



TURNING OF THE TIDE, SPRING 2011

You are Invited to Join our Riverwatcher Program!

Do you want to get involved in preserving and restoring the Fraser River, but you're not sure how? We have the perfect solution. Fraser Riverkeeper is putting together a team of committed river stewards, or Riverwatchers, along the river and across the watershed, to join our full-time Riverkeeper in our pursuit of a clean, healthy river system. We want you to get involved: paddlers, fishermen, boaters, and water enthusiasts alike. Fraser Riverkeeper and fellow Riverwatchers will work together to ensure that our waters are safe to swim, drink, and fish. We have just started a [blog](#), and we invite you to [become a Riverwatcher](#) and participate interactively with comments on our blog! For more information, check out our website or [contact us](#).

It's a Great Time of the Year to Volunteer with Fraser Riverkeeper

Riverkeepers work on many watershed issues, projects, and activities to preserve and restore the river. Want to get close to the action, join hundreds or thousands at rallies and cleanups? Volunteer with Fraser Riverkeeper by contacting us! You will gain on-the-ground experience, meet some of the most active community organizers and advocates working on environmental issues, and will gain an understanding of the issues affecting the Fraser River and its watershed. FRK is looking for river enthusiasts to volunteer for events and office projects. We also are looking for environmental authors to assist us in our book series. Finally, we are mapping beaches in British Columbia, and need your help in photo-documenting the beaches. No matter where you live in BC, there's likely a beach near you that we will be mapping and will need a photograph of. This is a great and fun way to get involved with the promotion of clean water, build your resume, and meet new friends and like-minded individuals. For more information, please contact [Mary Woodbury](#).

Please Join Our Earth Day Pegleg Bar Cleanup!

For the fourth year in a row, Fraser Riverkeeper will join Woodtone, Andy Rotz, and the City of Chilliwack in cleaning up the Pegleg Bar in Chilliwack, in celebration of Earth Day. This spring restoration happens before freshet while the gravel bar is exposed. When: April 17th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Where: Pegleg Gravel Bar, Chilliwack. A BBQ,

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kid's activities, and a friendly community will be included. See our website for directions and more information. You may also [download a poster](#) to hang in your storefront.

TD Friends of the Environment and Earth Day

This April 21st, TD Friends of the Environment's Canada Trust branches are hosting a special Earth Day celebration. This Earth Day celebration will support TD FEF's annual donations campaign, with 100% of those donations going to support local projects just like Fraser Riverkeeper's.



World Water Day 2011

On March 22, Fraser Riverkeeper hosted a volunteer appreciation and training session as we gear up for our spring and summer events, with the ongoing mission of protecting and restoring the Fraser River. We met at Ecojustice with several volunteers to discuss upcoming events and the importance of community outreach and involvement.

We also participated in [Snaps for Clean Water](#), a Waterkeeper Alliance initiative to visually illustrate this year's WWD theme: *water and urbanization*. Fraser Riverkeeper, along with other water groups, submitted several photos of the Fraser River relating to urbanization and development. Snaps for Clean Water is a great Flickr photo-documentary tool reflecting this year's WWD. We encourage you to view the photos as they inspire and provoke action to preserve as much natural habitat of watersheds as possible.

On World Water Day, Teva also launched "Pair for a Foot", which will protect one linear foot of global waterways for every pair of Teva shoes and sandals sold in 2011. This long-term initiative will help protect over four million feet of global and Canadian waterways. [Click here](#) for more information.

Alexander Keith's Launches Green Initiative

Alexander Keith's has a green initiative to help support ecologically friendly non-profits, and Canada Waterkeepers is among them. [Join Alexander Keith's on Facebook](#). Click on DONATE, share the information on your Facebook wall, and \$1 gets donated to your favorite charity...ahem, Waterkeepers Canada of course! Want to donate more? Buy a case of specially marked Keith's Green beer. There will be a PIN in the package. This PIN can reveal between \$0 and \$1000 for charity.

This Year's Seafood Summit

Lauren Brown Hornor from Fraser Riverkeeper attended the [9th Annual](#)

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[Seafood Summit: Responsibilities without Borders](#). The Seafood Summit attracted seafood industry representatives and conservationists during a weekend seminar, and offered presentations and networking, which united those working to make seafood environmentally, socially, and economically sound. According to Damien Gillis, closed-containment salmon farming was highlighted at the summit.

According to Lauren, "It was clear that the Seafood Summit panel discussions were heavily flavored by the reality of emerging closed-containment industry. While the challenges of competing with the strong push of the open net-pen industry are very real, it is encouraging to feel the momentum build and know that we are heading in the right direction."

See [Damien Gillis's article](#) at *The Common Sense Canadian*.

The Cohen Commission

Last spring, FRK was granted the right to participate in the judicial enquiry into the decline of sockeye salmon in the Fraser River. Check out the [Cohen Commission's website](#) for the rulings they've made. Originally scheduled to report out within the year, the Cohen Commission began oral hearings in the fall of 2010, after releasing an interim report reviewing past reports.

FRK News

Karen Wristen

Welcome to our new Executive Director, Karen Wristen, who is taking place of Lauren Brown Hornor. Lauren is currently on maternity leave, and we wish her much joy. Karen is a non-practicing lawyer and organizational development consultant with 20 years experience in fundraising in the environmental sector and in non-profit management.

Lauren Hornor

Lauren has been voted in to serve on the Fraser Riverkeeper board of directors. Lauren, until recently, has been the Executive Director since FRK was established as a society. Before then, she, along with Doug Chapman helped to found the organization as a licensed Waterkeeper Alliance member.

Cindy Simmonds

We also welcome Cindy Simmonds, our new Office Manager. Cindy is currently working toward obtaining a degree in International Studies and is pursuing a certificate in Sustainable Community Development. She has a great respect for the environment and a passion to protect it.

Chris Alexander

We are happy to announce that Chris Alexander has joined our board of directors. Chris grew up in Vancouver and has a great appreciation for all things outdoors while sailing and fishing the local waters.

Alison Bradley

We are happy to announce the birth of Program Manager Alison Bradley's daughter Elena Renate, born March 6! Elena paid us visit, along with Mom, recently, and we have to report that she is a bundle of joy.