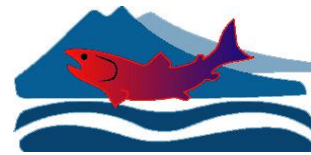


Port Moody Ecological Society Creek Crier



Raising salmon and environmental awareness since 1991

December 2011

CELEBRATING 21 YEARS IN 2012

The Port Moody Ecological Society is a 100% volunteer-run not-for-profit organisation



committed to raising funds for vital ecological projects throughout the year, including operating a salmon hatchery seven days a week and providing educational programmes for school children. We actively create public awareness of our local ecology through public speaking, festivals, and presentations to members of the public.

Many of our volunteers are pursuing careers in environmental stewardship through continuing studies and some are employed within the field as a direct result of their experience with our society. They are able to work in our water quality laboratory, raise salmon, and learn about the operations of a hatchery. This would not be possible without the support of our members and supporters.



Images by Mackenzie Katz

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are now available for \$5 per student and \$20 for families, renewable each February. By signing up now, members will receive **three months free membership**.

- Receive our newsletter
- Updates of events for regular volunteers
- Invitation to members only events throughout the year
- Coverage by insurance for any volunteer work that you do with the Port Moody Ecological Society.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Looking over the 'Highlights of 2011' album that we've added to our Facebook page (look for us at 'Noons Creek'), it reminds us of how very lucky and blessed we are to have such great volunteers. They spend hours in our unheated hatchery, some every day, to ensure the fish are taken care of but it's the nurturing of the volunteers that I treasure most. We have a 'United Nations' hatchery, as Dave likes to call it – almost every continent is represented. We also have people at different stages of their lives, some learning new skills and others passing down their knowledge to younger generations.

I would like to pay due respect to some of our older volunteers who are valued members of our team but perhaps aren't as well known as some others, including John Andrew, our Treasurer, who has a keen eye on our budget and a great sense of humour.

We also admire the work of Bill Nichol who does work for us in his own quiet manner. He's collected over 60,000



cans that have helped us to create a bursary in his name.

David Caan is a regular during the week that happily helps out wherever he's needed. He recently won an award for his work and we're so proud of him for that.

Most of us work at the hatchery on Saturday mornings so we don't get a chance to meet or thank these gentlemen but may I encourage everyone to do so next time you drop by the hatchery.

Thank you

AGM

Please note that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 7pm in the Port Moody Recreation Centre with a speaker following the meeting.



Jonathan W. Moore, Assistant Professor
Liber Ero Chair of Coastal Science and Management
Department of Biological Sciences/Resource and Environmental Management, Simon Fraser University

Our guest speaker this year is Assistant Professor John Moore, who has a passion for wild salmon. He will be discussing the dynamics of coastal ecosystems, how systems function, and how human activities impact that function. He works primarily in stream and lake systems with a focus on food webs, evolutionary, ecosystem, food-web, and community ecology viewpoints.

His current research seeks to understand how species interactions and disturbances drive ecosystem processes, community dynamics, and evolution in freshwaters, asking questions such as what are the consequences of species additions or extinctions? How are human activities altering disturbance regimes? What are the causes and ecological consequences of population dynamics of Pacific salmon, an ecologically and culturally important group of species?

Dr. Moore aims to do research that has conservation and management implications and believes that a deep understanding of the ecological consequences of human activities is needed to properly weigh management trade-offs. For more information, please look online at <http://www.sfu.ca/biology/faculty/jwmoore/Research.html>

FINGERLING FESTIVAL 2012

We are very proud to announce that we are celebrating our 21st anniversary at next year's Fingerling Festival on May 5th, 2012. Each year, our Festival Director, Dave Bennie, leads our volunteers to welcome over 4,000 people into the Port Moody Recreation Centre to enjoy fun and interesting exhibits of over 50 environmental organisations, and to help release over 40,000 chum salmon into Noons Creek for their 4 year journey at sea. This event would not be possible without our volunteers or the support throughout the year of the City of Port Moody, Pacific Coast Terminals, Reed Point Marina, Reichhold Chemicals, Inlet Seafoods, thev3h.com and many others. We anticipate selling bulbs at our hatchery for \$5 a bag, depending on when they're ready.

The Port Moody Ecological Society presents their annual



Fingerling Festival

Saturday, May 5

11am - 3pm at the Port Moody Rec. Centre & Noons Creek Hatchery, Ioco Road, V3H 2V7

Free, fun, family event

Celebrating 21 years of the society

- Help release 40,000 salmon into Noons Creek
- Wildlife Habitat Canada print for raffle
- 50 environmental organisations
- Activities and Crafts for Kids
- Daffodil & Tulip Bulbs Sale

Parking very limited - please consider alternatives
Thanks to our many supporters, including The City of Port Moody, Pacific Coast Terminals, and theV3H.com.



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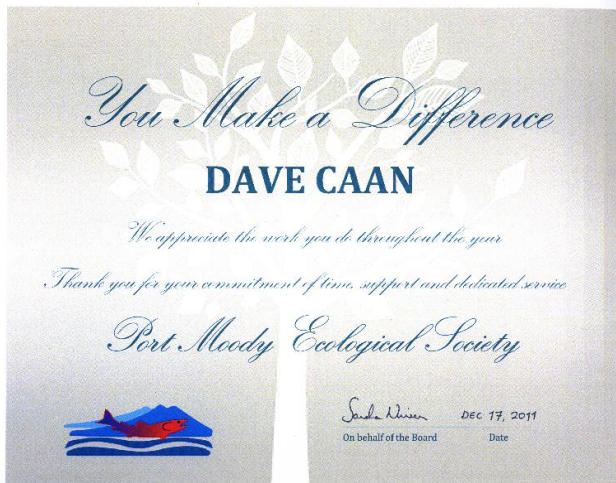
PORT MOODY Ecological SOCIETY

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We were so pleased to be able to present our volunteers with a Certificate of Appreciate this Christmas for all of their hard work throughout the year. Having such dedicated volunteers makes a huge difference to the operation of our hatchery and our events.



The Port Moody Ecological Society is always looking for new volunteers and we welcome people of all ages and levels of experience. Drop by any Saturday morning between 9am and 11am to discuss the opportunities that are available at the hatchery including water quality testing and hatchery operations.

DOG AWARENESS

Our awareness campaign is really strong this year with support from the City of Port Moody and our own volunteers helping to spread the word about how important it is to keep dogs out of the spawning creeks until April. Right now, the eggs are particularly fragile and having dogs in the water could crush them accidentally.

We have lots of dog walkers coming to the hatchery for a treat for Fido and this is a great opportunity for outreach. We invite all members of the public to drop by our hatchery for a tour, to help feed the fish and ask any questions they may have about the salmon and our local environment.

ATTENTION SALMON SPAWNING



PLEASE STAY ON THE BOARDWALK AND KINDLY KEEP YOUR DOGS ON THEIR LEASH IN THIS AREA. THE SALMON SCARE EASILY WHICH COULD MEAN THE LOSS OF UP TO 3,500 EGGS.

From late **September to mid-April**, Noons Creek is a prime salmon spawning creek and we would like to ask that you **not allow dogs to enter this creek** or the estuary during this period.



Feel free to visit us at the Noons Creek Hatchery for a visit to ask any questions – and for a treat for your dog ! Or visit us online at noonscreek.org.

Thank you for helping to protect the salmon.
The Port Moody Ecological Society Board and volunteers

HAPPY 2012

On behalf of the Board and Volunteers, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are so lucky to live in one of the prettiest cities in the world.

We look forward to seeing you in 2012 !



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE
CHECK NOONSCREEK.ORG OR [FACEBOOK](https://www.facebook.com/NoonsCreek)
FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION

WALK AROUND THE INLET

Meet us at our Noons Creek hatchery for a walk around Burrard Inlet with one of our knowledgeable volunteers. All welcome.

FINGERLING FESTIVAL 2012

Saturday, May 5th from 11am to 3pm. Held the first Saturday of each May, this well-loved event is fun, fabulous and FREE for all the family. Volunteers welcome – always !

STREAMKEEPERS COURSE

Summer (details to be confirmed). We are working with the Pacific Streamkeepers Federation and will announce the dates for this course for volunteers once confirmed. www.pskf.ca

UGLY BUG BALL V

June 2012 (details to be confirmed)
A great camping weekend organised by the DFO Community Advisors of the Lower Mainland and the Pacific Streamkeepers Federation. This weekend focuses on the volunteers and their contribution to Pacific fisheries. Information at <http://workshop.pskf.ca/>



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

A start of summer celebration at the hatchery. Details to follow. All welcome. We love our volunteers !

INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL OF METRO VANCOUVER

Summer (to be confirmed): A workshop for anyone interested in learning more about invasive species, their identification and correct removal.

GREAT CANADIAN SHORELINE PARK CLEANUP

September (details to be confirmed).
Last year, over 160 volunteers collected over 180lbs (over 2,000 items of garbage) including an antique tire, a bumper bar, lots of disposable food items.



ANNIVERSARY BBQ

Active volunteers are invited to join us for a BBQ in September to celebrate our 21st Anniversary.

TREEFEST

Saturday, September 17th from 11am – 4pm. Guided walks, crafts and activities, located at Coquitlam's Riverview Hospital. Support the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society.

BC AND WORLD RIVERS DAY

Community festivals and events around Vancouver

<http://commons.bcit.ca/riversday/>

SALMON SPAWNING SEASON: SEPTEMBER - APRIL

Please remember to keep your dogs out of the water during these precious times – one scared salmon can mean the loss of 3,500 eggs.

Winter is a key season in the early part of a salmon's life: the chum return after four years at sea to lay their eggs, which then lay in the waters until they're ready to hatch.

Thank you for helping us care for our delicate ecosystem.



FISH TAKE AT ALOUETTE

November (to be confirmed): For active volunteers only – in co-operation with the DFO, we may be doing an egg-take to collect salmon eggs (minimum age 16).

SALMON SPECTACULAR

A great day out for the entire family is a visit to the Inch Creek hatchery to see their two enormous sturgeons, then on to Weaver Creek to view thousands of sockeye in their spawning channels. Peak viewing October 15th – 20th.

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sep-pmvs/projects-projets/weaver/weaver-eng.htm>

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

DFO LIST OF EVENTS: [HTTP://WWW.PAC.DFO-MPO.GC.CA/SEP-PMVS/SCI-ICP/EVENTS-EVENEMENTS-ENG.HTM](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sep-pmvs/sci-icp/events-evenements-eng.htm)

WORLD RIVERS DAY

Held on the last Sunday of each September. Look out for updates on <http://commons.bcit.ca/worldriversday/>

OUR MANDATE

The Port Moody Ecological Society is a registered non-profit organisation with four goals:

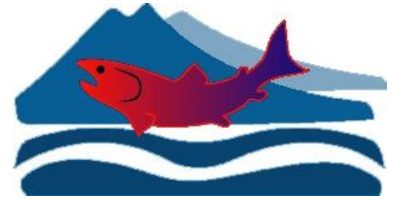
- To operate an operational salmon hatchery
- To foster a love of our unique, fragile environment
- To advocate for our local ecology
- Stewardship of Noons Creek and its surrounds

The Port Moody Ecological Society would love to hear any of your ideas, feedback or questions. Please send your comments to: hatchery@noonscreek.org.

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Twitter @Noons Creek

PORT MOODY ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE EACH FEBRUARY



For over twenty years, the Port Moody Ecological Society has been a non-profit, volunteer-run society. We operate a salmon hatchery, offer educational programmes to school students, and do water quality testing of six local creeks at our laboratory at Noons Creek.

Our mandate is to have an operational salmon hatchery; to foster a love of our unique fragile environment; to advocate for our local ecology; and stewardship of Noons Creek and its surrounds.

Membership helps us to continue our school programmes, stewardship projects, and participate in public outreach. It enables us to support the events that we attend, and provide insurance for our volunteers. A volunteer is required to become a member after they have attended the hatchery for two visits.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 Student | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00 Patron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00 Corporate per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00 Lifetime Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in Volunteering (please complete next page and send with this application) | |

As a member, you are invited to join us for various training, field trips and activities that we hold throughout the year, often at a reduced cost. We will also send you our newsletter and updates and invite you to our annual events.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE (HOME): _____ (CELL): _____

EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

If you would prefer to make a donation, we are able to provide a tax receipt through the Port Moody Foundation. Please forward your cheque clearly marked "Port Moody Ecological Society" to the Port Moody Ecological Society, 300 Ioco Road, Port Moody, BC, V3H 2V7.

Thank you for your support.

From the Port Moody Ecological Society Board and Volunteers

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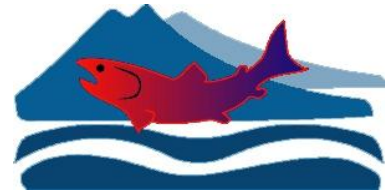
Phone / Fax: (604) 469-9106 E-mail: hatchery@noonscreek.org

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Volunteer Opportunities



Orientation and training is provided to all volunteers. Members volunteer when they can - there are no time commitment expectations. We appreciate your show of support in simply purchasing a membership.

Please indicate your interest(s) in the following volunteer opportunities:

<input type="checkbox"/> HATCHERY WORK Fish Husbandry Hatchery Maintenance and Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> STEWARDSHIP Stream Enhancement Trail Maintenance Wetlands Maintenance Tree Planting
<input type="checkbox"/> LAB WORK Water Quality Sampling Data Entry Water Sample Collection Analysis of Collections	<input type="checkbox"/> COURSES Aquatic Macro Invertebrates Pacific Streamkeepers Federation courses Aquatic Invertebrate Surveys
<input type="checkbox"/> EVENTS & PUBLIC OUTREACH Fingerling Festival (1 st Saturday each May) Treefest Earth Day Salmon Come Home	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS Web updates Facebook and Twitter updates Newsletter articles

Please indicate if you would be willing to share your specific expertise with us in any of the above areas.

We are happy to hear any ideas you may have. Give us a call if you have any questions or drop by for a tour on Saturday's at any time between 9am and 11am. We'd love to show you around !

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