FINAL REPORT 1998

URBAN SALMON HABITAT PROGRAM

Assessment of BEACH CREEK

Qualicum Beach BC

by

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INTRODUCTION

This report is an addition to the 1996 USHP inventory. In 1996, three mainstem reaches were identified in the *Beach Creek 1996 USHP Inventory (April 6, 1997)*. Restoration work was identified in 1996 and undertaken in 1997. In 1998, the Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers inventoried the two tributaries to Beach Creek. School House Creek is identified as Reach 2-1 as it enters Reach 2 in the top of the Brown Property forest. Garden Road Creek is Reach 3-1 and it enters reach three on the farm upstream of Mant Road. No other major tributaries exist on Beach Creek. We have appended the 1996 data summaries and results for reaches 1 to 3 into this report to provide a better perspective of the entire habitat condition of Beach Creek.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this survey were to;

1.) to conduct an Urban Salmon Habitat Restoration Program survey of Beach Creek and identify its' restoration needs.

2.) Involve local people and increase awareness of Beach creek as a natural feature of Qualicum beach.

SURVEY AREA

Beach Creek originates from a peat bog, situated within Glengarry Golf Course, just to the south of the boundary of the Town of Qualicum Beach. The Creek has been ditched from where it leaves the golf course along Nenzel Road to the corner of Rupert Road and Qualicum Road, approximately 1km. It then travels through the Davidson property and another private property where the riparian zone has been preserved in its natural state. Below, the Creek is channelized for about 500m as it goes through some small farms. There is a large pond situated on the KenDor property (nursery business) which is used for irrigation. According to the owner, he also has a well which he uses when the water level of the pond gets too low. It may be supplying the creek with ground water because there is always water downstream even when the creek runs dry upstream, as it does at the end of hot summers.

Downstream of the farms, the creek goes under Mant Road, the railway line and Memorial Drive. It goes through mostly natural forest again even though it is in residential lots, some 5 acres in area, a few the usual city lot size, and one, the Brown property, is 50 acres. A small spring originates in the Brown property and once was the site of a volunteer SEP Coho egg incubator and fish holding area.

Beach Creek then passes under West Crescent and meanders through the Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Course where it enjoys a mostly natural riparian zone until it comes to the large pond at the north end of the golf course. This pond is used for irrigation from May until September when the stop logs must be removed to allow for fish passage.

Below the Golf Course, Beach Creek passes through four private properties, then it goes into a culvert at Elizabeth Avenue then under the Old Dutch Inn and Highway 19a. This culvert is scheduled for replacement. The Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers will be involved with the plans for this culvert.

Beach Creek has 12 culverts along its length, most of them under private driveways. One such culvert, off Hemsworth Road, was unblocked by the Streamkeepers and the banks stabilized with sandbags, boulders and plants in 1997.

METHODS:

As stated earlier, the three mainstem reaches were inventoried in 1996 and the tributaries done in 1998. In 1996, the USHP Assessment and Mapping Procedures for Vancouver Island (Draft, T. Michalski & G. Reid, 1996) was used for data collection in addition to Fish Habitat Assessment Procedures (WRP Tech. Circ. #8, N. T. Johnson & P.A. Slaney, 1996). Both manuals were used for assessment after the survey data was collected as well. In 1998, a later version of the USHP Assessment and Mapping Procedures was used (T. Michalski & G. Reid & G. Stewart, 1997).

In 1996, Surveys began Sept. 23 at the top end of Beach Creek in Glengarry Golf Course. and ended Oct. 16, 1996. Survey crews were parties of two to four persons. Prior permission of property owners was obtained before entering. There were approximately a dozen people involved, all outings were supervised by at least one survey experienced Streamkeeper. Weather was good and flows were low but not quite at their lowest due to some precipitation.

All stream data was entered into the MOELP USHP spreadsheet (Excel) provided by T. Michalski and modified by G. Stewart for ease of data entry. There were 8 different field expeditions and survey start/finish points. These sections were then inserted into three reaches categorized for Beach Creek based on our observations in the field. In 1998, Garden Road Tributary was inventoried in September after fish were discovered in the drainage. The school Creek (aka Violetta Creek) was inventoried in August to augment the knowledge of the Brown property drainage.

RESULTS:

Stream Maps used in this survey of Beach Creek include a 1:10,000 scale topographic map that identifies the watershed area, reach breaks and overall watershed development (Map 1). A 1:2,000 scale tracing map of inventory and restoration plans is also presented (Map 2).

The 1998 inventory data of reaches 2-1 and 3-1 is presented as summaries (Table. 1) and raw data (Table 2 & 3.) Reach 1 to 3 assessments were done in 1996 and reported in *Beach Creek 1997 USHP Inventory Report*. The data summary sheets (Tables 4, 5 & 6) were reproduced for reaches 1-3 in this report, the raw data is available in the 1997 report.

Reach 1: Beach Creek enters the ocean out of a culvert that passes under the Island highway and the Old Dutch Inn Hotel. The length is approximately 100 meters with a varying culvert diameter giving an estimated average of 1.2 meters. Reach One begins at the top end of the culvert at Elizabeth Avenue. A 547 m long reach that goes upstream through residential back yards, a stop log weir, a golf course pond and then a second growth alder wood to its' end at West Crescent. This reach has the most urban development and lacks canopy in the back yards. The Golf Course pond was relatively shallow due to an in-filling of sand from similarly composed streambanks. The outlet weir when in place is an obstacle to fish passage. The splash apron is angled with concrete such that there is no jump pool at low flows.

The habitat conditions of concern in this reach are the lack of boulder and gravels and high percentage of fines in the substrate. There is also no off channel habitat. There were only three sites where gravel or cobble occurred in this section; aeration, insect production and spawning are definitely limited. Large Woody Debris is deficient as well.

The riparian crown cover is good on average but the golf course pond and several backyards have no trees or shrubs. The riparian zone is composed of younger second growth trees, mostly alder with some conifers in the understory. Bank slopes are low which is good as the bank material is mostly sand and erosion is easily created.

Reach 2: This reach was broken into four sections due to changes in sampling method. Section 2-1; beginning at the West Crescent culvert, entered the Brown Estate upstream 200 meters at 100 % habitat sampling. This section has excellent rearing except for lacking wood debris due no doubt to stream cleaning to keep the downstream culvert from plugging. Section 2-2 was done in the UHSP manner where habitat cross sections were done every 250 meters. This section was 563 meters long and included the middle section of the Brown Property Estate. Habitat was similar to the previous site. Schoolhouse tributary entered at 463 meters from the north. Section 2-3 of Reach 2 was 889 meters long and departed the Brown Property crossed under Memorial Drive and ended at the Hemsworth Road driveway culverts. This reach was sampled at 100 % habitat frequency and included some residential backyards. This reach also lacked instream log debris and had a fairly high number of eroding banks on the upper portions. Section 4 of Reach 2 was sampled at 100 % frequency for its 213 m length to Mant Road. This section has a recently installed culvert that is a fish barrier at low flow. It also has a steep sand bank ravine with considerable erosion. At the top end the channel is diverted and completely exposed through a field before entering the culverts.

The general habitat conditions are good in the Brown Property which has the best rearing habitat in the entire creek. Upper areas of the reach (Hemsworth Rd.) offer better gravel for spawning but have poor cover, bank erosion and low summer volume.

The riparian summary correctly identifies the extensive bank erosion apparent in all areas of this reach except the Brown Property. This reach does have fair to good riparian depth in all but the upper most areas which provide the necessary shade for summer rearing. Bank erosion appears to be caused by high winter runoff and lack of rooted understory vegetation.

Reach 3: This reach was surveyed downstream from its' headwater ponds in GlenGarry Golf Course downstream 1256 meters to a private farm. This farm lies between Reach 3 and Reach 2 and the property owner did not give permission to access, its length is estimated at 750 meters. Drying is probably the most significant habitat concern in this reach. It offers good headwater spawning substrates but fry that don't migrate downstream are lost. The ditching of the headwaters has left only a few shallow pools and little instream cover.

The habitat conditions of this reach are very poor for year round rearing with the exception of the peat bogs at the headwater. This reach has no flow in summer and only a handful of deeper pools upstream of Garden Road tributary have summer water. The creek offers fair to good spawning gravel for resident trout and any coho that make through the cumulative culvert barriers.

The riparian zone is completely denuded in several areas of road ditch and farm ditch. Where present it is usually thin and second growth with the exception of the Davidson property above the farms.

Reach 2-1, School Creek Tributary: School Creek (a more official name is likely Violetta Creek) emerges from a culvert just south of Kwalicum Secondary School. The creek was incorporated into the design of the school and runs under a bridge leading to the gymnasium. The creek then flows toward Beach Creek, first going through a culvert under Village Way. This culvert is suspended and would certainly prevent any migration of fish in this area. There is a high gradient area just after the culvert outlet (approximately 200m) but then the creek flows at a lower gradient through natural forest where it joins up with Beach Creek at just about the southern edge of the Brown property. This tributary is marked by a lot of woody debris from numerous blow downs in the area as well as a lot of garbage (too much to be all taken out on that day).

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Doug Pahl, Ken Small, Faye Smith and Betty Drew Brook were joined by Lew and Gloria Carswell for the inventory on August 27, 1998.

The habitat is poor generally, it has many culverts and is overwhelmed by storm drain flow from the town. The habitat assessment ratings indicate concern in every aspect (see table). Low flow and lack of volume are two of the most significant. The lower reaches of this tributary offer the best potential.

The riparian conditions are fair for overhead cover (62%) and depth (15 + m) except where culverted. Bank erosion sites were common in association with debris jams. The debris jams were bunched together in tight knots likely from the force of the runoff water.

Reach 3-1; Garden Road Tributary: The Garden Road tributary to Beach Creek emerges from a culvert at Berwick Road where it is ditched going in an easterly direction for approximately 700m to Hemsworth Road when it enters a wooded area of about 100m (a Town owned gazetted road allowance) and flows into Beach Creek. It was decided to inventory this reach last summer after fish were discovered in the outlet pool at Berwick Road. The fish we saw were cutthroat trout, but Sandy Lochbaum, DFO Fishery Officer claimed to have also seen coho fry. The inventory was carried out by Betty Drew Brook, Doug Taylor and Faye Smith on September 11, 1998.

The Garden Road ditch runs through a portion of ALR land that lies within the Town of Qualicum Beach boundary. Most of the riparian zone on the south side is privately owned natural forest, with the exception of about 100m which has been cleared to the edge of the ditch. The north side is, of course, Garden Road.

The Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers took the opportunity offered by DFO to create some pools in this stretch. The resident trout fry were electroshocked before excavation began and placed downstream in the wooded area east of Hemsworth. Although we didn't take the time to count them, there were probably about 200 fry moved. These pools provide deeper, calmer water for the fish but need to have instream and overhead cover. The Streamkeepers plan to work on that in the summer of 1999.

The habitat conditions of this reach are poor, all but the lower 76 meters have been ditched recently. The tributary originates from storm drains that pick up some ground water but considerable surface drainage as well. The recent ditching has left the channel with little residual depth. There was no LWD, boulders or undercuts in the creek. The only cover offered was some seasonal aquatic vegetation. Fish were observed in the shallow pools but many were lost to predators over the summer/fall period.

The riparian canopy was closed over the creek in lower 76 meters. The remaining 700 meters were barren on the road side and pruned back on the opposite side. It is in need of more restoration. It is worth noting that agreements have been sought with the Town of Qualicum and Highways Dept. to protect the existing riparian zone and develop additional canopy.

. FISHERIES ASSESSMENT

No directed juvenile studies were done in the system in 1998 but several activities allowed some assessment information. In September at Garden Road tributary we removed approximately two hundred trout fry before construction. This represents the population of the reach prior to construction. Adult spawner assessment was done by Streamkeepers through the fall, visibility was poor but approximately 6 adult coho were seen at the Brown Property. No Chum were seen above the lower culvert. Recently (March) spawning resident cutthroat and their redds were observed in the Garden and Nenzel Road reaches of Beach Creek. No fish were observed in the Schoolhouse tributary but access is unblocked for the first 100 meters and it is possible for spawners or winter feeders to move up this tributary.

WATER QUALITY TESTS

Water quality; chemicals and coliform, was tested in 3 sites on Beach Creek on September 23, 1997 by MB Labs of Victoria. These sites were tested again for coliform only on December 1, 1997 when the Environment Canada mobile lab was in the area. The results are in the 1997 USHP Assessment of Beach Creek. No water quality tests were done in 1998.

DISCUSSION

Habitat data summaries from the results identify the most significant problems in Beach Creek. In general, there is a lack of instream log debris, gravel/cobble substrates, ditching and poor bank stability. Additionally, low summer flow and storm water flooding are hindering its' habitat. There are 12 culverts to the headwaters, many are points of difficulty for fish, the lowest two (Old Dutch, Golf Course) are the most significant. Many of the problems identified on the mainstem reaches in 1996 have been addressed in 1997 and 1998. Many restoration projects have already been done and are presented in the 1997 and 1998 *Final Report USHP Restoration Projects on Beach Creek*.

In Reach 1 the biggest problems are access, lack of spawning gravel, riparian and instream habitat. In 199and 1998, trees and shrubs were planted (Map 2). Boulder clusters, spawning gravel and LWD were added in 1998. We continued with more of the same in 1998. The biggest challenge is the lower culvert barrier. This culvert under the Old Dutch Inn is a point of difficulty for coho and trout as well as complete barrier to Chum. It also deletes a large part of habitat from fish. There is a plan developed by the Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers in concert with the Town of Qualicum and government agencies to see it improved in 1999. Funding applications are being reviewed currently. This culvert improvement plan will have a very significant effect on fish access into Beach Creek.

Reach 2 incorporates the Brown property where in 1997 LWD and Boulders were placed. This reach is the best rearing habitat in a mature second growth forest which is an excellent urban riparian area. The property is now up for sale and rezoning. The Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers have been involved in raising the community awareness of the high riparian values of this property with the hopes of protecting it from being lost.

Reach 3 has the most potential because it also has the most problems. The low summer flow in this reach means that scour logs and pool depth are important for over summer survival. As is overhead canopy, water quality and quantity. In 1997 and 1998 there have been improvements to canopy, instream volume and cover to this reach. The problems with water flow are being addressed with a water management plan being developed in concert with the Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers, Glengarry Golf Course, Town of Qualicum, and government agencies. It is hoped that a storage plan can be developed for a surface or ground water reservoir. The benefit will be higher summer flow and lower winter flow.

The newly inventoried reaches of Garden Road Creek (3-1) and Schoolhouse Creek (2-1) have had some attention in 1998. Through DFO funding we were able to initiate some instream and riparian work at Garden Road. Approximately 15 pools were excavated each 3 to 5 meters long with a mean depth of 0.3 m. Several leaning alders were bent over to help train the shade trees over the creek. Future work of instream complexing and planting of the pools is planned in 1999. Schoolhouse Creek has not yet seen much work, other than garbage clean up. We will be looking at awareness as a big part of this tributaries' restoration as it goes through a school yard and drains the town site.

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers PROJECT BUDGET - 1998

Beginning Balance

From 1997 Budget	\$ 2,000.00	
USHP 1998	\$ 9,345.00	
Total		\$11,345.00

Contracted/Professional Services

DR Clough	\$1,006.16	
Carex Environmental	\$ 636.65	
Jake's Contracting	\$ 603.48	
Copcan Contracting	\$2,570.14	
		\$4,816.43

Administration

Office	\$ 886.44
Telephone & Installation	\$ 311.14
Phone bills	\$ 252.65
Corp. Registry	\$ 175.50
Community Events	\$ 239.16
Insurance	\$ 809.21

\$2,674.10

Materials/Supplies

Plants	\$ 1,217.98	
Camera	\$ 256.40	
Photos & Film	\$ 320.57	
Equipment	\$ 1,664.75	
	·	\$3,459.70

Workshops

	New Directions DFO	\$ 224.50		
	Stormwater Management	\$ 35.00		
	Watershed Plan	\$ 150.00		
			\$	409.50
Total Expenses			\$1]	1,342.48
Balance			\$	2.52

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Table 1. Beach Creek, Garden Road and Schoolhouse tributaries; 1998 Habitat, Fish Population and Riparian Data Summaries and Ratings. Stream Name Beach Creek

Watershed Code

Habitat	Garden	Ratings	School	Rating		Rating		Rating	1.	Rating		Rating	Total
Parameter	Rd.		Ck	s		s		s		S		S	
Percent Pool Area	21.22	5	39.85	5									10
Large Woody Debris/Bankfull Channel Width	0.00	5	1.50	3									8
Percent Cover in Pools	15	3	16	3									6
Average Percent Boulder Cover	5	5											5.
Percent Crown Cover	37.50	5	62.50	3		-							8
Substrate (Percent Fines)	70.83	5	47.50	5									10
Erosion Sites	0	1	21	5									6
Obstructions	1	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0 .	0	0	6
Altered Stream Sites	0	1	0	1									2
% Wetted Area (Wetted Area/Total Area)	79.58	3	37.12	5									8
Dissolved Oxygen	•		12.00	1	•		•		•		•		1
рH			7.00	1									1
Totals		34		37		0		0		0		0	71
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Off-Channel Habitat	0	5	0	5									10

Fish Data

Reach	Garden Rd.	School Ck		Total
Fry Capacity	2250	446		2697
Actual Pop.	0.00	0.00		0

Fry Densities

Species	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho	Coho	Total
Site One							0
Site Two							0

Riparian Ratings

Reach	Garden Rd.	School Ck				Total
Land Use	42					42
Livestock Access	0	0			:	0
Slope	7	2				9
Stability	68					68
Totals	117	2	0	0	- 0	119

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Table 4. Beach Creek, Reach 1 Habitat, Fish Population and Riparian Data Summaries and Ratings.

USHP DATA FORMAT Reach 1, B5							
Data summary	Value	Diagnostic					
Reach Area (m^2):	2116.35						
Percent Pool:	73.91	Good					
LWD per Channel Width:	0.03	Poor					
Total Erosion Sites:	0						
Total Altered Sites:	0						
Total Obstructions:	1	Weir stops fish.					
Number Pools:	34						
Number Riffles:	11						
Number Glides:	1						
Reach length (m):	547.00						
Average Grade (%):	0.5 %						
Average Bankfull Width (m):	4.13	-					
Average Wetted Width (m):	2.98						
Average Depth (m):	0.32	. I					
Wetted Area (m^2):	2116.35						
Average Temperature (C):	10.0	High in Summer					
Discharge (m^3/sec):	1 CFS						
Average Substrate Type:	fines	Poor, only 3 gravel si					
Average Instream Cover (%):	5.12	Fair					
Number of Off Chan. Habitats:	0	Poor					
Percent Fines:	95						
Average % Boulder Cover	0.00	Poor					
Average Crown Cover (%):	81						
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l):	na						
pH:	7.00						
Total Dissolved Solids:	na						

Reach 1: Beach 5 from West crescent d/s to Elizabeth Culvert, 100 % Sample.

Riparian	Reach				
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Average
Land Use:		5			5
Livestock:		0			0
Slope:		1			1
Stability:		3			3
Total:	9.0	00			9.00

STREAM: Beach Creek DATE: Oct 3/4/96 LOCATION Reach 1, West Crescent d/s to Elizabeth Culvert. COMMENT Originally Beach 5, R1., Sample 100%. SURVEY DIRECTION: downstream TEMPERATURE (C): 10.0 D.O. pH: CREW: Doug, Faye, Dave WATERSHED CODE: 92-3640 DISCHARGE (m³/sec) 1 CFS SITE: Golf Course and backyards to Elizabeth Culvert.

TDS:

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Table 5. Beach Creek, Reach 2 Habitat, Fish Population and Riparian Data Summaries and Ratings.

Reach 2-1,2-2, B5,6,6a.

USHP DATA FORMAT Reach 2-1,B5					
Data summary	Value	Diagnostic			
Reach Area (m^2):	505.50				
Percent Pool:	94.44	(Poor)			
LWD per Channel Width:	0.07	Poor			
Total Erosion Sites:	0				
Total Altered Sites:	0				
Total Obstructions:	0				
Number Pools:	17				
Number Riffles:	0				
Number Glides:	1				
Reach length (m):	200.00				
Average Grade (%):	1.50				
Average Bankfull Width (m):	4.46				
Average Wetted Width (m):	2.49				
Average Depth (m):	0.37				
Wetted Area (m^2):	505.50				
Average Temperature (C):	8.0				
Discharge (m^3/sec):	est 1 cfs				
Average Substrate Type:	fines	Poor			
Average Instream Cover (%):	12.53	Good			
Number of Off Chan. Habitats:	0	Poor			
Percent Fines:	100				
Average % Boulder Cover	0.00	Poor			
Average Crown Cover (%):	75.00	Fair to Good			
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l):	na				
pH:	7.00				
Total Dissolved Solids:	na				

Riparian					Reach
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Average
Land Use:	na				na
Livestock:	0				0
Slope:	1				1
Stability:	. 5				5
Total:	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00

STREAM: Beach Creek		DATE:	Oct 4/96	
LOCATION: Brown Proper	ty, Beach 5			
COMMENTS: start at West (Crescent culv	ert, sample: 1	100%	-
SURVEY DIRECTION:	u/s			
TEMPERATURE (C):	8			
DISTANCE (m):	0-200 m			
CREW: Doug, Faye, I	Dave			
WATERSHED CODE:		92-3640		92-3640
DISCHARGE (m ³ /sec)	est 1 cfs		est 1 cfs	
SITE:				

USHP DATA FORMAT Beach 6,6a						
Data summary -	Value	Diagnosti				
Reach Area (m^2):	1375.72					
Percent Pool:	52.46	(Poor)				
LWD per Channel Width:	0.12	Poor				
Total Erosion Sites:	0					
Total Altered Sites:	0					
Total Obstructions:	1	minor debris				
Number Pools:	64					
Number Riffles:	52					
Number Glides:	6					
Reach length (m):	563.00					
Average Grade (%):	1.50					
Average Bankfull Width (m):	2.03					
Average Wetted Width (m):	2.44					
Average Depth (m):	0.38					
Wetted Area (m^2):	1375.72					
Average Temperature (C):	8.0					
Discharge (m^3/sec):	0.00					
Average Substrate Type:	grav/fines	Fair				
Average Instream Cover (%):	10.40	Good				
Number of Off Chan. Habitats:	0	Poor				
Percent Fines:	40					
Average % Boulder Cover	0.00	Poor				
Average Crown Cover (%):	76.00	Fair to Good				
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l):	na					
pH:	7.00					
Total Dissolved Solids:	na					

Reach 2-2: Beach 6,6a u/s Browns Property 563 m. Sample Rate: 250 m.

Riparian					Reach
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Average
Land Use:	na		1		na
Livestock:	0				0
Slope:	1				1
Stability:	5				5
Total:	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00

STREAM:	Beach Creek		Beach 6	DATE:	Oct.10/96		
LOCATION: Mainstern, Browns lower property, 200 m from W, crescent							
COMMENTS:	COMMENTS: u/s from beach 5, sample rate: every 250 m						
SURVEY DIRE	CTION:	Survey direct	U/S				
TEMPERATUR	Е (С):	Temp:	8	3 D.O.			
DISTANCE (m): 0-563 m							
CREW:	Faye/Doug/G	ord/Betty					
WATERSHED	CODE:		92-3640				
DISCHARGE (1	m ³ /sec)			:			
SITE:	Brown prop						
pH:		TDS:					

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Table 6. Beach Creek, Reach 2 (Section 3 & 4) Habitat, Fish Population and Riparian Data Summaries and Ratings.

Reach 2-3, 2-4; B4,4a,4b.

USHP DATA FORM	AT	Reach 2-3, B4	- ,4a,4b
Data summary	Value	Diagnost	ic
Reach Area (m^2):	1502.86		
Percent Pool:	54.81	good	
LWD per Channel Width:	0.34	poor	
Total Erosion Sites:	0		
Total Altered Sites:	0		
Total Obstructions:	0		
Number Pools:	74		
Number Riffles:	58		
Number Glides:	1		
Reach length (m):	889.00		
Average Grade (%):	1.50		
Average Bankfull Width (m):	3.99		
Average Wetted Width (m):	1.75		
Average Depth (m):	0.18		
Wetted Area (m^2):	1502.86		
Average Temperature (C):	7.0		
Discharge (m^3/sec):	350/lpm est.	Poor	
Average Substrate Type:	50/50 f/g	fair to good	
Average Instream Cover (%):	10.04	Good	
Number of Off Chan. Habitats:	0	Poor	
Percent Fines:	40		
Average % Boulder Cover	0.00	Poor	
Average Crown Cover (%):	71.88		
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l):	na		
pH:	7.00		
Total Dissolved Solids:	na	~	

Reach 2-3, Beach 4.4a4b, Upper Browns u/s to Hemsworth, 100% Sample.

Riparian					Reach
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Average
Land Use:	na				na
Livestock:	0				0
Slope:	1				1
Stability:	4				4
Total:	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00

STREAM:	Beach Creek	DATE:	Oct. 16/96
LOCATION:	reach 2 (upper Bro	own property)	
COMMENTS:	starts at GS 563m,	, ends at footpath	below Hemsworth
SURVEY DIRE	CTION: U/S		
TEMPERATUR	E (C):	7.0 D.O.	pH:
DISTANCE (m)	: 0-64 r	n	
CREW:	Dave/Faye/Betty		
WATERSHED	CODE:		
DISCHARGE (r	n ³ /sec)	350/pm es	t.
SITE:	u/s from School C	k -	
	TDS:		

USHP DATA FORMAT		Reach 2-4
Data summarý	Value	Diagnostic
Reach Area (m^2):	355.90	
Percent Pool:	46.67	Poor
LWD per Channel Width:	0.07	Fair
Total Erosion Sites:	11	poor
Total Altered Sites:	3	fair
Total Obstructions:	2	fair
Number Pools:	14	
Number Riffles:	16	
Number Glides:	0	
Reach length (m):	213	
Average Grade (%):	3	
Average Bankfull Width (m):	3.22	
Average Wetted Width (m):	1.73	
Average Depth (m):	0.16	
Wetted Area (m^2):	1.73	
Average Temperature (C):	10	
Discharge (m^3/sec):	na	
Average Substrate Type:	fines	Fair
Average Instream Cover (%):	15.19	Fair
Number of Off Chan. Habitats:	0	Poor
Percent Fines:	60	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1
Average % Boulder Cover	' <5	Poor
Average Crown Cover (%):	80.36	
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l):	na	
pH:	7	

na

Total Dissolved Solids:

Reach 2-4, Hemsworth culverts u/s to Mant Rd, 100 % sample.

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Riparian						Reach
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	3	Unit 4	Average
Land Use:		3				3
Livestock:		0				0
Slope:		3				3
Stability:		5				5
Total:		11	0	0	0	11

STREAM:	Beach Cree	.k	DATE:	Oct. 17, 19	96
LOCATION:	Reach 2, tv	vo part surve	y, check dist	& Oct. 20,	1996
COMMENTS:	culvert leng	gth 19m			
SURVEY DIREC	CTION:	U/S			
TEMPERATURI	E (C):		D.O.		pH:
DISTANCE (m):		0-65	0-148	213 total	-
CREW:	Betty, Faye	, Dave, Scot	t, Robbie, T	aylor.	
WATERSHED C	CODE:				
DISCHARGE (m	13/sec)	Very low fl	ow, est 250	- 400 lpm.	
SITE:	Hemsworth	culverts to I	RR		
	TDS:				

Table 7. Beach Creek, Reach 3 Habitat, Fish Population and Riparian Data Summaries and Ratings.

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USHP DATA FOR	MAT	Reach 3	
Data summary	Value	Diagnostic	
Reach Area (m^2):	1714.50	· · · · · ·	
Percent Pool:	100.00	Poor	
LWD per Channel Width:	0.04	Poor	
Total Erosion Sites:	4		
Total Altered Sites:	- 9	Ditched	
Total Obstructions:	0		
Number Pools:	34	100 % Pool	
Number Riffles:	20	-	
Number Glides:	: 3		
Reach length (m):	1256.00		
Average Grade (%):	. 1.50		
Average Bankfull Width (m):	2.43		
Average Wetted Width (m):	1.27		
Average Depth (m):	0.10	Poor	
Wetted Area (m^2):	1714.50		
Average Temperature (C):	13.0	Good	
Discharge (m^3/sec):	0.00	Poor	
Average Substrate Type:	Fines/grav	Fair	
Average Instream Cover (%):	19.31	fair, mostly grass	
Number of Off Chan. Habitats:	0	Poor	
Percent Fines:	40	Poor	
Average % Boulder Cover	0.00	Poor	
Average Crown Cover (%):	87.76	Fair to Good, exce	pt top end
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l):	na	good	
pH:	7.00		
Total Dissolved Solids:	na		

Reach 3: Upper Beach Creek Glengarry d/s thru Davidsons, 100% Sample.

Riparian	Glengarry	Davidsons				Reach
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Un	it 4	Average
Land Use:	5	3	na	na		8
Livestock:	0	0	na	na		0
Slope:	3	1	na	na		4
Stability:	5	5	na	na		10
Total:	13.00	9.00		0.00	0.00	22

STREAM:	Beach Cree	k	DATE:	23-Sep	
LOCATION:	Glengarry I	Rd	Beach1, R	each 3	
COMMENTS:	Starts at cul	lvert into dit	ch		•
SURVEY DIR	ECTION:	Downstream	n		
TEMPERATU	RE (C):	13.0	D.O.		7 pH:
CREW:	DC,MB,BI)			
WATERSHED	CODE:		NA		
DISCHARGE	(m ³ /sec)		()	
SITE:	Top of Bea	ch at Glenga	лту GC, D/	S.	
na	TDS:	na			

STREAM:	Beach Creek	DATE:	Oct. 8/96 &	Oct 15/96
LOCATION:	Davidsons	Beach2		
COMMENTS:	continues from Be	ach2 EXL		
SURVEY DIR	ECTION: d/s			
TEMPERATU	RE (C):	10.0 D.O.	na	pH:
CREW:	Faye & Betty			
WATERSHED	OCODE:			
DISCHARGE	(m ³ /sec)			
SITE:	Doug Davidson's	prop		
·. 7	TDS: na			
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SCHOOL CREEK (3)

PLANTING - Beach Creek

155m trib on Riz

203m 98 cv under Village Way 98/8/27

Qualicum Rd

KenDor

98/1/29

Doug Davidson's

98/8/22

OVERHEAD COVER Beach Creek

alders bent over Nenzel Rd.

BANK STABILIZATION - Beach

uprooted trees on bank 98/7/25 Nenzel Rd.

pushing alders back in place

98/8/22

MONITORING - Beach Creek

MONITORING - Beach (2)

MONITORING - Beach (3)

Brown prop. Isite spawning coho

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School Creek Habitat and Riparian Assessment Data

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Site Length

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Table 2. Reach 2-1 Habitat and Riparian Assessment Data.

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Stream	School	Watershed				Reach	School			Discharge	
Name	Ck/BEach	Code		Date	98/8/27	Name	Ck			Depth #1	Velocity
Water Quality	/ Information				Field Crev	A Faye, Betty	Dave P,L	ew			TI
Dissolved	12.00		7.00	Total Dissolved	20.00	Tamp C	15.00	Chainage at Beginning of	0.00	Discharge	, ТЭ
Oxygen	12.00	μn	7.00	30105	38.00	Temp C	15.00	Reach	0.00	Depth #2	12
Velocity		Average Depth		Wetted Width (at		Discharge		Chainage at End of		Discharge	1.1
(m/s)	#DIV/01	(at flow site)	#DIV/01	flow site)	2.00	(m3/s)	#DIV/01	Reach	203.00	Depth #3	Т3
Habitat Inform	nation (All Pod	and Cross Sec	lon Data)								

Habitat Type	Start (chainage al start)	Finlsh (chainage at end)	Unit Length	Mean Wetted Width	Pool Area	Reach Area	%Pool Area	Average Depth (m)	Gradlent	Bankfull Width(m)	Percent Wetted Area	Sul Bed	bstrate I Bld Cob	Percen Grv Fin	it Pi	ercent Bold LWD	Instrea Cutbk V	m Cove /eg Other	Percent rown Cover	C Large Woody Debris	LWD/bank full channel width	Erosion Sites (length)	Altered Stream Sites (length)	Obstructions (number)	Off- Channel Habitat (length)	Off- Channel Habitat (width)	Off-Channel Habitat (bank side)	Land Us Right Lo	Vege Type	tation Right eft	Riparian Slope Rigi Left	t Stabili Right	ty Dep Left	egetation pth Righi Left	Livesta Access f Left	ck tight Photos	Comments
pool	2.30	9,10	6.80	1.50	10.20			0.08	1.50	3.40				10 9	0 0	20	5		30.00	6			1m path				1	0 0	0	0	18 6	0 0	30	30		1	
pool	10.50	12.70	2.20	1.50	3.30		_													4		2			_			0 0	0	0		0 0				5	erosion
pool	12.70	14.60	1.90	1.50	2.85		-				· ·													_													
Pool	21.80	28.40	4.80	0.90	4.14																						P.	0 0		L		0 0					
Pool	26.80	27.80	1.00	0.70	0.70											_				1								0 0				0 0					
Pool	30.20	33.40	3.20	1.90	6.08		_												_									0 0				0 0					
Pool	36.20	38.30	2.10	1.10	2.31																							0 0				0 0					
Pool	41.30	44.20	2.90	2.90	8.41															2		4						0 0				0 0					poss.och
Pool	49.10	56.40	7.30	1.40	10.22															2								0 0				0 0					
Pool	61.40	64.20	2.80	2.30	6.44															8								0 0				0 0					
Pool	74.00	75.30	1.30	2.10	2.73															9								0 0				0 0					
Pool	76.90	79.20	2.30	1.90	4.37															5								0 0				0 0					
Pool	82.50	84.50	2.00	1.80	3,60			1					-							6	1	2						0 0				0 0					
Pool	91.80	94.60	2.80	1.00	2.80					1										4								0 0				0 0					
Pool	96.80	101.80	5.00	0.90	4.50			1								_								1				0 0			26 80	0 0	15	30	0 0	8 @ 100	m
Pool	109.20	111.40	2.20	0.75	1.65															4								0 0				0 0					
Pool	119.40	120.40	1.00	0.80	0.80																	20						0 0				0 0					rb runoff
Pool	123.50	125.50	2.00	1.10	2.20					1										3			-					0 0				0 0					
Pool	144.00	147.00	3.00	1.40	4.20															5		15		1				0. 0				0 0					log jam
Pool	151.40	155.00	3.60	1.40	5.04			1														-						0 0				0 0					inflo fr cv
Pool	156,50	163.90	7.40	3.30	24.42																			1				0 0		1		0 0					log jam
Pool	186.00	167.70 ·	1.70	2.20	3.74						· · .													1		1		0 0				0 0					log jam
Pool	171.00	174.00	3.00	0.90	2.70					1			_							1								0 0				0 0					
Pool	178,80	179.30	2,50	2.80	7.00					1					_				-	2								0 0				0 0					
Pool	183.60	184.80	1.20	1.60	1.92					1										9								0 0	_			0 0				_	
Pool	186.00	187.00	1.00	0.80	0.80				-	1										2			-					0 0				0 0					
Pool	188,30	190.30	2.00	0.70	1.40			0.04	6.00	4.50			5	90 5		3	5		95.00	3								0 0			70 70	0 0	15	20	0 0		
Pool	194.70	195.50	0.80	1.10	0.88							1			_		1			1								0 0				0 0					
Pool	196,90	197.20	0.30	1.20	0.36															1					1			0 0				0 0				_	
Pool	201.00	202.00	1.00	1.00	1.00							1.				-		-		1								0 0				0 0					
Culvert	203.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00		-												_					1				0 0				0 0				_	susp cv
Reach 1 Totals and Averages		203.00 ,	80.90	1.47	118.61	297.62	39,85	0.08	3.75	3.95	37.12		5	50 4	8 0	12	5		62.50	77	1.50	21	0	5	0	0	0	0 0			1 1	0 0			0 0		
Habitat Type	Start (chainage at start)	Finish (chainage at end)	Unit Length	Mean Wetted Width	Pool Area	Reach Area	%Pool	Average Depth (m)	Gradient	Bankfull Width(m)	Percent Wetted Area	Sul	ostrate Bid Cob	Percen Grv Fin	it P	ercent	Instrea	im Cove	Percent rown Cover	IC Large Woody Debris	LWD/bank full channe width	Erosion Sites (length)	Altered Stream Sites (length)	Obstructions (number)	Off- Channel Habitat (length)	Off- Channel Habitat (width)	Off-Channel Habitat (bank side)	Land U Right L	se Type	station Right	Riparlan Slope Rig Left	t Stabi Richt	ity De Left	egetation pth Righ Left	Livesto t Access I Left	ck Right Photos	Comments

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Garden Rd trib. Habitat and Riparian Assessment Data

Table 3. Beach Creek, Reach 3-1 Habitat and Riparian Assessment Data.

Stream Name <u>Water Qualit</u>	Beach Creek y Information	Watershed Code		Date	98/9/11 Field Crev	Reach Name Faye,Betty,	Garden Rd. Doug			Discharge Depth #1	Velocity T1	Site Length
Dissolved Oxygen		pН		Total Dissolved Sollds		Temp C		Chainage at Beginning of Reach	0.00	i Discharge Depth #2	T2	
Velocity (m/s)	#DIV/0!	Average Depth (at flow site)	#DI\//0]	Wetted Width (at flow site)		Discharge (m3/s)	#DIV/01	Chalnage at End of Reach	807.90	Discharge Depth #3	тз	

Habitat Information (All Pool and Cross Section Data)

Habitat Tvr	Start (chainage :	at Finish (chainage at end)	e Unit Lenath	Mean Wetted Width	Pool Are	Reach Area	%Pool Area	Average Depth (m)	Gradient	Bankfull Width(m)	Percent Wetted Area	Subs Bed B	itrate P	ercent Grv Fine	Perc	ent Instr LWD Cutt	eam C ok Veg O	over ro	PercentC own Cover	Large Woody Debris	LWD/bank- full channel width	Erosion Sites (length)	Altered Stream Sites (length)	Obstructions (number)	Off- Channel Habitat (length)	Off- Channel Habitat (width)	Off-Channel Habitat (bank side)	Land Right	Use Ty Left	/egetatlo pe Rig Left	n Ripar ht Slope F Lef	lan Right 1	Stability Right Le	Veg Depti	jetation h Right Left	Livestock Access Ric Left	ht Photos	Comments
Riffle	0.00	3.00		0.80	0.00			1-1-1-2-	1	1							T						1					0) ()	0		0	0	_			#8	
Pool	3.00	5.00	2.00	0.90	1.80			0.30	1.50	2.30		65 0	30	5 0		5	5	90	0.00									Nat	R M	x Gr	3 0) N	led Low	/ 30	1	0 0		low water
Riffle	5.00	6.90		0.60	0.00																			1			I	0	0	0			0		-	·		cuiven
Pool	6,90	9.80	2.90	1.00	2.90								_															0	0	10			0					- fance
Pool	23.30	25.40	2.10	1.50	3.15															1										- 10-			0			·		fish
Pool	27.60	31.40	3.80	1.50	5,70												-													- 10-						it		leadmat har
Pool	61.70	66.50	4.80	1.10	5.28				-																			0	0 0	0			<u> </u>			·	#0 de	Seditur.but
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Riffle	87.50	82.70	6.00	0.00	0.00			0.11	4.00	0.00									0.00									Nat	R M		45	15 1	ow Lov	w 30	1	0 0		ex pools
Pool	112.70	112.00	1 20	2.20	7.04			0.33	1.00	3,00			-13	85					0.00									0	0 0	0		0) 0				-	
Pool	129.70	152.90	2 70	2.20	7.02		-		-									<u> </u>									a	0	0 0	0	1-1	0) 0					
Pool	171.00	174 00	3.00	2.00	6 30			1	-															1				0	0 0	0		C) 0					
Pool	185.40	188.60	3.20	2.60	8.32					1	-																	0	0 0	0		0) ()					
Riffle	200.00			0.80	0.00			0.15	1.00	1.40				100				1	0.00									Nat	R M	bx Gr		L	ow Lov	N 30	1	0 0		
Pool	205,90	208.80	2.90	2.20	8,38																							0	0 0	Ö) 0		_	↓		
Pool	223.00	227.70	4.70	2.10	9.87																							0	0 0	0) 0			L		
Pool	239.70	244.10	4.40	2.30	10.12																							0	0 0) 0			┝━┼━		
Pool	263,90	267.30	3.40	2.80	9,52											·	_											0	0 0							├ ── ├ ─		CV 5m #380
Riffle	272.70	278.70	6.00		0.00								_												-			0								├ ── ──		
Pool	293.50	297.60	4.10	2.10	8,61																							Nat		h lar				10	1			more gravel
Riffle	300.00		0.50	0.80	0.05																							0	0 0				0 0	- 100	-1'			
Pool	314.30	1317.80	3,50	1.80	7.00		-		-									+				+						0	0 0	0			0 0					
Pool	329,90	353.90	1 00	2.00	7.20																							lo l	0 0	Ő			0 0	_	-			
Rool	359 70	152 20	3,80	2.00	1.00								-					+										0	0 0	0		(0 0					
Pool	381.80	385.10	3.30	1.80	5.94																		-	-		-		0	0 0	0		(0 0					
Riffle	400.00		1	0.30				0.08		1.70			10	30 80	1			0	0.00									Nat	RS	h Gr		1	Low Low	w 30	1		_	
Riffle	406.40	415.50	9.10		0.00	-	-																					0	0 0	0			0 0		_		_	cv .5m #318
Riffle	433.70	445.80	12.10		0.00																					_		0	0 0	0			0 0		_	I		cv .5m #298
Pool	528.80	532.30 ·	3.70	1.90	7.03																					_		0	0 0	0		!	0 0			+		
Pool	539.60	543,50	3.90	1.80	7.02				_				_		_										_			0	0 0		_					+		
Pool	548.70	552.10	3.40	1.80	6.12								_					_										0	0 0	- 10								
Pool	558.50	562.60	4.10	1.80	7.38												-	++-										0				[+		
Pool	568.70	571.30	2.60	1.80	4.68																							0	0 0	-10			0 0					-
Pool	578.30	501.00	3.20	1.80	0.00													++										0	0 0	0			0 0				_	
Pool	507.90	A01.00	13.20	2.20	8.51			0.50		2 10			-	5 95									-					Nat	RS	h Gr			Low Lo	w 30	1			
Pool	810.40	614 50	4 10	2 10	8.61			0.00	+	1.00							-	+ +								-		0	0 0	0			0 0					fish
Pool	619.60	622.50	2.90	2.20	6.38								-					1							-			0	0 0	0			0 0					
Pool	638.50	642.60	4.10	1.90	7.79																							0	0 0	0			0 0		_			
Pool	857.20	661.70	4.50	2.30	10.35							1															_	0	0 0	0			0 0					
Pool	677.30	682.00	4.70	2.20	10.34																							0	0 0	0			0 0	-				
Pool	700.00	703.50 '	3.50	2.10	7.35			0.40		3.30		1		25 75	5										_			Nat	R	ih Gr			Low Lo	<u>w 30</u>	- <u>P</u>	┢──┝─		_
Pool	716.80	721.20	4.40	2.20	9.68												_						-					0	0 0	0			0 0			+		
Pool	738.40	748.30	11.90	2.30	27.37		-		-				-															-10								+		
Pool	757.50	761.10	3,80	1.90	8.B4		_																					6					<u>- 16</u>			+		
Pool	178.60	/81.20	4.60	2.10	9.66																							10-		6	_		0 0				_	809 Berwick
Pool	800.10	607.80	1.80	2.70	4.00													+										1-		-	_							
Reach 1 Totals and		007.00	171.10	4.00	110 70	1600.10	24.22	0.00			70.50	<i>e</i> = 0			E		6		7.60		0.00				0			,	35		4	3	33 35	.		0 0		
Averages	Start (chainage a	at Finish (chainage	1/1.40	Mean Wetted	Pool Area	Reach	%Pool	Average Depth (m)	Gradient	Bankfull Width(m)	Percent Wetted	Subs	strate P	ercent	Perc	ent Inst	ream C	over m	PercentC rown	Large Woody Debris	LWD/bank- full channel width	Erosion Sites	Altered Stream Sites (length)	Obstructions (number)	Off- Channel Habitat (length)	Off- Channel Habitat (width)	Off-Channe Habitat (bank side)	Lanc	Use T	Vegetati Type R Left	on Ripa ight Slope	arian Right eft	Stabilit Right L	ly Dep	ogetation oth Right Left	Livestor it Access R Left	ik Ight Photo	s Comments

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