

NEWS RELEASE

WMG Wins City of North Vancouver Environmental Stewardship Award

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Washington Marine Group (WMG) is pleased to announce that the City of North Vancouver (CNV) recognized the group for its work on the MacKay Creek project by awarding the company their **2010 Environmental Stewardship Award**, in the business category.

The purpose of the award is to promote community based environmental stewardship and to build awareness and recognize the leadership of residents and businesses in North Vancouver.

“We are lucky to have such a thriving habitat on the doorstep of our shipyard and marine operational areas,” said Charlotte Olson, WMG Environment Manager. “Its visibility provides a tangible sense of stewardship for all of our employees who continue to be committed to assessing, controlling, and reducing the risk of environmental impact from our operations. As WMG continues to support lower MacKay Creek’s long-term sustainability, we are not only practicing good corporate citizenship, but also simply doing the right thing.”

Project Background

In the fall of 2006, following 13 years of coordination with consultants, engineers, regulators, neighbors and environmental groups, WMG successfully diverted the mouth of MacKay Creek to where it currently enters Burrard Inlet. MacKay Creek had been depositing silt into the SIL/VSY boat basin; this was impacting our company’s operations and the ecological health of the creek was not strong. This project was complex due to the many parties that held interest in the lower reaches of MacKay Creek – in particular, the local fish population that call it home.

The diversion project was approved by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and was specifically designed to be in the best interest for the salmon and other fish, which lived and spawned in the creek, with the main goal of overall habitat enhancement. The 2006 plan included re-routing the main flowing channel of MacKay Creek off the shipyard property and back onto the City of North Vancouver property (where it historically ran).

WMG funded a protected side-channel on the VSY property that was to exist as a habitat outside of shipyard grounds. The side-channel was created to support juvenile salmon prior to them returning to sea, a healthy beaver population, nesting opportunities for local birds, and enhance native vegetation.

Before the DFO approved the project, WMG received letters of support from the Pacific Salmon Foundation, North Shore Fish and Game Club, Lions Gate Anglers Club, Coho Society, BC Wildlife Federation, and the Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board. Bruce Tennant, recently retired WMG employee and Director of McKay Creek Technologies Ltd., was the WMG lead for the coordination of this successful project from 2006 to present.

Following a successful WMG employee shoreline cleanup of the area in September 2009, the DFO chose lower MacKay Creek in March 2010 as a suitable site to release 50,000+ Pink Salmon fry in the hopes that they would return to spawn in August/September 2011. WMG assisted DFO and provided access to the release site through VSY. The success of this project had a positive outcome for both our company’s operations, and the ecological restoration of lower MacKay Creek.