

# Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



Fraser Basin Council



## 2009/10 FINAL REPORT

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### 1. Project Information

#### 1.1. Project Title

Shuswap Lake Integrated Planning Process (SLIPP)

#### 1.2. Proponent's Legal Name

Ministry of Environment

#### 1.3. Project Location

Shuswap lake

#### 1.4. Contact for this report

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#### 1.5 Funding Amount

Original Approved Grant Amount:	Total FSWP Expenditures:	Final Invoice Amount:	Final Non-FSWP leveraging, including cash and in-kind:
\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	See Fraser Basin invoice	\$360,000.00

### 2. Project Summary

Please provide a single paragraph describing your project, its objectives, and the results. As this summary may be used in program communications, clearly state the issue(s) that were addressed and avoid overly technical descriptions. Maximum 300 words.

The intent of this project was to implement several integrated planning and governance initiatives identified in the SLIPP Strategic Plan. The project focused on initiatives where collaboration and relationship building among organizations and interests lead to effective multi-agency strategic planning processes to benefit salmonids. Priority activities included forming inter-agency committees and programs, streamlining development application review processes, and establishing coordinated stewardship and education programs which engage stakeholders and protect fish and fish habitat.

Specifically, the objectives were:

- Publish and distribute SLIPP Strategic Plan
- Streamline the current development application review process to reduce the burden on agencies and proponents, enhance the flow of information and increase the timeliness of agency decision making.
- Develop inter-agency tools for foreshore development, including the creation of foreshore site sensitivity maps used to protect foreshore habitat and developing a model for assessing foreshore cumulative impacts.
- Establish a coordinated stewardship and education program and engage stakeholders.

- Complete SLIPP committee facilitation and reporting.

**Results:**

- Published and distributed SLIPP Strategic Plan
- Facilitated coordinated application review process, including development of Foreshore Development Inter-agency Technical Committee TOR
- Finalized site sensitivity mapping and created data set for cumulative impact model
- Facilitated strategic planning sessions for stewardship and education and developed a communication strategy.

*OPTIONAL* Please give a short statement (up to 100 words) of the most compelling activity or outcome from your project.

### 3.Final Project Results and Effectiveness

3.1 Copy EXPECTED OUTCOMES from your detailed proposal and insert into this section. Add additional rows as needed. Then please list the FINAL OUTCOMES (the tangible end products resulting from this work) associated with expected outcome.

If FINAL OUTCOMES differ from the original EXPECTED OUTCOMES please describe why, and the implications for the project.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES	FINAL OUTCOMES
1. Finalized SLIPP Strategic Plan document distributed to stakeholder groups, government agencies, elected officials, First Nations and the public. The document will be made available in a hardcopy report format and as a digital file for email and webpage use.	SLIPP Strategic plan finalized and distributed
2. Coordinated application review process model, committee TOR, standardized development application package including a checklist, publicly attainable information, maps and documents, MoU between participating agencies	All of these outcomes are addressed within the framework of the Foreshore Development Inter-agency Technical Committee, including TOR and MoU (attached).

<p>endorsed at the senior management level</p>	
<p>3. Site Sensitivity Map and Cumulative Impact Model. Public agencies and, where appropriate, First Nations, private entities and stewardship organizations will be approached for information to ensure that all interests are included and all relevant data is captured. This data will be stored in a central web-based location, (to be determined) and will be made available to all stakeholders.</p>	<p>All outcomes achieved – mapping completed and stored on Community Mapping Network (<a href="http://cmnbc.ca/">http://cmnbc.ca/</a>)</p>
<p>4. Inter-agency coordination and outreach to the public, and stakeholder engagement. Plans would include hiring an individual (TBD) to lead the outreach initiative and focus our priorities, including coordinating the annual on-the-lake stewardship and education program for the foreshore and develop an outreach document. A component of this outreach would be to also provide education to developers on the Shuswap – this could include face to face training and/or development of guidance documents to assist developers. The goal of the outreach is to foster stewardship and behavior change in the public and developers, and develop tools (e.g. brochures, best management practices documents) to assist the public, agencies, elected officials, First Nations, stewardship groups and developers.</p>	<p>Facilitated strategic planning sessions for stewardship and education and developed a communication strategy (attached). Outreach strategies will be presented in future SLIPP meetings (TBA) with developers and the public.</p>
<p>5. Year end reports, meeting minutes, mail-outs, web-based updates as meetings occur. The number of meetings is to be determined but it is anticipated that there will be several meetings throughout the year.</p>	<p>All reporting completed. 6 meetings held.</p>
<p><b>3.2 Please evaluate the EFFECTIVENESS of your project in achieving Project Objectives. Please identify the indicators you have used to measure the effectiveness of your project. Please include any notable successes or challenges.</b></p>	
<p>The SLIPP represents an important turning point in the management of Shuswap and Mara Lakes and for the conservation of biodiversity and salmonid resources. Prior to the establishment of this project, there was no other process to identify cross-cutting issues that are better addressed through collaboration with elected officials, technical experts, stakeholders and First Nations. There was no strategic planning process that focused on working with and improving existing public agency coordinating mechanisms and working practices to make them more effective. The objectives achieved to date have been very effective in making positive changes in the way agencies collaborate when dealing with issues such as foreshore development, water quality and recreational use. Now, more than ever, agencies are working together to effectively and efficiently resolve development and water quality issues. All stakeholders, including First Nations and the public, have been fully engaged and supportive of the process, and there has been full buy-in from elected officials. The process now has momentum and regional districts are adopting a governance framework to insure that the objectives of the SLIPP process continue into the future.</p>	

The SLIPP process has also been nominated for a Premier's Award in the category of Partnerships. The Premier's Innovation and Excellence Awards support the government's vision for the public service, namely: To be a leader in Canada, and recognized internationally, for public service excellence.

**3.3 REQUIRED: attach all DOCUMENTATION of Final Outcomes, and LIST attachments here. These may include technical reports, maps, photos, evidence of communications, lists of meeting participants, etc.**

1. SLIPP Strategic Plan
2. Habitat Impact analysis: a cumulative effects model for Lake Trout and Sockeye Salmon in Shuswap Lake: Preliminary Report
3. SLIPP outreach model ppt.
4. SLIPP communication strategy
5. SLIPP strategic planning session
6. Foreshore Development Inter-agency Technical Committee TOR

**3.4 Please describe how the benefits of this project will be sustained and/or be built upon into the future. What are the planned next steps, or recommendations for further work, if applicable?**

To preserve the current momentum of SLIPP, it will be necessary to secure long-term co-operation and funding from other government agencies in order to realize the full potential of the process. To address this, a governance framework has been developed which will address funding needs through taxation within regional districts.

**3.5 What are the top three lessons learned from this project that could be useful to communicate to others doing similar work in the Basin?**

1. Need a clear vision and goal. A strategic plan.

2. Multi-year funding is critical. This is a long-term process, not a one-off.

3. Buy-in from all stakeholders groups (First nations, public, local governments, etc.) is critical to success.