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Upcoming Events

Fraser Riverkeeper’s 3rd Annual Earth Day Cleanup at Pegleg Gravel Bar

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, with a BBQ at noon

Date: April 18, 2010, Sunday

Location: Chilliwack Pegleg Bar

Fraser Riverkeeper, in partnership with Woodtone, the City of Chilliwack, Rotz Disposal, and other friends of the Fraser River, will clean up Pegleg Gravel Bar in Chilliwack on Sunday, April 18th, the Sunday before Earth Day, from 9:00 am to noon. [Click here for directions.](#)

[Download a poster here](#) and feel free to distribute!

This event is a great opportunity to do your part for Earth Day. Fraser Riverkeeper invites their fellow Chilliwack and Fraser Valley businesses, and everyone who enjoys the river, to come and join us at Pegleg Bar in Chilliwack. Water, snacks, and all equipment, including gloves and sanitizer, will be provided at the staging areas located at Pegleg Bar.



Important notice:

Volunteers should come prepared for the weather and terrain and bring their refillable water bottles. You must sign a waiver before helping to clean up the bar and either bring or wear provided disposable gloves. Children must be supervised by parents.

This year, Fraser Riverkeeper will make available a special children's area that will provide salmon-centered games and activities.

Last year's Earth Day Pegleg Cleanup marked the second annual cleanup of its kind on the popular fishing and recreation gravel bar, and resulted in approximately 11 tons of waste materials

recovered.

The event will be focused on beautifying and restoring the riverbed at Pegleg Bar while increasing community participation in environmental stewardship and awareness of the significance of these gravel bars to local flora and fauna as well to local residents and community groups who appreciate their value.

Pegleg Bar provides easy access to the Fraser River for recreation fishing, and is one of the more popular and productive bars for fishing without a boat. Bar fishing the Fraser River is a popular way to appreciate the river and all it has to offer, providing prime gathering spots for socializing in the great outdoors. Unfortunately, such easy access to the "Mighty" Fraser River has resulted in the accumulation of various types of garbage, from aluminum cans to couches.



2008 Pegleg Cleanup with Fraser Riverkeeper Doug Chapman & Woodtone's Michelle Cooper and her family



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Get Out Migration

"Salmon are Sacred" is hosting a migration starting at Broughton Archipelago and Sointula on April 23rd, and closing with a blessing in Victoria on Mother's Day (May 9). This march is the result of citizens and organizations collaborating in an effort to stand up together and try to match the corporate Norwegian fish farm PR machine.

The Get Out Migration is building. I am walking the length of Vancouver Island beginning on April 23 at the north end from Sointula. People are telling me they plan to walk too from their towns and along the same route and this is fantastic! If enough people do this, politicians might finally understand that wild salmon are much too valuable to risk in this way. Please know this is not an "event", it is simply individuals who feel it is time to take a stand for wild salmon in a visible way and if you decide to do this please know you must be self-sufficient. - **Alexandra Morton**

This migration is the next level in an effort to remove the impact of salmon farms from BC waters, where they negatively impact wild fish and ecosystems. [Salmonaresacred.org](http://salmonaresacred.org) calls this "A peaceful, colourful, musical, fun, family-oriented act of humanity to preserve a fish that feeds our world -- wild salmon."

If you are interested in joining in and leading a migration arm from the Fraser River Valley, Gold River, or other place in BC, or want to organize your own migration in Norway, Scotland, Ireland, etc., please visit www.salmonaresacred.org.

A complete route is available here: <http://www.salmonaresacred.org/checkpoint-sidney-victoria>. Click [here](#) to sign a petition.





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Fraser River is 4th Most Endangered River in BC

This year marks the 18th annual "most endangered rivers" listing from Mark Angelo's Outdoor Recreation Council (ORC), and Fraser River comes in as 4th most endangered BC river. This is the 17th time that our beloved river has found its way into the top half of the list. According to Angelo, "Of particular concern this year are the development pressures facing the 'Heart of the Fraser' between Hope and Mission, one of the most productive sections of river anywhere in the world.



List of Endangered Rivers in BC 2010

1. **Kettle River** (water extraction, development)
1. **"Sacred Headwaters" of Skeena, Nass and Stikine** (coal bed methane) - tie for first spot
3. **Coldwater River** (water extraction, development)
4. **Fraser River** – (urbanization, industrial development, pollution)
5. **Peace River** (hydro-electric dam proposal)
6. **Similkameen River** (cross border dam proposal)
7. **Glacier/Howser Creeks** (IPP proposal)
8. **Elk River** (development, increasing selenium levels, wildlife migration issues)
9. **Coquitlam River** (excessive sedimentation, urbanization)
10. **Salmon River-Langley** (excessive groundwater extraction, development)
11. **Bute Inlet Rivers** (IPP proposal)



Recent Event

FRK Launches Premier of Reading Series on World Water Day

Fraser Riverkeeper celebrated **World Water Day** on the evening of March 22 by launching, in collaboration with H2O Plus, the first of our Reading Series. This book event featured author Jordan Scott, who read from *Silt*, a book of poems about the Fraser River. The evening was wonderful, and all of Jordan's book copies sold! Thanks to everyone for stopping by.

Fraser Riverkeeper's new Reading Series connects environmental authors with friends and members of our organization. We plan to host several reading events this year, and would like to invite you to be a guest speaker at one of our meetings. If you are interested in donating a couple hours to a book club event, please contact [Mary](#).

Authors may bring copies of their books to sign and sell. The venue will be casual and educational for the audience, and will be promoted among our members and contacts.

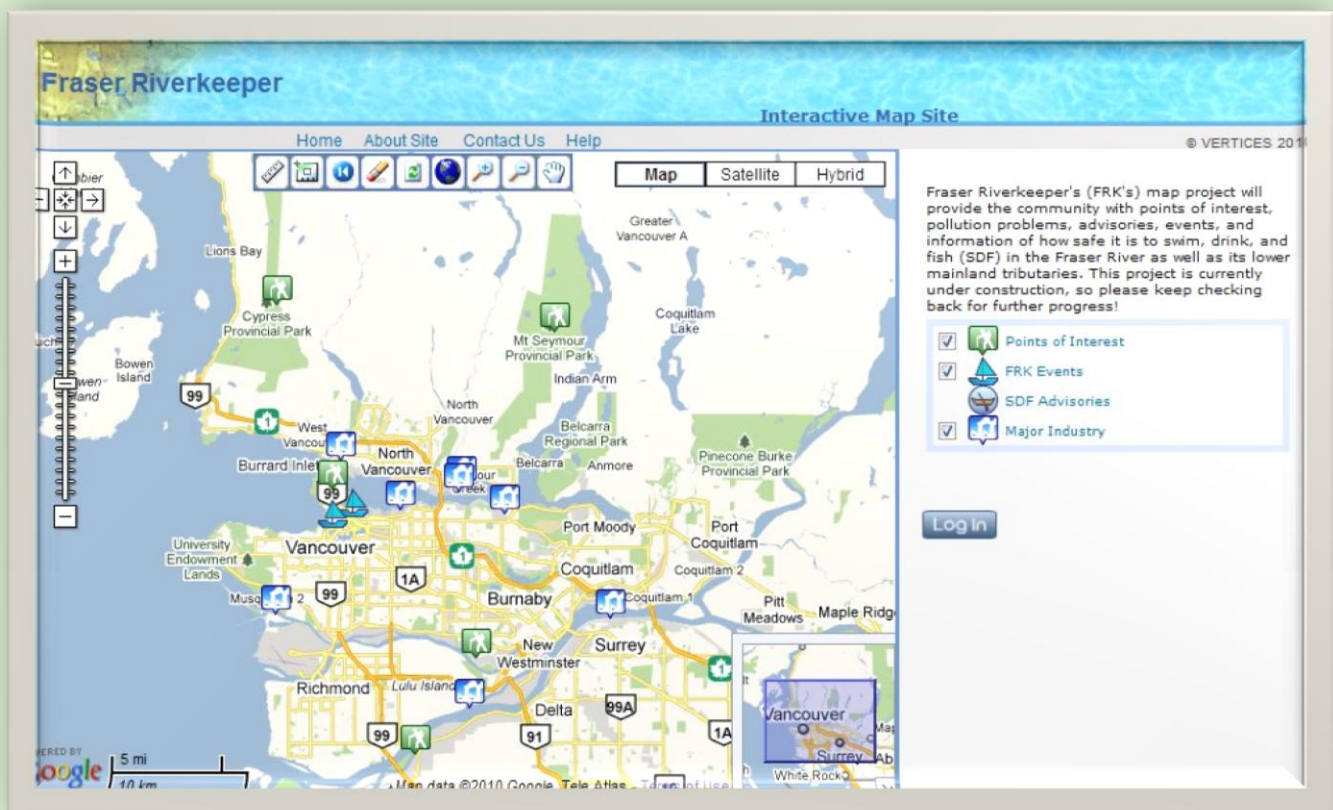


From left to right: Dr. Board member Al Connolly, Riverkeeper Doug Chapman, and author Jordan Scott (reading)
Photo taken by Mathieu Brazeau, from H2O



SWIM DRINK FISH Interactive Map

We want to thank [IM Rivers](http://www.imrivers.org) for their generous donation of a one-year license to Fraser Riverkeeper in 2010. IM Rivers provides an interactive mapping interface for river network organizations wishing to provide their communities with updated information on the state of their waters. We have a **new map URL**: <http://www.imrivers.org/fraserriver>. This new link will allow more interactivity and features for end users. We are just rolling out the framework for this interactive map, and plan to have a very robust portal by this summer.



Our SWIM DRINK FISH Map project will pinpoint major areas of static nature and points of interest. Such points of interest include, for example, exact location of sewage treatment plants, major industrial discharge points (oil refineries, chemical industries, waste departments), combined sewer outfalls, location of quarries, hydrocarbon pollution and other large scale agricultural sites. Users will also be able to access locations of popular fishing areas, recreational areas along the Fraser and its watershed, and historical data and trends of pollution. The map points will include historical sites, provincial parks, some boating/rafting places, known swimming sites, major industry points, etc.

This map is now online and will continue to grow. You can use the map tools to zoom in and out and enable or disable filters (such as viewing only industry or only points of interest).



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New Pollution Hotline and Poster

We are expanding our Pollution Hotline program.

Our new toll-free number is **1-888-5-KEEPER (553-3737)**.

If you would like to help us expand our hotline outreach, you may download a distributable pollution poster from our website at <http://www.fraserriverkeeper.ca/pollution-hotline/>.

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POLLUTION WATCH

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

TO REPORT POLLUTION CONCERNS, CALL:
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www.fraserriverkeeper.ca

The poster is enclosed in a yellow border. At the top, it features the Fraser Riverkeeper logo (a salmon) and the text "FRASER RIVERKEEPER®" and "Salmon Forever". Below this, the main title "POLLUTION WATCH" is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath the title, the question "HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?" is written in a smaller, bold, black font. The central illustration shows a river flowing through a valley, with a large industrial facility (factory) on the right bank emitting smoke into the sky. The river is depicted with blue and purple tones, suggesting pollution. At the bottom of the poster, the text "TO REPORT POLLUTION CONCERNS, CALL:" is followed by the toll-free number "1-888-5-KEEPER (553-3737)" in a large, bold, black font. The website address "www.fraserriverkeeper.ca" is printed at the very bottom in a smaller, black font.



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Citizen-based Fraser Riverkeeper is a registered non-profit Canadian charitable organization (BN 862234374 RR0001) dedicated to the protection, conservation and improvement of the water quality and fish habitat of the “Mighty” Fraser River and its tributaries. Full-time Riverkeeper, Doug Chapman, patrols our waters by boat, responding to community pollution concerns and defending local waterways.

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