



Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society

For Immediate Release:

FoSBS is undertaking a 3 year project for Salmon Habitat and Restoration in Boundary Bay which will assess and enhance numerous critical components of salmon habitat in Boundary Bay, keeping in mind the concerns of climate change and sea level rise, including but not limited to eelgrass, forage fish and salt marsh ecosystems.

When salmon leave freshwater systems, eelgrass in estuaries provides shelter and food. Also as much as 72% of some species of salmon's diets are made up of forage fish. The 2015-2018 Salmon Habitat and Restoration in Boundary Bay project will build on FoSBS expertise and activities including 2002-2007 eelgrass mapping in Boundary Bay, and a 2007 forage fish spawning survey. Forage fish habitat and shoreline enhancement at Blackie Spit in 2009, native vegetation plantings, invasive species removal, and shoreline clean up projects reflect a fraction of FoSBS's capabilities and expertise.

In July 2015, FoSBS received a grant from Environment Canada's Environmental Damages Fund to expand the scope of these activities and coordinate a large scale multi-year project for Salmon Habitat and Restoration in Boundary Bay.

Working with project partners (Ducks Unlimited Canada, the City of Surrey, Sea Change Conservation Society, the Little Campbell Watershed Society and A ROCHA Canada), FoSBS plans to build a plan for resiliency in Boundary Bay that will span into the future. For further information, contact Matthew Christensen, email: mattch85@gmail.com and our website: www.birdsonthebay.ca.

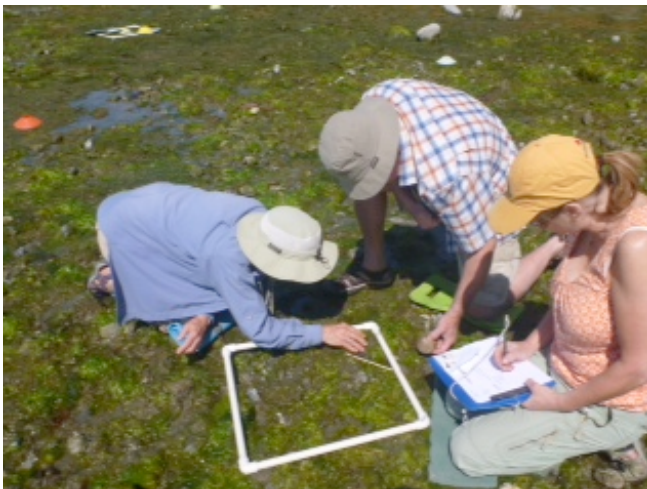


photo 1 Surveying for invertebrates in sea lettuce
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