

Millstone Bank Restoration

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On Thursday, the 26th October '17, a bunch of Island Waters Fly Fishers, **Ron Busche, Jason Perry, Bernie Heinrichs, Bill Croft, Jack Toomer, Dan Hooper, Ton Plijnaar and Bob Kissinger**, along with two members of the Departure Bay Neighborhood Association, **Jean-Michelle Hassens** and **Jeff Lott**, and the land owner, **Doug Martin** met on the Millstone near the Biggs road bridge to do some stream bank restoration.





Arrival of the Red Osier Dogwood

The idea was to weave a “wattle fence” using all natural materials. Fairly heavy red osier stakes were first driven about three feet into the ground and then inter woven with long slender red osier limbs.



Once the main fence was completed it was back filled with short branches and clods of earth. Finally it was all covered with page wire to prevent the beavers from eating it as they are

particularly fond of red osier.



The idea is that the red osier will spout in the spring sending down roots which will in turn stabilize the bank.

On Friday Bernie had arranged for some teachers and students from the local Montessori school to attend and plant the spruce seeding which were kindly donated by Ken Epps of the Island Timberlands Logging Company.

If all goes well there will be a bigger section of bank restoration next year so stay tuned.

Cheers

Basher