

2003 BCLSS Volunteer Award

Eric Bonham was presented the 2003 BCLSS Volunteer Award June 2003 at the annual BCLSS conference held in Penticton. Eric is the ideal example of why leadership is such a critical component of stewardship and the award recognizes Eric's tireless efforts to promote local stewardship.

Eric's volunteer activities include:

- Co-founder and Chair of the Friends of Fork Lake
- Regional Director, BC Water and Waste Association
- Member of the BCLSS Board of Directors
- Member of the Veins of Life Watershed Society Board
- Member, Provincial Stewardship Technical Committee

Eric is also very active in planning and land use issues with his own local government, the District of the Highlands, and played a key role in establishing Gowlland Tod Provincial Park.

Eric is a Professional Engineer and has recently retired from an impressive career with the provincial government. Director of Municipal Engineering Services, Director of Floodplain Management and Manager of the Urban Salmon Habitat Program were among his many duties. He combines the methodical and logical traits of an engineer with the passion and commitment of an ecologist and is held in high regard by all who have had the benefit of coming in contact with him.

Apparently, retirement doesn't mean he'll be slowing down soon – Eric has joined the Local Organizing Committee for the 2004 North American Lake Management Society Annual Symposium in Victoria.

Congratulations to Eric and many thanks for all your hard work!

