

Pacific Streamkeepers Federation Roundtable Nov 7th, 2022

Our insurance renewal applications show us that the groups have maintained their volunteer numbers. With many groups using our new: "add a volunteer" feature on the streamkeepers insurance database to update their files as they attract new volunteers. Covid got a lot of people outdoors and they saw some of the works of the local people or ran into volunteers on the trails and are now seeking out a chance to take part. Anecdotal info is showing groups still have a core that do the bulk of the works, some due to lingering effects of covid protocols and some of this is just how groups function. People need to plan so others can show up.

There is more online type consultations to have input into a variety of policy and programming. I am wondering how successful this is as I find the email invites are quickly buried and while the intentions are to fill in the form or be on the call it doesn't always go to plan. Curious if this is proving to be a good form of communication.

The revisions and update of DFO's Streamkeepers Handbook and Modules slowed since June as we had to get a small contract in place for our new illustrator and the CA's who have been the leads on this were involved in field work and vacations. We will get back on track in December. The updates and rewrites to date have been well received and looking really good. Having these standardized monitoring protocols that have been determined by DFO staff and consultants allows for groups to carry out stream monitoring practices with confidence that the info they are collecting is of value and have the ability to compare with other data from other groups.

Lastly we have gotten a small grant to allow us to buy the smaller purchases that groups may need. Sometimes a group only needs a couple of thermometers but if they are going to make the effort to apply for funding the search about to find more things to buy. We want to make it easy for those just wanting a small item. Another piece of this grant is for trainers to do another day with the groups. This allows the newly trained people to sharpen their skills as well as having the group collect real data, we are focusing on the advanced stream habitat survey module 2 for this. The grant can pay for the trainers time for the extra day.