

Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



Fraser Basin Council



2009/10 FINAL REPORT

FSWP File Number* FSWP 09 48

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

1. Project Information

1.1. Project Title

Stewardship Works!

1.2. Proponent's Legal Name

Stewardship Centre for British Columbia

1.3. Project Location

Throughout B.C.

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:
\$51,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$10,200.00	\$54,827.00

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 Stewardship Centre for BC (SCBC) developed the Stewardship Works! program in order to increase the capacity of conservation and stewardship organizations in B.C. who are critical to conserving, protecting and restoring BC's fish, wildlife, and their habitats and biodiversity values. Stewardship Works! funded one organization in each of ten regions in BC with small annual core funding grants and evaluated the impact of increased capacity on conservation efforts, through regular reporting and telephone interviews. The result was that Stewardship Works! increased the ability of the recipients to attract and maintain volunteers, acquire other funding, impact local government, and create community connections and partnerships. The core funding also increased stability, enhanced board support, and reduced burn-out.

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. A report on the benefits of capacity building and the impacts of providing core funding to stewardship organizations.	Completed by Sue Staniforth, Staniforth & Associates
2. A strategic plan, including a communications strategy is developed for furthering provision of core funding for the long term benefit of stewardship organizations in BC	A workshop is being planned for Sept. 2010 and a coordinator has been hired to build partnerships. As well, SCBC is a key part of approaching the government for a Capacity Legacy Fund.
3. Additional stewards receive training to increase their organizations capacity to conserve and protect important habitats in BC.	Tools such as the Benchmarking Tool and the Capacity Building Database are being developed to help stewardship organizations build their organizational capacity to better be able to fulfill their mandates.
4. Stewardship Works! website is activated and provides resources for stewardship organizations and volunteers.	Completed by Evolve Media

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.

Objective #1: Compile data and recommendations to demonstrate and quantify the benefits of providing stewardship organization core funding.

Objective #2: Increase wildlife and habitat conservation efforts by increasing the number of volunteers participating in stewardship.

Objective #3: Continue to liaise with funding agencies and organizations to underscore the need to fund capacity building programs.

Objective #4: Encourage dialogue and action among stakeholders.

SCBC has demonstrated and quantified the benefits of providing core funding to stewardship organizations by contracting an evaluation specialist who has remained in contact with the groups and regularly interviewed them and wrote both progress reports and a final report. Now that the 3-year pilot has been completed, a more in-depth report and strategy will be developed to promote the future

success of the Stewardship Works! program.

One of the outcomes of providing core funding to stewardship organizations has been that the groups were able to attract and support more volunteers to participate in stewardship activities – thus increasing wildlife and conservation efforts.

SCBC will be hosting a workshop in September 2010 with stewardship organizations, funders and various levels of government to educate about the importance of capacity building, encourage dialogue and action among stakeholders, identify and create partnership opportunities and identify the capacity building needs of stewardship organizations in B.C.

SCBC has also contracted someone to liaise with funding agencies and organizations to underscore the need to fund capacity building programs and to find opportunities for partnership projects.

In addition, the SCBC website is being redeveloped to provide more and better tools to the stewardship community.

3.3 Please 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.

Staniforth, Sue. March 2010. Building Capacity Through Core Funding: *Stewardship Works!* Pilot Project: A Participatory Evaluation of Year Three: 2009-2010. For the Stewardship Centre for BC.

(Document emailed March 31, 2010).

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?

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SCBC has also contracted someone to liaise with funding agencies and organizations to underscore the need to fund capacity building programs and to find opportunities for partnership projects.

In addition, the SCBC website is being redeveloped to provide more and better tools to the stewardship community.

As well, a more in-depth document and strategy will be developed in this next year of Stewardship Works! with a focus on sustaining the program, benefits and capacity of stewardship organizations.

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. Having the decision-making process based in a broad-based advisory group strengthens the collaboration.

2. Providing core funding strengthens the capacity of organizations.

3. Taking a pilot project approach provided an understanding of what's involved in a program like this and will make rolling it out on a larger scale much easier.