

Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



Fraser Basin Council



2009/10 FINAL REPORT

FSWP File Number* FSWP 09 49 *REVISED*

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

1. Project Information

1.1. Project Title

Implementing the Business Plan to Support Community-Based Stewardship in BC

1.2. Proponent's Legal Name

Stewardship Centre for BC

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:
\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$4,600.00	\$10,750.00

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 Business Plan for Supporting Community-Based Stewardship in BC delivered in March 2009 recommended strategies for supporting capacity building within the stewardship sector in B.C.

These recommendations included:

1. Develop a self-assessment tool to help organizations assess their current capacity and needs.
2. Create an inventory of existing capacity building resources available for stewardship organizations.
3. Develop an online hub for capacity building resources promoting and enabling access to best practices information and other valuable resources.
4. Participate and contribute to the newly formed Capacity Building Consortium – a network of capacity building organizations

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. Self assessment tool for organizations to assess their capacity and develop a plan to build capacity.	The self-assessment tool has been developed based on 3 areas of the Capacity Building Framework: the Foundation, Funding & Financial Management and Communications & Marketing.
2. Stewardship organizations are aware of the resources available to them and utilize best practices	Stewardship organizations are starting to be aware of the capacity building resources – particularly those involved in Stewardship Works! Both the Partnerships Coordinator who has been brought on board and The Capacity Building Workshop in Sept. 2010 are building awareness of the resources and the importance of capacity building.
3. Online web portal developed to showcase capacity building initiatives.	The online portal has been started and SCBC will continue to build the portal.
4. Ongoing support for the stewardship sector is available as a result of coordinated development activities	As discussed in the Final Outcomes above.

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.

Strengthen community-based stewardship organizations by providing them with the resources, training, and funding required to enable them to protect and conserve species and habitats.

Through this project, stewardship organizations are being provided with tools to build the capacity of their organizations and thus be able to better achieve their mandates. The first tool that has been developed are the Capacity Benchmarking Tool which enables organizations to self-assess the capacity of their organization and identify priorities for action. The second tool is complementary – a database of capacity building resources that stewardship organizations can turn to once they have identified their capacity building needs. The database will be online and searchable.

The capacity building workshop in Sept. 2010 will provide an opportunity to promote these tools and also gain feedback to be able to provide the stewardship sector with the best possible resources.

SCBC is developing an online hub of capacity building information, resources and tools for the stewardship sector.

SCBC is also participating and contributing to the newly formed Capacity Building Consortium – a network of capacity building organizations. This new Consortium of capacity builders has much to share, and the stewardship community could benefit from the expertise of the participating organizations from all sectors of the non-profit and corporate sectors.

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.

Sherlock, Catherine and Webber, Kristine. March 2010. Capacity Building 2.0: Tools for Building Capacity in the BC Stewardship Sector. Prepared for the Stewardship Centre for B.C.

This document contains both the Benchmarking Tool and an outline of the capacity building resources identified thus far. Both are also being put on the SCBC website.

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?

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.

3.5 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. Partnership building is very powerful and enables you to do more with less.
2. Organizational development or capacity building is important for every organization.
3. The more input you can gather, the better the results.