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The Lakelse Watershed Newsletter

*Hurry and book your
seat now!*

Only 1 seat left!



The Lakelse Watershed Stewards Society invites you to:



INVASIVE PLANT AND AQUATIC SPECIES WORKSHOP

June 18 & 19, 2019
Terrace, BC

At the Regional District Kitimat-Stikine Boardroom.
Cost: **FREE** but please RSVP as space is limited.
For more information and to register email
chera.hrem@gmail.com or call 604-388-9779

Learn about common invasives in our
area during this 2-day workshop and
find out how to identify them and
prevent their spread. Open to everyone!

The Invasive Species Council of BC will be presenting a 2-day workshop about invasive plant and aquatic species on June 18 and 19. Register with Chera Barrowman as space is limited!

The interpretive signs at Clearwater Lakes are complete! And two new benches are available for your sitting pleasure. A new trail map and sign have been installed at the entrance thanks to FLNRORD. Come check it out and look for the hidden geocache at UTM 9U E528818 N6017143



COMPLETE ✓

Robin is back and she helped place the final sign!



Tianna diggin' it!

The grand opening of the Clearwater interpretive trail was a success!

Everyone started at the trail head and made their way down to the upper lake, reading the signs along the way!

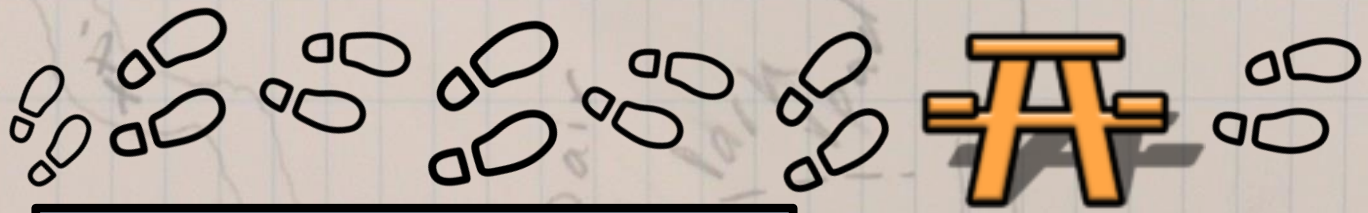


We had a booth with a fish viewing station and invertebrates at the upper lake! We found coho, stickleback, sculpin and cutthroat! Can you guess what two fish are below?

Chera demonstrating the water quality meter!



Stickleback (blue eyes) and cutthroat



Cheryl and Cathy met with Parks regarding the possibility of a new trail near Blackwater Creek.



Lakelse Watershed Circuit



Are You a LWSS Member?
The cost of \$10 includes your
whole family!

Your membership covers:
Insurance for injuries while
working in the field and
happiness! 😊

This is our new summer
student Tianna! She is
graduating from Coast
Mountain College and
continuing her Environmental
studies at UNBC. She is also a
resident at Lakelse Lake!



Welcome Tianna !



Email chera.hrem@gmail.com
to add your name to our
volunteers list and come help
test water quality!

Summer (the old summer student) also
came back to help with the sampling



Lakelse Watershed Stewards Society

The mission of the Lakelse Watershed Stewards Society is to preserve and protect the quality and health of the Lakelse Watershed.



About Us

The Lakelse Watershed Stewards Society is a volunteer, non-profit organization which was formed in 2002. The Society works on issues affecting the Lake and its surrounding watershed.

We are working on a LWSS Pamphlet!

Current Projects



Our Goals

1. To identify current and potential sources of water quality degradation affecting the Lakelse System.
2. To monitor, preserve and enhance the quality and health of fish and their environment.
3. To provide options for managing the causes of lake degradation due to human impact.
4. To increase public awareness of watershed issues by promoting positive activities, information and resources to assist users and visitors in the protection and maintenance of the existing ecosystem.

Fish Viewing Station at Lakelse Lake Provincial Park.



Water Sampling at Lakelse Lake.



Interpretive signage at Clearwater Lakes.



Bat Boxes at Furlong Bay and Clearwater Lakes.

Volunteers are Always Welcome 😊

How to Become a Member
 Contact Lakelse Watershed Stewards Society:
 Box 124, Terrace, B.C.
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watershedcoordinator.lakelse@gmail.com

Got any great pics of the lake you would like to share?



Take a break on the newly installed benches at the Clearwater Lakes Trail

Thank you to Rob Seaton and staff for helping with the building and installation!



Don't underestimate the value of doing nothing, of just going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering." – Winnie the Pooh

What Animal Did This?



Check it out on the Clearwater Lakes Trail!

Answer: Flicker (bird species)

Invertebrates were collected from Sockeye Creek and preserved to view during the interpretive walks taking place at Furlong!



The American Robin

Varied Thrush



Turdus migratorius
ORDER: Passeriformes
FAMILY: Turdidae



American Robin



Interesting Facts

- The robin is often mistaken for the Varied Thrush.
- Robins are considered a sign of spring!
- The oldest American Robin was recorded to be 11 years and 11 months old!
- If you place a bird box in your yard you will attract a breeding pair!

American Robins are found throughout the continent including Canada, the United States and in Mexico. They eat earthworms, insects and fruits such as choke cherries and juniper berries.

American Robins nest in piles of leaves and branches or on the lower sections of trees. They are also found in gutters and eaves on buildings.

Another species of Robin has been seen around the office recently! 😊

The Robin population is estimated to be 310 million.



Interpretive Walks at Furlong Bay

Meet @
Amphitheatre



Come walk along the Twin
Spruce Trail and learn
about **fish** species, local
vegetation, **birds**, and
invertebrates!



-All Ages Welcome-

June 23rd @ 10 am

July 7th @ 10 am

July 21st @ 10 am

August 4th @ 10 am

August 18th @ 10 am



Starting in June, the interpretive walks at Furlong Bay will return for the fourth year in a row!

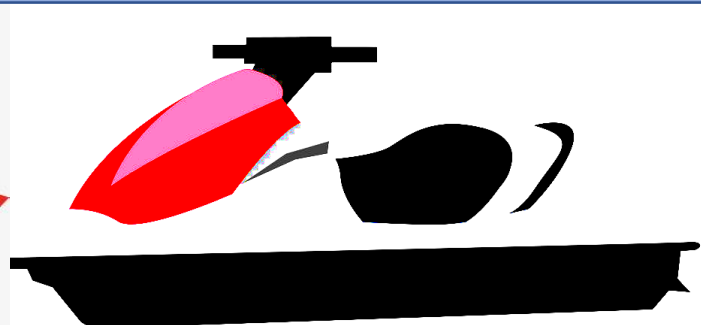
Additional information that will be included in the walks this year are invasive plants and invertebrate species information! Can you identify the invertebrate species below? If not, then come join the interpretive walks and you will!



The Stream Vs Boat Conundrum



Lakelse Lake's ecosystem is a sensitive area. When boats and other watercrafts are operated in streams, the disturbance can cause damage to the vegetation, aquatic plants, fish habitat and have negative impacts on nesting waterfowl. Operating a watercraft in these sensitive zones can also pollute the water, disturb sediment, and cause shoreline erosion. Please stay out of the streams when operating your watercraft.



Volunteer Opportunities

Would you be interested in sharing your boat for the day?

We are looking for someone to take us onto the lake to record water quality measurements!



We also are looking for someone to help set up the Scully camera and help with the watershed water quality circuit. If you are interested contact Chera at chera.hrem@gmail.com