



Hello.

In reference to your request for comments on the *Professional Reliance Review*, here are two cases where reliance on environmental professionals alone has been detrimental to the salmon in Stoney Creek in northeast Burnaby.

The first case is the ongoing contamination from road salt use by Simon Fraser University on Burnaby Mountain. The environmental professionals SFU hired only looked at an area 500m around the old salt storage shed and determined there were no fish there on top of the mountain. However, those watercourses do have fish further downstream that are severely affected by the salt contamination. Our volunteers have been working to get this cleaned up for the last 15 years.

We have been in contact with the Ministry of Environment, specifically Ed Hoffman, Acting Executive Director, Regional Operations Branch, Environmental Protection Division, who said on October 10, 2016:

Until then, I understand SFU has hired a qualified professional to take samples of the creek, provide a report on results, and make recommendations to mitigate salt impacts on the creek. At this time MOE will not be taking samples due to the fact that SFU has done their due diligence with respect to hiring a QEP, taking samples, and implementing remedial measures to prevent salt migration.

SFU has failed to implement some of their consultant's recommendations. What can we do?

See a background video at http://scec.ca/video/road_salt_and_salmon.mp4

The second case is a major washout on Stoney Creek in 2015 during a culvert repair that was allowed to proceed outside the normal fish window. Our understanding is that the proponent's QEP filled out an online form, which was never checked by provincial or federal regulators. See the attached PDFs.

From our experience, it is clear that decisions that relate to projects that pose a significant risk to the environment must be made by government in consultation with those with local knowledge, and not outsourced to industry professionals.

I am happy to provide additional details if that would help.

Regards,
...Alan

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