

THE KINGFISHER INTERPRETIVE CENTRE SOCIETY'S

LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2009

The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society saw a busy year in 2009. We were able to achieve much thanks to the Fraser Salmon and Watershed Program, the Calgary Foundation, Pacific Salmon Foundation, Kalamalka Fly Fishers, Enderby and District Credit Union and BC Municipalities Community Tourism Program with their generous contributions. The following is a list of some of our achievements for this year.

Our mission *To promote and develop environmental ethics and foster a sense of stewardship toward our environment through dynamic and interactive educational programs and community based stewardship projects*, is clearly reflected in our activities. In year 2009, the Centre:

- Hosted 4000 students from elementary and high school classes from throughout the interior of BC
- Welcomed over 2000 other visitors from around the world
- Incubated, reared and released 230,000 Chinook Salmon (200 participants)
- Collected over 85,000 Chinook salmon eggs, incubated, raised and will release the fry the following spring (2010) (over 200 participants!)
- Built new washroom and storage facilities to accommodate the growing number of visitors to the site (funding provided by B.C. Municipalities Community Tourism Program Grant)
- Collaborated with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Splatins and Secwepemc Fisheries Commission to conduct alien invasive fish species field monitoring in local lakes
- Sent representative to Manitoba to partake in Environmental Educators conference
- Hosted "Fly Fishing Divas" workshop providing women an opportunity to learn to fly fish
- Sent representative to Vancouver to take Alien Invasive Fish Species display to the Pacific Northwest Marine Educators conference
- Attended DFO Educator coordinator conference in Vancouver
- Hosted kids from Mackenzie Camp for a day of environmental education
- Housed company picnic for local hair salon
- Hosted "Learn to Fish" program run by BC Freshwater Fisheries Society and BC Wildlife Federation (over 200 participants)
- Attended Kokanee Festival in Kelowna

- Housed "First Fish Ceremony" for local First Nations (Splatsin)
- Hosted Young Naturalist's Club from Vernon for a day of environmental education (35 participants)
- Offered and conducted 12 weeks of Spring and Fall field trips featuring hands-on activities
- Hosted annual Salmon BBQ (120 participants)
- Provided field station facilities for DFO's stock assessment of Shuswap River Chinook salmon
- Hosted and participated in a number of presentations and displays throughout the year such as Kelowna kokanee festival, BC Rivers Day and numerous summer programs, local events and venues.
- Contracted field trips at Coldstream Creek. These field trips taught basic life-cycle, habitat needs and requirements of the returning Kokanee to the creek. Close to 1000 school children were involved as well as many volunteers.
- Participated in 2009 Program for Salmon Study and International Exchange between Armstrong, BC and Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. This exchange was organized by the Hokkaido Salmon Society in collaboration with School District #83 in BC. (13 participants, their families and their counterparts from Japan)
- New groundwater line installed for use in salmon rearing (DFO and Ministry of Highways)
- Produced and printed new brochure for KICS

DATES

March 28
 April
 May-June
 Every Wed. all summer
 July 19th, 2010
 July
 July 21st, 2010
 July 26th, 2010
 August 3rd, 2010
 August 8th, 2010
 August 16th, 2010
 August 24, 2010
 September
 September 26th, 2010
 September 27th, 2010
 October 10th & 11th, 2010
 October
 November

EVENT

Japanese Exchange
 Neil to Manitoba
 Spring Filed Trips
 Farmer's Market
 Fly Fishing Divas (Kalamalka Fly Fishers)
 Conference in Vancouver
 Mackenzie Camp
 Company Picnic
 Fry Release
 Salmon BBQ
 Learn to Fish (BC Wildlife Federation & Freshwater Fisheries Society)
 First Fish Ceremony (Splatsin)
 Kokanee Festival
 Young Naturalists Club (Vernon)
 BC Rivers Day
 Egg Take
 Fall Field Trips
 Groundwater Line Installed