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The Salmon Enhancement and
Habitat Advisory Board
Advocate for the Volunteer Community
Committed to Ensuring a Healthy Salmonid Resource.

Don Lowen, Chair
3731 Winston Crescent
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IN LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Dear Mayor and City Council;

Re: The Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board: Advocate for the Volunteer Community, and Committed to Ensuring a Healthy Salmonid Resource.

The Municipality of West Vancouver has many active aquatic stewardship groups in your area. These include: Sewell's Landing Marina, West Vancouver Shoreline Preservation Society and West Vancouver Streamkeepers.

Members of these groups provide valuable local knowledge, and complete critical projects on behalf of fish and fish habitat under your municipality's care. As a part of the Salmonid Enhancement Program under Fisheries and Oceans Canada, they constitute a local network actively involved in:

- Monitoring stream health
- Riparian habitat restoration
- Salmon and watershed awareness and education
- Fish production
- Participation in (And contribution to) land use management strategies
- Disseminating information on ecological priorities and sensitive habitats

These services are beneficial to the protection of the salmonid resource, ensuring healthy and diverse salmon populations for future generations. The local groups operate in a cost-effective manner, due to their unique ability to create partnerships, leverage funds and provide volunteer support and training.

This is a critical time in our brief history of environmental stewardship. It is extremely important that stewards are able to continue these community projects ; they can only do so if local governments show support for those willing to step forward and provide their time, energy and knowledge.

SEHAB commends your community and business members for supporting salmon enhancement and streamkeepers activities. We have included a copy of the 2009-2010 Community Involvement Directory along with the latest copy of the Stream Talk newsletter for your information on projects throughout BC and the Yukon.

Thank you,

The Salmonid Enhancement Habitat and Advisory Board

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