

Fly Fishing in the Park

The early returning salmon for the Chapman Creek run make an annual pass through Sargeant Bay before heading to the Chapman to complete their spawn.



Fly fishers from up and down the Sunshine Coast, as well as a group of 10 from the lower mainland, were enjoying the challenge of hooking one of the large number of returning salmon over the Oct. 5th weekend. These fish however are not heading for the Colvin Creek fish ladder. The Colvin Creek run usually appears in the mid-November to mid-December time window. Check out this YouTube clip of the salmon jumping in the Bay.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKaL81mTp9k



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Joop Burgerjon Honored

Joop Burgerjon, founding director since 1978 and long serving past-president of the Sargeant Bay Society, is shown receiving his Award of Recognition from now-president Tony Greenfield at the 2013 AGM in Halfmoon Bay May 29th, 2013.

In addition to the local Award, Joop was also recognized by BC Parks with a Volunteer Legacy Award in August 2013. Everyone can agree that Joop's "cumulative accomplishments" have truly had a "significant impact on parks and protected areas" in our community. Well done Joop!



Triangle Lake Botany Hike

The annual Triangle Lake Botany Hike with Kye Goodwin was another success this year. July 7th saw a good group of botany enthusiasts walk the Triangle Lake circuit reviewing the flora of the Park. All those with an interest in the flora of the area should put this hike on their calendar for next year.



Beach Seining Returns to the Park

A beautiful day greeted the beach seine enthusiasts on June 9th as volunteers from the Sargeant Bay Society joined forces with Lee-Ann Ennis and crew from the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society to once again document the intertidal marine life at the head of Sargeant Bay. Lee-Anne and Scott Hodges, shown above pulling the net across the head of the bay, were assisted by summer students from Chatelech Secondary School in Sechelt as well as university interns assigned to the Iris Griffith Centre. For Kelly, one of the interns, it was her first time working at the ocean's edge. They staffed the aquarium and fielded the many questions from the inquisitive youngsters – and oldsters – that attended the displays.



Observations from the beach seine and upper sub-tidal zone:

Xeropes fucorum Rockweed Gunnel
Embiotoca lateralis Striped Seaperch
 Flatfish possibly
Citharichthys sordidus Pacific Sanddab
Pleuronichthys coenosus C-O Sole
Gasterosteus aculeatus Threespine Stickleback
Oligocottus maculosus Tidepool Sculpin
Oncorhynchus spp. Chum or Coho?

Also observed in beach seine

Aurelia labiata Moon Jelly
 Ctenophores Comb Jelly
Seaweeds in the Upper Subtidal Zone
 Green algae *Ulva fenestrata* both forms Tube and Lettuce
 Brown algae *Laminaria saccharina* Sugar kelp
Fucus gardneri Rockweed
Sargassum muticum Sargassum
 Red algae *Mazzaella splendens* Iridescent seaweed
Neorhodomela larix Black pine

Lower Subtidal Zone

Flowering Plants *Zostera marina* Eelgrass
Zostera japonica Dwarf eelgrass

Intertidal Invertebrates

Hemigrapsus nudus Purple Shore Crab
Cancer magister Dungeness Crab
Idotea wosnesenskii Green Isopod
Heptacarpus spp. Shrimp
Neotrypaea californiensis Ghost shrimp
Balanus glandula Acorn Barnacle
Anthopleura artemisia Green Burrowing Anemone
Clinocardium nuttalli Nuttall's Cockle
Crassostrea gigas Japanese Oyster
Saxidomus gigantea Butter Clam
Nuttallia obscurata Varnish Clam
Venerupis philippinarum Japanese Littleneck
Mytilus trossulus Pacific Blue Mussel
Pisaster ochraceus Purple Sea Star
Serpula vermicularis Calcareous Tube Worm



All photos – R. Rudland

Wildlife in the Park – Beware
 Bears continue to frequent the berm area so hikers need to be Bear Aware. Also there have been some recent Cougar sightings in the Welcome Woods area nearby.

Feedback

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