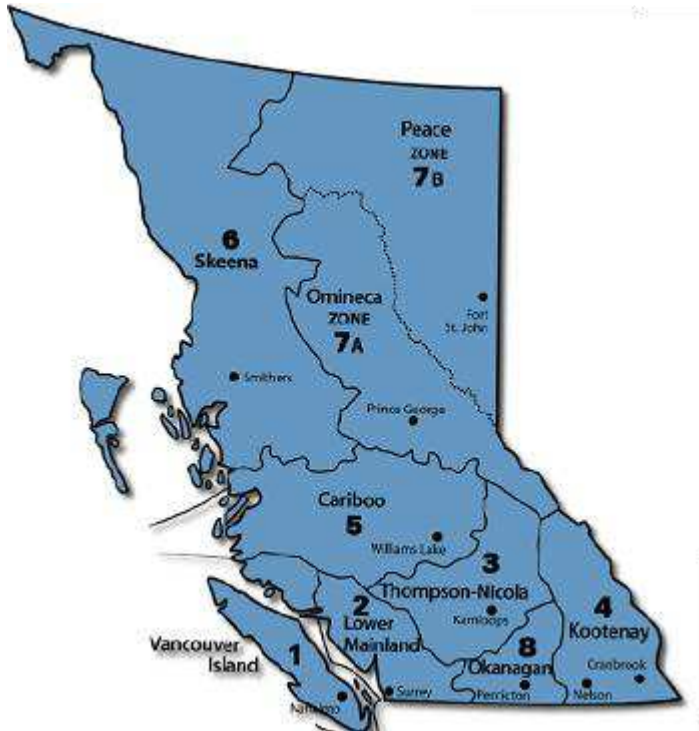


Map & Text excerpted from: <http://bcwf.net/index.php/membership/club-members>

BCWF Regions

For more information about becoming a Club Member of the BCWF please call toll free 1-888-881-2293 ext. 222



See Map = slide 5/34 excerpted from:

<http://bcfishn.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Inland-Fisheries-Breakout-Session-2014-BCWF-AGM-.pdf>

Occasion: BCWF 2014 Annual General Meeting, Kelowna, Saturday, April 12, 2014  
BCWF Inland Fisheries Committee Breakout Session: *"Showcasing BCWF Region 8 Club's Fisheries Volunteer Efforts"*

by Danny Coyne (bcfishn.com) & Rick Simpson, BCWF Region 8 volunteer directors & co-Chairs Fisheries Committee

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Hand Out - > British Columbia Wildlife Federation (BCWF) Region 8  
(Okanagan-Similkameen-Kettle-Shuswap basins)

**Occasion: Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program (OCCP) Stewardship Action Team**

2:00 to 4:00 PM, Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 ;

RDCO – 1450 K.L.O Road, Kelowna; - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Kalamoir Room

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My name is Rick Simpson.

Thank you for the invitation to come and share with you today....

Focus:

**Round Table - Existing Stewardship Projects & Interests- 50 minutes**

The purpose of this session is to share information on existing or planned stewardship, conservation or restoration projects.

Each person will have the opportunity to talk about their projects or primary interests (3 min per person).

Who: Organization

What: What kind of project(s) ie. habitat enhancement, securement, mapping, outreach, education, etc.

Why: Goals & objectives of project

When: Timing

Where: Geographic location and land tenure

Support: What kind of support would be beneficial for your project(s)?

Interests: What is your organizations primary interest or involvement with stewardship?

**Definition of STEWARDSHIP:**

*stew-ard-ship*

*2: the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially : the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care <stewardship of natural resources>*

*2. the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving:*

*Environmental stewardship refers to responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices.*

**01. BCWF members are volunteers...and...fish & wildlife conservation management stewards.**

**02. I'm providing my time, pro bono, to volunteer here today, to represent BCWF Region 8 \*.**

**03. The BCWF Region 8 \* president is: Ken Sward;  
T: 250-499-5984; C: 250-499-5984; Email: [sasquatch1@telus.net](mailto:sasquatch1@telus.net)**

**04. I am a BCWF Region 8 \* director (2008-present), co-chair fisheries committee (June 2003-present) & member cultural affairs committee.**

**05. I am primarily a steward focusing on the long term health of the fisheries resource & act on the stewardship interests & concerns of BCWF Region 8 clubs & members Re: fish, fishing (angling) & fish habitat.**

**06. I am however also a naive volunteer layperson. There are now more than 7 billion people in the world, my view is but one. There are 120 BCWF clubs & 43,000 BCWF volunteer members province wide & 15 BCWF Region 8 clubs & 4000 BCWF Region 8 volunteer members. Again, my view is but one. Small "p" and Large "P" politics are just not my thing & do not factor into my position.**

**07. \* BCWF Region 8 map & clubs Slide 5/34.**

**<http://bcfishn.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Inland-Fisheries-Breakout-Session-2014-BCWF-AGM-.pdf>**

**08. BCWF Region 8 clubs are affiliates of BCWF and subscribe to BCWF ideals:**

**“Fish, Wildlife, Habitat, Access and the opportunities of the residents of BC are what is important to our organization.”, Ken Sward.**  
<http://www.bcwf.bc.ca/>

**09. 12/15 BCWF Region 8 clubs have websites displaying like-minded club members interests & activities, which include: community stewardship initiatives; some clubs have amplified those websites with like-minded digital distribution linkages & use digital distribution gatekeepers; TM; FaceBook; LinkedIn; Twitter; specific web-based forums for like-minded members; word-of-mouth; club stewardship & other activities are also amplified by strong print and digital media links, cultivated over time.**

<http://bcwf.net/index.php/membership/club-members>

**10. BCWF Region 8 clubs are non-profit organizations. Some are registered under the BC Societies Act, but are not federally registered charities. BCWF Region 8 club’s self-financing business model includes revenue streams derived from combinations of the following elements: membership fees; range user fees; annual game banquets & fundraisers; property taxes relief; merchandise sales; course fees; grants; storage fees; unsolicited donations; legacies & bequests; on-going club members & community volunteer in-kind pro bono donations; recognition awards; event participation fees; property leases; facility/hall/clubhouse rentals, etc....**

**11. Some BCWF Region 8 & other BCWF clubs elsewhere, provide annual scholarships for worthy student applicants.**

**12. 14/15 BCWF Region 8 clubs have invested in safe & certified outdoor & indoor ranges.**

**13. BCWF Region 8 & BCWF initiatives elsewhere, generally involve using well-integrated members, personal & professional networks & actively working together in partnership with multiple stakeholders (like-minded stewards & "strange bedfellows", alike).**

~ “silobusting”; encouraging on-going collaboration between “Town & Gown” (UBC-O, OC & others); Wilsey Dam fishway; pioneering the pilot 2014 OSCI community based fishery project; riparian planting; letters of support for stewardship grant applications & stewardship items; stream clean-ups; boat & angler counts; in-lake DO<sub>2</sub> & TH<sub>2</sub>O data collection; ungulate range improvements; fish kill sampling & reporting; research, report writing & information sharing: eg: Mount Polley spill; Testalinden dam slide; Zed Developments Pennask plateau wind farm; Wood Lake Kokanee crash; Mill Creek chemical spill; ...etc...

**14. In order to establish a presence & to advocate for stewardship items of importance, BCWF Region 8 members are encouraged to have regular face-to-face contact with their local MP's, MLA's & municipal councils and ministry staff. (also managing "up", when people change positions or leave and are replaced)**

**14. 1. BCWF Director Strategic Initiatives, Alan Martin, based in Victoria**

<http://bcwf.net/index.php/new-items-sp-25573/advocacy>

**14.2. As a constituent, I meet face-to-face for quarterly, 1/2 hour, meetings with Kelowna-Mission MLA, Honourable MFLNRO Minister Thomson, focusing mostly on fish, fishing (angling) & fish habitat stewardship items.**

**15. BCWF Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) - Various outdoors educational & stewardship courses for women; held 3 X in Okanagan.**

<http://bcwf.net/index.php/programs/bow>

**16. Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) is funded by surcharges on hunting & fishing licence fees.**

~ 2014-2015 province wide stewardship projects list:

[http://dffsw7ptgbl26.cloudfront.net/images/APPROVED\\_PROJECT\\_LIST\\_Background\\_2014-15.pdf](http://dffsw7ptgbl26.cloudfront.net/images/APPROVED_PROJECT_LIST_Background_2014-15.pdf)

~ 2014-2015 province wide est. \$4 million

~ 2014-2015 Okanagan page 17-18 \$433K in Region 8 - Okanagan

17. BCWF Wetlands - Okanagan wetland stewardship initiatives

<http://bcwfbogblog.com/wetland-stewards-in-bc/okanagan/>

<http://bcwf.net/index.php/programs/wetlands>

18. Further Examples of BCWF Region 8 clubs & members STEWARDSHIP work

18.01. Sheep/goats nutritional winter food supplements.

18.02. Bald Range grass lands ungulates habitat improvement.

18.03. Annual Vaseau sheep/goats counts.

18.04. PFF Pentiction Creek - Kokanee spawning gravel replacement.

18.05. PFF hatchery rejuvenation - Kokanee enhancement.

18.06. Region 8 Moose helicopter survey - paid for by BCWF Region 8 clubs.

18.07. Shannon Lake dock - youth & disabled.

18.08. Active participation with MFLNRO research Re: Kettle River water & fish issues - volunteer anglers participate in data collection.

18.09. ONA+DFO+ MFLNRO+T-O SFAC - > COBTWG + BOBTWG; Osoyoos Lake Sockeye Fishery management & stewardship.

18.10. 2014 BCWF Okanagan Wild Kidz Kamps & Go-Wild Youth for Conservation workshop - teaching & practicing stewardship.

18.11. Peachland foreshore boardwalk - disabled & youth.

18.12. Active participation on the Kettle River Watershed Management plan - Stakeholder Advisory Group; GFWA has 2 invited seats, I'm their proxy when Brian Hancock & Brad Seimens are at work (focus = water-for-fish).

18.13. Support RAPP & Wilderness Watch & work with & support CO's, FO's and other enforcement agencies - Re: fish & wildlife conservation stewardship vigilance, e.g: poaching; anecdotal reporting (eyes, ears & noses out there observing).

18.14. LDWA & VFGC clubs Mabel Lake fishing derby for the disabled.

18.15. Working with MFLNRO on fish & wildlife conservation management - > fishing & hunting regulations changes, deletions and new regulations.

**16. Mabel Lake fishing derby - LDWA; biologicals/science.**

**18.17. Working with ONA-FD on fisheries stewardship work in Syilx traditional territory, not just North Okanagan of Region 8 - fish counts; TH<sub>2</sub>O/DO<sub>2</sub> data collection; habitat restoration; creel surveys.**

**18.18. Yellow Lake dock improvements for the disabled.**

**18.19. Active participation with 2 invited seats on the OBWB - Water Stewardship Council - Doug Flintoft & Lorne Davies (focus = water-for-fish).**

**18.20. Fishing Forever & Family Fishing events - showing fisheries resource stewardship - Shannon Lake; Peachland foreshore; OWF fishing derby for the disabled.**

**18.21. Okanagan Lake Derby -if surplus, to BCWF Region 8 youth program; biologicals/science.**

**18.22. Advocating for controlled burns to improve ungulate habitat.**

**18.23. Creating & maintaining websites with instructional & stewardship content for anglers: [bcfishn.com](http://bcfishn.com) ; Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC (FSSBC) - <http://www.gofishbc.com/> ; ONA-FD - <http://www.syilx.org/operations/fisheries-and-aquatics/>; 2014 Okanagan Salmon Initiative (OSCI) - [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Okanagan-Salmon-Community-Initiative/1388102104812957?skip\\_nax\\_wizard=true](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Okanagan-Salmon-Community-Initiative/1388102104812957?skip_nax_wizard=true) ; BCWF Region 8 fisheries committee - <http://bcfishn.com/bcwf-region-8-fisheries/> ; Okanagan Anglers 101 - <https://www.facebook.com/okanagananglers101>; Okanagan Fisheries Foundation (OFF) - <https://www.facebook.com/OkanaganFisheriesFoundation> ;**

**eg: catch & release; handling fish; landing fish; tag returns; responsible & law abiding fishing techniques, etc....**

**18. 24. BCWF Region 8 clubs & members are long-time community residents & well-integrated within their communities (see: annual game banquets & fundraisers attendance and list of BUSINESSES, friends & supporters of these).**

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## **BCWF Region 8 - Okanagan – Clubs**

[01. Armstrong & Dist. Fish & Game Association - Armstrong, BC](http://www.adfga.ca/)  
<http://www.adfga.ca/>

02. Black Mountain Sportsman Association - Kelowna, BC  
no website found

03. Enderby & Dist. Fish & Game Protective Assoc. - Enderby, BC  
[http://enderbygunclub.com/About Us Events.html](http://enderbygunclub.com/About_Us_Events.html)

[04. Grand Forks Wildlife Association - Grand Forks, BC](https://sites.google.com/site/gfwildlifeassociation/)  
<https://sites.google.com/site/gfwildlifeassociation/>

[05. Kelowna & Dist. Fish & Game Club - Kelowna, BC](http://kdfgc.org/)  
<http://kdfgc.org/>

[06. Keremeos-Cawston Sportsman Association](http://www.k-csa.com/)  
<http://www.k-csa.com/>

07. Lumby & Dist. Wildlife Association - Lumby, BC  
<http://lumbywildlife.ca/>

[08. Ocoola Fish & Game club - Winfield, BC](http://www.oceola.ca/)  
<http://www.oceola.ca/>

09. Osoyoos Wildlife Federation - Osoyoos, BC  
No website found

[10. Peachland Sportsmens' Association - Peachland, BC](http://www.peachlandsportsmens.ca/)  
<http://www.peachlandsportsmens.ca/>

11. Penticton Fly Fishers  
<http://www.pentictonflyfishers.ca/101/pentictonflyfishers/index.htm>

12. Princeton & Dist. Fish & Game Association - Princeton, BC  
No website found

[13. Southern Okanagan Sportsmens' Association - Oliver, BC](http://www.okanagansportsmen.com/)  
<http://www.okanagansportsmen.com/>

[14. Summerland Sportsman's Association - Summerland, BC](http://summerlandsportsmensassociation.ca/)  
<http://summerlandsportsmensassociation.ca/>

[15. Vernon Fish & Game Club - Vernon, BC](http://vernonfishandgame.ca/)  
<http://vernonfishandgame.ca/>

Acronyms used in text in the order they appear:

BCWF = British Columbia Wildlife Federation  
BCWF Region 8 = British Columbia Wildlife Federation Region 8 = Okanagan-Similkameen-Kettle-Shuswap watersheds  
TM = text message  
UBC-O = University of British Columbia - Okanagan  
OC = Okanagan College  
SFU = Simon Fraser University  
UVic = University of Victoria  
U of I = University of Idaho  
NVIT = Norther Vocational Institute of Technology  
Selkirk = Selkirk College  
BCIT = British Columbia Institute of Technology  
OSCI = Okanagan Salmon Fisheries Initiative  
DO<sub>2</sub> = dissolved oxygen  
TH<sub>2</sub>O = water temperature  
MP's = BC Members of Parliament  
MLA's = BC Members of Legislative Assembly  
MFLNRO = BC Ministry of Forests Lands & Natural Resources Operations  
BOW = Becoming an Outdoors Woman  
HCTF = Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation  
PFF = Penticton Fly Fishers  
ONA = Okanagan Nation Alliance  
T-O SFAC = Thompson-Okanagan Sport Fishing Advisory Group  
COBTWG = Canadian Okanagan Technical Working Group  
BOBTWG = Bilateral Okanagan Basin Technical Working Group  
GFWA = Grand Forks Wildlife Association  
RAPP = Report All Polluters & Poachers  
CO's = Conservation Officers  
FO's = Fisheries Officers  
LDWA = Lumby & District Wildlife Association  
VFGC = Vernon Fish & Game Club  
ONA-FD = Okanagan Nation Alliance Fisheries Department  
OWF = Osoyoos Wildlife Federation  
bcfishn.com = bcfishn.com  
FSSBC = Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC  
FB = FaceBook  
OFF = Okanagan Fisheries Foundation

**Text excerpted from:**

**BCWF Region 8 fisheries committee website:** <http://bcfishn.com/bcwf-region-8-fisheries/>

**2009 - 2016 BCWF REGION 8 FISHERIES COMMITTEE PLANS:**

**01. Continue sharing practical & timely fish, fishing (angling) & fish habitat information among BCWF Region 8 clubs & members ("SILOBUSTING").**

**02. Continue to develop & refine fisheries committee "feedback" contacts with each BCWF Region 8 club.**

**03. Take action as directed, focusing on BCWF Region 8 volunteer members fish, fishing (angling) & fish habitat concerns and interests.**

**04. Support completion of integrated watershed management plans (water use plans – especially *water-for-fish*) in BCWF Region 8 (Okanagan – Kettle - Similkameen – Shuswap basins).**

**05. Support BC Water Act review and revision – especially groundwater legislation, *water-for-fish* and vigorous on-the-ground enforcement.**