

# Millstone Rehabilitation Update

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Since my last presentation to the club at our January 24th general meeting my main focus was to fill in the online application form to obtain funding from the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF). During the second inspection of the sites to be rehabilitated on the Island Valley Farms section of the river, Dave Clough did mention that Erica, DFO Community Advisor, was sceptical about getting approval from the B.C. Ministry of Environment for some of the eroded banks. A few days before the deadline for the application I did email Dave about getting the costs and the procedures of the rehabilitation so that the rest of the form could be filled in. After a few phone calls and after the deadline had passed, I did get through to Dave and asked him what happened to the information that was needed for the form. He told me that his computer was down and when he did not get the PSF form from me he assumed that we had backed out. That is when I also found out that the online form can be forwarded to him along with my password and he would fill in his part of the form like he did with the other 12 application forms that he was working on. So that is a prime example of what can happen when there is either a lack of communication or miscommunication!

Dave is still keen on rehab work on the Millstone and believes that if we could even do a small project it should develop into more work in the future. So he thought that since the farmer is very keen on getting some of those banks repaired, we could go ahead and taper off then replant the bank with less problems and a better chance of success. It will not require PSF funding.

We will also be able to improve the control on the beaver dam thanks to the \$450.00 of money set aside by our club and some funding from DFO that Mel Sheng has found. So it is good to see some progress on the project even if it is at a reduced level. The experience will set us up for next year.

Dave Clough asked me if I could speak to a group of 12 to 13 year old student Streamkeepers that he will be training March 13 -14th. He wanted them to be aware of what the IWFF does and to see if there is some way that we could work together on future projects. I will be there at noon on March 13th. Inclusion of students looks good on funding applications so this could work well for us and them.