



Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society

Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society AGM 2019 Report to BC Nature, submitted by Marg Cuthbert

Our Friends community volunteers continued their ongoing commitment to stewardship in the Boundary Bay watershed with:

- participating in a riparian planting at Mud Bay Park with the City of Surrey;
- hosting a Boundary Bay Health, Conservation and Management stakeholders group meeting with support from the City of Delta and in collaboration with Bird Studies Canada;
- hosting a World Wetlands event February 1 with the City of Surrey to promote public awareness of the new proposed Nicomekl Waterfront Park. Two buses carried 110 people to various sites along the river and speakers included Dr Sean Boyd speaking on wetlands and loss of salt marsh in the Fraser delta;
- participating in a 'Four Seasons of the Serpentine' exhibit event with display and activity and assisting with event promotion;
- developing a Birds of Surrey brochure for the city with the support of the Delta Naturalists Terry Carr and John Gordon Photography; 5000 copies have been printed and are now being distributed;
- participating in extensive plantings in October 2018 and in March 2019 of two seepage areas in the riparian corridor and a number of unsanctioned trails in the forest and riparian corridor of the Little Campbell River at the Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club with the Little Campbell Watershed Society;
- weekly bird surveys at Blackie Spit;
- completion of data entry for the subtidal eelgrass mapping of 86 hectares in Boundary Bay, further monitoring will be conducted by satellite imagery;
- facilitating a post doctoral research student on a project to study the nutrient loading in eelgrass in the eastern portion of Boundary Bay with field support and funding;
- facilitating the funding of a water quality project in the Little Campbell River estuary with 'Smart Shores' a new technology that maps pollution and the shoreline;
- providing two references for students applying for jobs and two scholarship application reference letters for students, who have worked with us on projects;
- speaking to the Earl Marriott Grassroots Club about environmental opportunities for students;
- speaking to two Rotary Clubs in the local area and a third scheduled for late May.
- attending a Semiahmoo Secondary volunteer fair to promote environmental opportunities to students and facilitate a native plant garden project;
- ongoing support of Elgin Secondary teachers with their native plant garden and connecting them to another secondary school project to share information;
- presented 4 Birds in Focus programs and 4 Marine Discovery programs in the schools
- conducting three native plant demonstration garden and forest trail work parties;
- conducting a Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup at Blackie Spit April 14;
- hosting a team planning meeting for the 2019 Shorekeepers marine methods training workshop and annual surveys;
- coordinating and facilitating a Little Campbell Watershed Society 'Get to Know Your River' public event April 27th with stewardship partners, park staff and businesses offering activities, speakers, nature photo show, environmental songs from The Wheat in the Barley and a Silent Auction;

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- Upcoming in May and June - featuring a Native Plant Garden Tour May 12, a Lichen Discovery walk with Naturalist Al Grass May 14th, a Shorekeepers Methods training Workshop May 19th, a pop-up World Ocean Day Festival June 9th, a Marine Creatures and Eelgrass beach discovery walk June 8th and a World Nature Night presentation of India with award winning John Gordon Photography June 7th and the launching of the 2019 Beach Hero Marine Interpretive program in Boundary Bay in May;

The Friends of Semiahmoo Bay conservation and educational accomplishments are due to the commitment, hard work, resources and care of our volunteers and project partners. They make all the difference!

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