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Fish & Wildlife's Ripple Report: 2023 Status of the Slough Community Event

Fish & Wildlife hosted an event for the community in March 2024. The F&W team shared the results of the 2023 Salmon spawner surveys and water quality monitoring and facilitated a discussion about Salmon and the health of Maria Slough. Attendees provided thoughtful comments and questions and provided valuable feedback to our Fish & Wildlife team.

Thank you to all attendees for making the event a success!

What We Heard at the Ripple Report: 2023 Status of the Slough Event

1. Many community members support **multi-year collection of data** and are looking forward to hearing about how the dissolved oxygen levels, spawning periods and locations, and water depth compare.
2. A strong emphasis was made on the **importance of Salmon and Sturgeon** for Seabird Island and how we should be prioritizing the protection and restoration of their habitats.
3. Participants were interested in hearing more about:
 1. **Non-salmonid species** at Seabird Island.
 2. Impact of **invasive species** at Seabird Island.
 3. Long-term monitoring and restoration plans and **how to reach food security**.
 4. How **agricultural run-off** is impacting the health of Maria Slough.
 5. How **restoration projects** focused on enhancing Salmon habitat will affect other species.



POLICY UNIT

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) resolution was passed into law in November 2019 in British Columbia (The Declaration Act). The Act states that all provincial laws must be amended to align with UNDRIP. Since then, we have participated in numerous amendment processes, notable engagements in the first quarter are:

- Police Amendment Act
- BC Lottery Commission Policy on the development of Gaming facilities.
- BC Land amendments
- BC Distinction Based Approach - BC Metis Rights
- Cannabis Act Amendment
- Policing and Public Safety Modernization Initiative - Police Act amendment
- Amendments to the Child, Family, and Community Services Act (CFCSA).

SEABIRD ISLAND INTERNAL POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

- ▶ The following Terms of Reference (TOR) was approved by Chief and Council in the first quarter:
 - Education Committee TOR
- ▶ We are in the process of reviewing the following policies and Terms of Reference:
 - Sports and Leisure Policy
 - Committee Establishment and Disbandment Policy
 - Occupational Health & Safety Policy
 - Interim Membership Committee TOR

Membership Code Family Gatherings

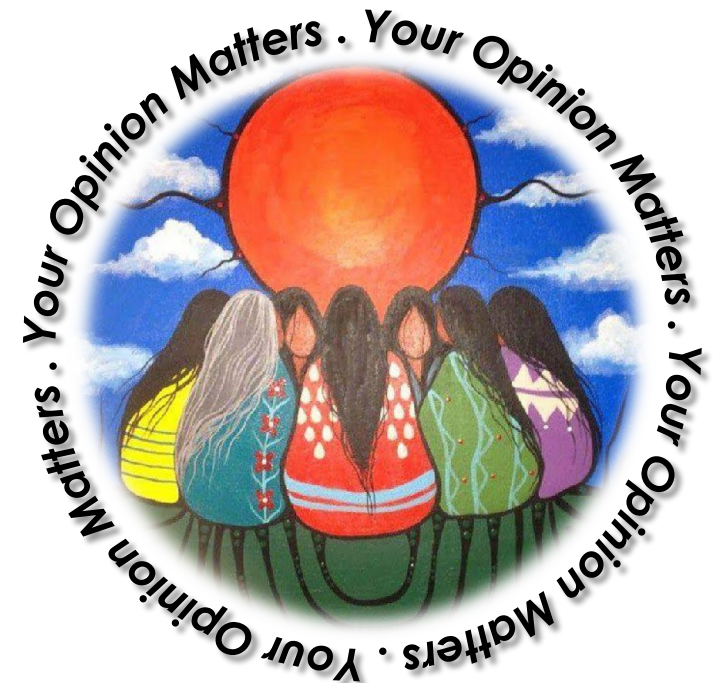
Are you and your family interested in learning more about the Membership Code revision?

We would like to meet with you and your family to share a meal and share information on the Membership Code amendments.

Please contact Simone Jimmie from Seabird's Membership department to learn more!

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I want my child to apply
for membership with
Seabird Island Band!

What is the process?

Step-by-step process to becoming a Seabird Island Band member

Step 1: Apply for a long-form Birth Certificate.

Step 2: Submit a registration application to Indigenous Services Canada and apply to become registered under the Indian Act.

Note: additional identification is required.

Step 3: The Indian Registrar from Indigenous Services Canada approves the registration application, and the applicant receives their #581 registration number.

Step 4: Apply for a status card.

Step 5: Complete and submit Seabird's membership application to Seabird's Membership department.

Note: additional identification is required.

Step 6: If the applicant's application is approved for membership, the applicant's name will then be added to Seabird's Membership List.

Definitions of Membership

Registered Seabird member: An individual who has applied for registration under the *Indian Act* and has received their #581 registration number but has not submitted Seabird's membership application; therefore, the individual is only affiliated to Seabird Island Band.

Seabird Island Band member: An individual whose name is listed on Seabird Island's Membership List.

If you are unsure that you or your Child's name is listed on Seabird's Membership List, please contact Simone Jimmie from Seabird's Membership department.

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Natural Resources

Specific Claims

We are in the process of reopening specific claims for the Wahleach and Seabird Island rd, Loughheed right of way and the Five Mile Fishery. We have received the go-ahead from council and in the first step of consolidating data.

Update on Landslide at KeyWest:

We have contracted an environmental consultant by funding from the Ministry of Environment to review the remediation and habitat monitoring plan put together by the contractor representing the mine site and provide us with a second opinion.

Heat Mapping Initiative

We have applied for the Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation funding to take on a heat mapping project. The project will span from Bear Mountain to Ruby Creek, and the results will help us identify hotspots in the area that trap the most heat. Once identified, we can employ measures to reduce the amount of heat that gets trapped in the area.



The crew at the 2024
Regional Forestry
Engagement Conference