDER SHOOT
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "HeadQuarters" Frontier Shootists: SG, RP, CH & Campground CLOSED SIAS: club match; MP closed 9am-4pm 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP bay 1&2 closed all day NO MALAHAT MARAUDER MEETING 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP bay 1&2 closed all day CH closed till 4pm SKEET PRACTICE: shotgun range 3pm 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH Closed till noon; M/P Bay 7 Closed till 4pm. 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH closed till 4pm 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH Closed till noon; M/P Bay 7 Closed till 4pm 	



SEPTEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
SUBJECT TO CHANGE:						1
2	3 • <u>Labour Day!</u>	4 • <u>Board Mtg:</u> <u>7:30pm</u>	5	6	7 • <u>Trap Practice</u> & PITA Setup; SG: <u>noon - 6pm</u>	8 • <u>PITA: 500</u> <u>Bird Event; SG &</u> <u>Clubhouse.</u> • <u>Frontier</u> <u>Shootists: "Wild</u> <u>Bunch" Setup;</u> <u>3pm; MP closed</u>
9 • <u>PITA: 500</u> <u>Bird Event; SG &</u> <u>Clubhouse.</u> • <u>Frontier</u> <u>Shootist: "Wild</u> <u>Bunch"; MP Bays</u> <u>6/7 Closed till</u> <u>4pm</u>	10	11	12	13	14	15 • <u>C.O.R.E.</u> <u>Course; CH 8am-</u> <u>6pm</u> • <u>MP Bay 7</u> <u>closed 9-4pm</u>
16 • <u>C.O.R.E.</u> <u>Course; CH 8am-</u> <u>6pm</u> • <u>MP Bay 7</u> <u>closed 9-4pm</u> • <u>Silhouette:</u> <u>RP closed 9am-</u> <u>3pm</u>	17 • <u>General Mtg:</u> <u>Strawberry Vale</u> <u>Hall 7:30 pm</u>	18 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>Closed; 9am to</u> <u>4pm</u>	19	20	21	22 • <u>Black Pow-</u> <u>der; RP 9-2pm</u>
23	24 • <u>Malahat</u> <u>Marauders</u> <u>Meeting at</u> <u>7:30pm</u>	25	26 • <u>RP Closed 9-</u> <u>4pm</u>	27	28 • <u>RP & RH</u> <u>Closed; 9am to</u> <u>4pm</u>	29 • <u>PPC Work</u> <u>Party R/P Range</u> <u>Closed 9-3</u> • <u>SIAS; MP</u> <u>Range closed</u> <u>after 1pm; setup</u> <u>for Club Champi-</u> <u>onship</u>
30 • <u>SIAS Club</u> <u>Championship;</u> <u>MP Closed</u>						





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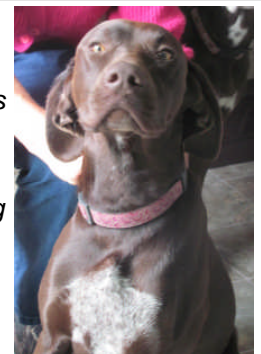
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