



Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society

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Annual General Meeting Report to BC Nature,
May 2017 - 2018, submitted by Marg Cuthbert**

Our Friends Volunteers continued their ongoing commitment to stewardship in the Boundary Bay watershed with,

- 21 habitat enhancement events (planting and invasive plant removals),
- 6 work parties scheduled beginning in April in three native plant demonstration garden projects,
- 40 nest boxes cleaned out at the Serpentine WMA. and facilitate wood duck nest box install,
- 4 marine shoreline cleanups,
- 2 citizen science methods training workshops, Shorekeepers and Eelgrass Monitoring,
- 3 marine surveys,
- monthly sampling for forage fish spawn and lab analysis,
- 10 days of subtidal eelgrass mapping in Boundary Bay fall of 2017 (+ 10 days fall of 2016) completed 86 hectares,
- bird surveys,
- 19 public events for community including the World Ocean Weekend Festival,
- 1 Volunteer and Project Partner Appreciation event,
- attended 35 stakeholder/ working group meetings,
- provided the Beach Hero Marine Interpretive program 2017 with 3 interpreters, with numerous walks and event attendance,
- the translation of 3 informational brochures from English to Mandarin with support of BC Nature and the BC Naturalists Foundation club grant to pay for the reformatting and printing of the Boundary bay, A Special Place brochure (eelgrass and danger of shellfish harvesting brochures are being printed by City of Surrey),
- our school programs provided 34 class presentations and 20 nature walks,
- beginning 8 weeks participation on April 15th in the City of Surrey Environmental Extravaganza program with 9 programs being offered free to the public,
- numerous letters submitted addressing development applications in the Boundary Bay watershed,
- collaborating with the LCWS and Bird Studies Canada on concerns of development, water quality and habitat conservation in the Boundary Bay WMA and Little Campbell Watershed.
- Attendance at Science Fair for judging and present BC Nature awards

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 are making all the difference!

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