



The GUMBOOT GAZETTE



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LNGC Presentation



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!



The Coho Have
Been Counted!



**WE HAVE A
NEW LOGO!!**

AGM 2020

Our Annual General
Meeting was hosted
this year using Zoom.

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AGM 2020

We hosted our first virtual AGM using the Zoom platform.

This year has come with its challenges, but LWSS was able to adapt! We hosted COVID friendly virtual workshops, virtual meetings, and socially distanced events. We also increased our social media presence in an attempt to keep you all up to date with our projects!

Sadly, we had to reduce our volunteer opportunities due to the challenges associated with COVID. We miss seeing everyone, but we hope that we will be able to catch up in 2021.

LNGC Presentation

Using Skype, members from LWSS presented to representatives of LNGC in order to inform them about who we are, and what we do. We presented on the many projects, community outreach programs, and educational workshops we host.

LNG provides funding opportunities that organizations are able to apply for. By meeting with LNGC representatives we hoped to put a face to the LWSS name.

The 2020 funding year is closed, but we will apply for 2021 funding when it opens.





Scully Creek Counts

A total of 178 coho were counted this year headed up Scully Creek to spawn.

We are still reviewing our sockeye footage, and will let you know the counts in our next newsletter!

The underwater camera has now been packed up for the season. We look forward to recording more fish in 2021!



Autumn Floods



With the extended periods of rain we received this autumn water levels at the lake rose several times.

While it's important to prepare your property in order to protect it from damage, it is also important to prepare with the environment in mind.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Place fuel cans and chemical containers up and out of reach of potential water levels. We want to prevent potential contamination of our waterbodies.
- Low spots in your yard, a submerged boat, or a fence line can act as a potential area for fish stranding. As water levels rise fish look for calm, shallow places to rear. However, as water levels recede they can become trapped in these areas.
- Erosion can also be a result of flooding. In order to mitigate erosion we can reduce the amount of soils we leave exposed. By planting vegetation we can stabilize the soils, and reduce erosion.





Boat Traffic at Lakelse Lake



During our monthly meeting it was brought to the attention of members that boat traffic on Lakelse Lake was noticeably busier this year.

Some of members who enjoy kayaking were almost swamped by boaters or jet skis as they sped by on more than one occasion. It was also noted that many people on boat/jet skis have been witnessed going down the Lakelse River, an area motorized watercraft are not supposed to access.

We all want to enjoy the lake in a fun, safe, and environmentally friendly manner.





Eco-Friendly Wrapping Paper Alternatives

- Furoshiki (Art of Japanese Fabric Wrapping)
- Fabric Bags
- Baskets
- Glass Jars
- Tins
- Reuse Paper (Newspaper, Magazine Pages, Old Maps)



Our New Logo



Due to COVID 19, volunteer opportunities have currently be put on hold. However, stay up to date on events by checking out our website and by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

We look forward to offering volunteer opportunities in the future! We hope everyone is staying healthy, happy, and safe out there!

If you have questions or wish to get into contact with a member, feel free to email Summer at sschulte@westlandresources.ca.

