

## BCLSS Newsletter

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### 2000 Board Member List:

I apologize for not printing this earlier, but here is the list of the BCLSS Board of Directors adopted in at the AGM on May 6, 2000.

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### Secchi Disk Dip In:

Once again we are winding down on receiving results from the annual Secchi Disk Dip-In. We would ask again that anyone who has not sent in their results to do so asap so that we can submit the results to NALMS. The following are some of the results we have received to data.

The three lakes that had the shallowest Dip-In were:

Bouchie Lake at 1.0M in the Cariboo, dipped in by Robert Lebeck.

Cranberry Lake at 1.8M in Powell River, dipped in by Don McLeod.

Green Lake at 2.4m in Whistler, dipped in by Veronica Summerville.

The three lakes that had the deepest Dip-In were:

Gun Lake at 20.0M in the Bridge River Valley, dipped in by Terry Thiessen.

Tchesinkut Lake at 17.6M in Lakes District, dipped in by Mike Comeau.

Francois Lake at 10.3M in the Bulkley/Nechako, dipped in by Gill Kopy.

In total, we have received Dip-In results for 38 lakes in BC so far. We would also like to take this time to thank all that participated in the annual Secchi Disk Dip-In this year and hope that you will participate again next year. For those of you who are interested in participating in the Dip-In next year, you can contact BCLSS by mail or by emailing [bclss@hotmail.com](mailto:bclss@hotmail.com) to find out more information.

### Okanagan Lake Stewardship Group Formation:

With the help of our Stewardship Coordinator, Sage Karras and a BCLSS member, Tara Tompkins, BCLSS has been in the making of forming an Okanagan Lake Stewardship Group. On July 31, 2000 they had their first meeting, which included individuals that live on/near the lake, City of Kelowna Environmental staff, and Ministry of Environment staff. The purpose of the meeting was to determine where the individuals would like to see their lake in the next 20 years. Concerns were presented by each attendee of the meeting and were grouped into seven main topics, which were water quality, habitat concern, education of the public,

coordination of the individuals involved, research of what can be done, stewardship actions and availability of resources.

We are holding a second meeting on September 8, 2000 in Summerland and have included an extensive mail out invitation to marinas, fish and tackle stores, hotels, wineries and tourism places.

### **What our members are up to:**

#### ***Adams Lake Band***

Shuswap Lake Users Be Aware

The Adams Lake Band is again managing the on-going Shuswap Lake Foreshore Protection and Stewardship Project this summer. The Phase 3 project is a continuation of the successful and highly publicized phases completed during 1999.

This summer's goal is to continue with the distribution of fish habitat protection and stewardship information packages to Shuswap Lake foreshore users and developers. Although, the objectives have changed to primarily target seasonal residents and summer visitors to the region. The objectives will be met through door-to-door and boat access contacts. All the information distribution will be done by face-to-face communication from the project team (Jayna Pooley and Charlene Smith).

The Adams Lake Band has always believed that preserving foreshore fish habitat is essential to the health and prosperity of the entire lake system. The band is positive that this project will result in more people taking responsibility for their role in the protection and stewardship of fish habitat in the Shuswap region. If you would like more information please contact the project coordinator, Greg Witzky, at the Adams Lake Band office at 250-679-8841.

#### ***Fraser Lake***

The members of Fraser Lake have involved four students from the local high school to assist them in doing the sampling of Fraser Lake. The students earn credit hours towards their high school work experience requirements. This has been working really well as they have students that are really keen and interested in the work that they are doing for their local lake. The student take turns in pairs and they do their sampling every two weeks.

#### ***Jewel Lake***

The successful application for a Fisheries Renewal B.C. grant was announced at the July 22, 2000 AGM of the Jewel Lake Environmental Protection Society.

The grant will provide funding for a creel census and gill net survey that will assist in making informed decisions about fishing regulations and future stocking. Kevin Morris, B.Sc. of Aqua Resource Management will be working in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment. The survey commenced on July 15, 2000 and will be completed by March 2001. Incorporated in 1991, JLEPS has a mandate "to preserve and protect Jewel Lake and it's surrounding area from damage to its ecological balance or visual beauty". The Society lists land use bylaws, a heron rookery, no shooting regulations, cattle containment fencing and ongoing water quality monitoring among its achievements.