

2009/10 FINAL REPORT

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* Please use the FSWP File Number provided in previous FSWP project correspondence.

1. Project Information

1.1. Project Title			
Riversheds Forum			
1.2. Proponent's Legal Name			
RSBC Rivershed Society of BC			
1.3. Project Location			
Thomas Haney Center & Loon Lake at UBC Research Forest			
1.4. Contact for this report			
Name: Patti Graham	Phone: 604.808.1515	Email: patti@rivershed.com	
1.5 Funding Amount			
Original Approved Grant Amount:	Total FSWP Expenditures:	Final Invoice Amount:	Final Non-FSWP leveraging, including cash and in-kind:
\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$ 7,150.00

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 2009 Riversheds Forum was held over 1-1/2 days starting Sunday, May 17 and ending May 18th. The Forum was held in conjunction with the bi-annual DFO Stewardship Conference in Maple Ridge.

1. A guided paddle (i.e. field trip on the Fraser River) from Mission to Kanaka.
2. Documenting six – ten “Rivershed Stories” by conference participants (i.e. videotaping and web posting).
3. Sponsoring an element or portion of the conference (i.e. keynote speaker, entertainment or gift mugs).

The objectives were:

- to provide Fraser River Basin stewards with a direct experience in nature through a guided field trip of the local Rivershed;
- to identify opportunities for Fraser River Basin stewards to strategize on how to work more effectively together to address Basin-wide stewardship and sustainability issues;
- to provide Fraser River Basin stewards the opportunity to share successes, challenges and best practices on stewardship & sustainability activities and initiatives; and
- to provide Fraser River Basin stewards the opportunity to learn from each other and speakers about stewardship and sustainability issues.

Almost 70 people paddled the Lower Fraser River. We stopped at the mouth of the Stave Rivershed and finished at Kanak Creek. It was a glorious day and everyone enjoyed themselves. A group of 20 then headed off to Loon Lake Resort in the UBC Research Forest in Maple Ridge for part two of the Forum. That night Louise Towell presented her Salmon Scroll and Jeremy Williams showed his latest video on BC's Old Growth. On Monday May 18th we listened to almost a dozen "Riversheds Stories" had lunch and headed home. People enjoyed the Forum and gave good input/feedback, including answering our questionnaire about interest in a future rafting-style forum.

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. Fraser River Basin stewards directly experience nature through a guided field trip of the local rivershed.	
2. A collection of "Rivershed Stories" from Forum participants available on our web site. These stories will share successes, challenges and best practices on stewardship and sustainability activities.	
3. Fraser River Basin stewards gain knowledge from participants and presenters on stewardship and sustainability issues.	
4. Fraser River Basin stewards develop effective strategies on regional and Basin-wide stewardship and sustainability issues.	

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.

The Riversheds Forum has been successfully delivered on nine occasions in the upper, middle and lower Fraser River regions with registration reaching maximum capacity annually. We continue to communicate with our partners to identify opportunities for collaboration ensuring we develop an effective program addressing the needs and concerns in the Fraser River Basin.