

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers

2025 AGM

Recognition

- The Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society would like to acknowledge that the land on which we work to protect wild fish is the unceded traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Qualicum First Nation, whose historical relationship with the land continues to this day.

AGENDA – October 18, 2025

- 2025 Financial Summary
- Annual Report
- 2025/6 Board of Directors Election
- Hamilton Marsh
- Guest speaker

PROFIT AND LOSS				Feb.1 to Sept 30	
Income					
	Membership		\$90		
	General Donations		\$512		
	Revenue from Projects		\$22,293		
	Bank Interest		<u>\$22</u>		
				\$22,917	
Expenses					
	QBSK Administration				
		Finance+Office	\$27		
		Lic/ Insur/AGM	\$15		
	Project Costs				
		LQR Estuary	\$793		
		Publicity+web	\$2,264		
		Remapping	\$15,971		
		Viewing Site Signage	<u>\$5,015</u>		
				<u>\$24,084</u>	
Change for Fiscal Year					<u>-\$1,167</u>

BALANCE SHEET					
Current Assets					
	Cash		\$10,645		
	Acct Receivable		\$10,000		
	GST rebate refundable		\$570		
				\$21,214	
Current Liabilities					
	Deferred rev. – LQRE		\$2,743		
	Remapping Beach/Grandon		\$2,885		
	Dock Removal		\$96		
	Deferred rev.-MABRII Signage		\$1,098		
	Account payable		\$7,658		
				\$14,481	
Equity (balance available)					\$6,734

Annual Report

- MONITORING our water and wild fish
- RESTORATION of habitat
- Promoting AWARENESS

Fish count on Golf course pond



Beach Creek pond seining



Pond sculpin



Fish numbers

- Over 200 coho counted in one pool
- Substantial numbers observed in both streams
- Upper Grandon Creek coho population maintained
- Wider fish count planned for 2026, with QBS scientific permit

MABRRI/BCCF Research support

Forest Wetlands monitoring – next visit on October 28

- 6PPDQ – minimal impact on our streams
- Forage Fish – the hunt continues!

Water Testing

- Over a decade of water testing on LQR, Grandon and Beach Creeks
- Twice a year for five weeks
- Building regional data base
- RDN and Ministry of Environment partners
- Essential data for protecting our watersheds
- RDN program suspended for the year, but QBS monitoring continued – this year begun on October 14

In the field



Grandon Creek level logger

- New level logger installed in 2024, and volunteers continue to carry out manual water flow measurement to corroborate level logger metrics

Grandon water flow team



Stream Mapping – Year 2

- Beach, Grandon and Whiskey Creek mapping project
- RDN and PSF funding to update detailed stream maps
- Stream bed, inflows and conditions
- Walking the length of the stream in difficult terrain
- Beach Creek and Grandon Creek completed
- Remaining funds to continue Whiskey Creek mapping

Stream Mapping



Restoration

Little Qualicum River estuary

- Year eleven of project
- Renewal of estuary impacted by industry – key salmon habitat
- Over 400 native plant species in irrigated exclosure sites
- RDN, BCCF, Guardians of the Salish Sea Estuaries (GOOSE), DFO
- Five year plan developed and under review by RDN - no definite conclusions
- New interpretive signage being developed

2025 LQR work

- Preliminary archeological assessment complete
- Areas of high archeological significance identified in 2024
- Planting sites approved for work under cultural oversight
- October planting of over fifty more large native plants, based on survival experience
- Raymond James Canada Foundation and RDN financial support

The October planting team



Shore Pines being planted



Grandon Creek Weir

- Weir below Hoylake Road showing leakage from coho bearing pool
- Fabric installed as temporary measure
- Town has been asked to undertake longer term repair in 2026

Grandon Creek Weir



Awareness

Events - 2025

- Beach Day
- Brant Geese Festival - school event
- The River Never Sleeps Festival
- Qualicum Beach Museum Day
- World Forest Day
- World Rivers Day

Beach Day



Thirty Year anniversary recognition

- Presentation to Qualicum Beach Town Council - June
- Recognition of key streamkeepers at Beach Day - July

Anniversary recognition Dave and Sacha



Seaside Nature Park

- Pavilion is popular and in good condition
- Native plants are almost too successful
- Several work parties to remove weeds and clean garden
- Discussions with Town regarding future maintenance

Nature Park



New Streamkeeper Logo



QUALICUM BEACH
STREAMKEEPERS

Logo 2



Qualicum Beach
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New Website



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Dedicated to protecting and restoring
local wild fish habitat

A healthy watershed for fish and wildlife is good for people too.

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2025/6 priorities

- Continue gathering data on water flows and testing, fish counts, mapping
- Working with partners to continue habitat renewal in the LQR estuary.
- Invasive plant management and plantings in riparian areas
- Grandon Creek weir stabilization
- Public outreach and communication events
- Stabilizing and maintaining the Faye Smith Pavilion and Seaside Park

Block of Doom



Business

- Election of 2025/6 Board of Directors
- Katherine Wasiak - election coordinator

Board of Directors - Nominations

- Gord Almond – Vice President
- Neil Carruthers
- Daryl Erickson – Treasurer
- Mark Hogg (new)
- Pat Jacobson
- David James – President
- Louella MacVicar
- Ed Wasiak
- Neil Worboys
- Ray Woroniak

Hamilton Marsh

- Ceri Peacey, Chair, Hamilton Wetland and Forest Preservation Society

Guest Speaker

- Ally Wall
- Biologist, British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF)
- Insights from Island projects, including the Little Qualicum River estuary