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# From TUC's CEO and Chairman of the Board



Jeff Surtees, Chief Executive Officer



Dave Byler, Chairman of the Board

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, management and staff of Trout Unlimited Canada, it is our pleasure to present our 2013 Annual Report, highlighting our activities and progress for our members, volunteers, funders, supporters and partners across Canada.

Trout Unlimited Canada is a registered Canadian charity. Our mission is to conserve, protect and restore Canada's freshwater and ecosystems coldwater resources for current and future generations. Our vision (what we want the future to look like) is that Canada's natural heritage of healthy and productive coldwater lakes and rivers are conserved and restored as parts of healthy landscapes supporting sustainable communities.

Our work is guided by scientific research and fuelled by the unending passion of our volunteers and professional staff. Our work includes stream restoration, it includes scientific research and it includes education. We have a small core group of highly trained staff and a network of volunteers across Canada operating through Trout Unlimited volunteer chapters from PEI to Vancouver Island.

You will find our summarized financial statements later in this report and, as always, our full audited financial

statements as well as the organization's bylaws are posted on our website at www. tucanada.org under "Legal and Financial Information".

You can read about the work that was accomplished during 2013 later in this report. We always focus on physical, on the ground habitat work, including but not limited to working on our flagship projects in Ontario (Bronte Creek and Duffins Creek), Alberta (Drywood Creek) and British Columbia (Nile Creek).

We continued to inform young people about storm drain pollution through our Yellow Fish Road™ education program and we taught several new groups of adults in Ontario the fundamentals of stream restoration through our Aquatic Renewal series of courses.

The work we do at TUC is important and our capabilities are unique. Our board of directors and management are deeply committed to running an effective, efficient, transparent and accessible organization.

We are committed to growing the capabilities and capacity of the organization.

Do you want to help Trout Unlimited Canada achieve more?

You can help us do more by supporting our work with a tax-deductible donation.

There is always more work that could be done each year.

You can help by renewing your membership or by upgrading to a lifetime membership. To make an everlasting difference, consider naming Trout Unlimited Canada as a beneficiary under your will.

You can help by forming a Trout Unlimited Canada chapter in your community or by getting involved with your existing chapter.

You can help by volunteering. Come out and help with habitat work or with a fundraising event. Solid local chapters make Trout Unlimited Canada effective and different from other conservation organizations.

Lastly, you can help by staying informed about the issues that affect the watershed you live on so you can be an effective ambassador for Trout Unlimited Canada and the work we do. We rely on our well-informed volunteers to be our eyes and ears across the country, alerting us to important issues as they arise.

We thank you taking the time to read this Annual Report and we thank you for you past and future support.

### **OUR VALUES:**

Trout Unlimited Canada values all members and their contributions equally. We believe in:

- being a thoughtful, knowledgeable and proactive voice on environmental issues;
- using scientific study on which to base our opinions;
- pursuing actions that bring results;
- · building consensus;
- · focusing on solutions.

### **OUR GOALS:**

- to conserve and protect Canada's freshwater fish and their ecosystems and restore their coldwater resources to a healthy and productive state;
- to develop and apply effective, sciencebased and measurable coldwater conservation solutions in the field;
- to inform the public about coldwater conservation issues and educate communities about their watersheds;
- to build and sustain a healthy organization.

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### **General Overview and Highlights**

THE LEVEL OF UNCERTAINTY over the management of aquatic environments in Canada failed to diminish in 2013. 2013 saw ongoing discussions and meetings between the Canadian Conservation Community, including Trout Unlimited Canada and the Federal government over the changes to the Fisheries Act and the development by the government of its Policy Framework and Operational Guidelines. In told, about 15 conservation organizations, both National and Regional, met in Ottawa several times in 2013 to discuss the problems with the new Act, prepare and provide detailed recommendations to the Federal government on implementing the new

provisions of the Act and to work with the Federal government to make the best of the new circumstances. Despite this attempt to interact with the Federal government, the new Policy Statement and Operational Guidelines for the Fisheries Act were released in October with no consultation with either Conservation Non-Government Organisations (CNGO) OR Provincial governments. The Federal government is applying a Laissez-faire approach to Fisheries Act reviews by relying on selfassessments of proposed undertakings by proponents to determine if they may need a permit. No tracking mechanism is in place to determine who is doing an undertaking or if they have self-assessed themselves. There is web-based documentation and direction provided by the Federal government on their new policy structure and operational statements and only time will tell if this approach works. Without a registry to know who is self-assessing, it will be impossible to monitor effectiveness of the new policy's approach.

On a positive note, the Federal government did create and launch a new granting initiative entitled the Fisheries Recreational Conservation Partnership Program (RFCPP) with a total of \$10 million allocated over two years for projects. The granting program is designed to provide up to of 50% of project costs (to a maximum of \$250,000) to match other funds. TUC was successful in receiving funding for five projects across Canada for a total amount of approximately \$400,000. Perhaps the biggest challenge is that this fund does not support the assessment work needed to identify and develop suitable projects. Assessment costs can be almost as much as the actual work to be done. This is always a challenge for NGOs like TUC. Ultimately assessment funds must be sought through other means.

TUC's National Biologist contributed to a major paper entitled, *Principles for Ensuring Productive and Healthy Freshwater Ecosystems that support Sustainable Fisheries*. This major paper is to be released as an open access paper in the National Research Council's journal, *Environmental Reviews* in early 2014. The intent of the paper is to provide a synthesis of the state of science and knowledge in managing Canada's freshwater ecosystems and their freshwater resources. Given the downsizing of all governments

## **National Biologist Committees, Working Groups and Activities**

- Member Management: Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel, Environment Canada and DFO
- Member: National Riparian Working Committee
- Implementation Committee and Technical Committee: Grand River Fisheries Management Plan
- Technical Committee: Cumulative Effects Monitoring in Rivers Workshop development, Grand River Conservation Authority and Canadian Water Network
- Partner with Brock University: WEPGN "Applying Resilience Analysis to a Transboundary River System: Developing Surrogates for Institutions and Governance"
- Collaborator: University of Guelph NSERC CREATE Program to develop innovative approaches to training on Cumulative Effects of Stressors to the Great Lakes
- Technical Committee and Science Committee: Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration
- WWF-Canada Working Group on Environmental Flow Policy
- Peer Review Committee: Environmental Flows Guidance Development, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- Adjunct Professor: School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, University of Guelph; Department of Biology, University of Waterloo
- PhD Committees: University of Guelph; University of Waterloo
- Instructor: Provincial Electrofishing Course



and research scientists in the Federal government, a group of eminent scientists felt it critical to get this information out to the conservation community.

Notwithstanding the discussions and debates with the Federal government and various Provincial governments, TUC staff AND chapters continued to contribute onthe-ground protection and rehabilitation of Canadian watersheds, streams and fish communities. The on-the-ground work undertaken by TUC staff and members continues to focus on rebuilding the resiliency and health of streams and their corridors in order to improve habitat for aquatic life and to improve the quality of life for people that live either near these watercourses or within their watersheds. All work done follows the policy and

program direction found in TUC's National Conservation Agenda.

We continue to focus on rehabilitating damaged streams and their watersheds. Creating healthy watersheds and healthy rivers benefits ALL that live nearby through the provision of healthy groundwater resources, stable stream channels and clean water. Trout are indicators of a healthy environment. At TUC, trout are our icon of success.

Rehabilitation work is informed by the monitoring and assessment work done by TUC staff. This monitoring and assessment is targeted to watersheds where we have chapters or where interest has been expressed. The monitoring is done primarily to help characterize the system, determine its potential problems, craft possible solutions and then to build rehabilitation projects that address the cause of the issues, not treat their effects.

TUC continues to develop and implement our major watershed renewal programs across Canada. Two watershed renewal programs are nearly complete: River Philip in Nova Scotia; Drywood-Yarrow in Alberta. Two flagship programs are within two years of completion (Qualicum Bay-Nile Creek in BC; Bronte Creek in Ontario). A new watershed program was launched in 2013 on Duffins Creek near Pickering, Ontario. This is an initiative supported with partnership from Enbridge Gas Distribution, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, Town of Ajax and Town of Pickering with financial support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

In addition to on-the-ground work, TUC also is involved in a few regional and national research initiatives. TUC is working with Brock University and others that are part of the Water, Economics, Policy and Governance Network to explore the development of resilient communities that can help manage local watersheds as government resources become scarce. In addition, TUC is assisting the Canadian Columbia River Inter-tribal Fisheries Commission the University of Waterloo, School of Environmental and Civil Engineering to develop a major applied research program to better understand the spawning requirements of trout (westslope cutthroat, bull trout, brown trout and rainbow trout). The findings will help with assessment, monitoring and design of spawning habitat and stable channel forms for salmonid species.

TUC chapters across Canada continued their on-the-ground activities in 2013 in BC, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Chapter work focuses on protection and rehabilitation of native and naturalized trout populations and their habitats.

# Ongoing Saga of Changes to Fisheries Management in Canada

In the Fall 2013 the Federal government released its new Fisheries Protection Policy and Operational Approach outlining how the changes in the Fisheries Act and its wording will be interpreted and implemented in Canada. Changes to the Federal Fisheries Act outlined in the Spring 2012 Omnibus Bill change the focus and narrow the intent of the Act. The Act now focuses on fisheries of

commercial, recreational and aboriginal value rather than the broader community of fish and fish habitat. The Fish Habitat Policy no longer exists. It has been replaced by new policies focusing on the new intent of the Act. In addition, the HADD (harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of habitat) provisions in the old habitat policy has been replaced with a new focus on activities that have serious or permanent harm to a fishery which by simple definition is where fish of commercial, recreational or aboriginal value are harvested under a license.

The new policy structure calls for proponents to do a self-assessment to determine if they may require approval and a permit under the new Act. There are tools to help guide proponents through this process posted on the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) website. The challenge will be auditing the process to see if the self-assessment is done correctly. Since the government will not have a registry for those doing their own self-assessment, it will be almost impossible to determine if a harmful undertaking was incorrectly selfassessed. There is still enormous ambiguity over how to define serious or permanent harm to a fishery and only time, and likely many court cases, will tell if this approach is successful.

Perhaps the greatest disappointment is the lack of serious formal discussions between Provincial governments and conservation non-government organizations through all this process. Consultations were only initiated AFTER the policy and operational structures were finalized internally.

## Creation of the Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel

Environment Canada (EC) as the lead, with DFO, formalized the creation of a National Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel (HAAP) to provide advice and information to both EC and DFO on matters of interest. Specifically, the purpose of the panel is to provide advice to the Government of Canada on a range of federal policies, programs and activities related to conservation and hunting, trapping and angling to ensure government decisions are based on inclusive and broad-based advice.

Trout Unlimited Canada along with 24 other National and Regional conservation organizations are part of the HAAP that meets with senior staff and Ministers twice per year. Most recent discussions revolved around the development of the National Conservation Plan being prepared by EC, the changes to the Federal Fisheries Act, the new Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program and the Migratory Birds Act. Time will tell if this panel can provide meaningful input that will be used by the Federal Government.

### **National Resource Board**

The National Resource Board provided input and advice in 2013 regarding the changes to the Federal Fisheries Act. This advice took the form of a formal submission by TUC to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada on the structural problems with the new Act and concerns related to how the Act would be implemented through Policy and Operational Standards. This information was in addition to a general submission



Mill Creek [ON]: Working to protect Canada's freshwater ecosystems and coldwater resources.

by a group of 15 other CNGO groups of which TUC was a part. These submissions lead to a meeting with DFO staff and the Minister in the fall of 2013.

## **Science and Program Development**

Trout Unlimited Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Columbia River Intertribal Fisheries Commission, Teck Coal and the University of Waterloo developed a research program designed to better understand the physics of trout spawning habitats for rainbow trout, brown trout, westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout. Work by a PhD student in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering is underway in Ontario and British

Columbia. The research is intended to be completed in late 2015 and the results will help with future management and rehabilitation criteria for these species and their spawning habitats.

The Ontario Program Manager and Alberta Biologist took part in a one-week, Level 2 Fluvial Geomorphology Course by Dr. Dave Rosgen in Oregon. Level 2 training in the Wildland Hydrology Training Program helps develop expertise in identifying and assessing channel form and process. This training is essential for long-term rehabilitation works on rivers and streams.

TUC and TU USA are continuing with background spatial data consolidation for work to develop a conservation success index for brook trout in Lake Superior watersheds. The long-term intent is to refine the CSI for the native range of brook trout in eastern Canada to aid in protection and rehabilitation efforts.

### **Aquatic Renewal Training for Watershed** and Stream Rehabilitation

Governments have reduced capability of doing on the ground work to manage, conserve and rehabilitate watersheds, rivers and streams. TUC chapters along with more and more communities are attempting to fill that gap by taking on what governments now lack the capacity to do. However, the availability of established

expertise in watershed, river and stream rehabilitation is limited to a few individuals and organizations. To meet this demand for expertise and technical support, TUC, as specialists in watershed and stream rehabilitation, began the development of an Aquatic Renewal training program for community groups, chapters and young professionals. TUC staff have finalized the last three modules (workshops 4-6) of the Aquatic Renewal Program. These last three modules will be tested in 2014 with participants that have already completed Workshops 1-3. A total of 65 people completed Workshops 1-3. Original funding to develop the program came through grants from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources as part of the Canada-Ontario Agreement. More and more local watershed groups wish to take a more active role in protecting and rehabilitating their local watersheds. The workshop series has been designed to formalize the theory, practice and application of watershed and stream assessment and rehabilitation, to train a new generation of individuals, organizations and community

groups who will promote watershed, stream and stream corridor rehabilitation. Once Workshops 4-6 have been tested and modified, the entire series will be repackaged with a business plan. The goal is to formally launch the Aquatic Renewal program across Canada over the next several years.

An applied research initiative initiated by Brock University and the Stockholm Environment Institute/Stockholm Resilience Centre is underway to examine new ways to build resiliency amongst local watershed groups to better manage their local watersheds. TUC, along with POLIS and WWF-Canada are working together to develop new tools for local watershed governance through a series of workshops and field-oriented meetings. This social research is desperately needed given the pull-back by all governments when it comes to local watershed management.

TUC is also working with researchers at the University of Guelph and other institutions in a CREATE grant (Collaborative Research and Training Experience) to train new professionals and scientists to better

understand the multiple stressors affecting the Great Lakes and its watersheds.

### **National Watershed Renewal Program**

TUCNational Watershed Renewal Program is a major component of the National Conservation Agenda. These demonstration programs consider the watershed as the management unit and focus on community engagement, education, youth activities, assessment and rehabilitation within a specific watershed. These programs are intended to demonstrate the importance of collaboration, connections, assessment and good science in the protection and rehabilitation of local watersheds. Ultimately, those most affected by a local watershed should be the ones that are most active in its perpetuation and improvement.

Phase II of the Qualicum Bay~Nile Creek Program was completed in October 2013 with the completion of several major projects on two of the six small watersheds within the Qualicum Bay drainage area. Two projects on Thames Creek and one on Nash Creek. The projects were identified through assessment work completed during Phase I of the program and are designed to dramatically improve access both to the ocean and to the headwaters for coastal cutthroat trout, coho salmon and steelhead. In total, over 18 km of access was improved in these streams. In addition, an enormous amount of help occurred through our partnerships with both the Nile Creek Enhancement Society and Vancouver Island University (VIU). VIU provided over 61 students that were involved in studies to understand the groundwater systems of the area as well as help with the habitat assessment on the

### **Alberta Watershed Partners in 2013**

- · Ghost Watershed Alliance
- · Oldman Watershed Council
- Bow River Basin Council
- · Little Creeks and Rough Fescue Appreciation Society
- Drywood–Yarrow Conservation Partnership
- · Crowsnest Conservation Society
- Elbow River Watershed Partnership



Qualicum Bay-Nile Creek Watershed Renewal Progrm [BC]: Working to protect Canada's freshwater ecosystems and coldwater resources.

next two watersheds prioritized for work: Annie Creek and Black Brook. Foundation funding for the Phase II program occurred through the RBC Blue Water Project with additional funds from the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, Pacific Salmon Foundation, DFO and the W.C. Kitchen Family Foundation. Once the final assessment report for Phase II is completed, work will begin to fund a third and final phase of the program with our project partners.

The Drywood~Yarrow Creek Watershed Renewal Program wrapped up its Phase II part of the program in 2013, funded by the RBC Blue Water Project, with major fencing and cattle exclusion projects in conjunction with local landowners and with program partners on targeted sections of the stream. Over 1.6km of main stream and an additional 400m of a spring source were fenced to protect

the stream. In addition to on-the-ground work, assessment work continued in conjunction with partnerships with the Alberta Conservation Association and the Cows and Fish Program. Over 200 grade school children took part in the annual Riparian Education Field Day along Drywood Creek. Nine Lethbridge College students and two University of Lethbridge students assisted with assessment work as well. This program demonstrated a strong and dynamic partnership between organizations such as the Drywood Yarrow Conservation Partnership (DYCP), Alberta Conservation Association, Cows and Fish Program, and the Southwest Alberta Conservation Partnership.

Much of the on-the-ground work has been laid and the foundation for review and discussion on a major problem for bull trout migration to headwater spawning habitat on the Drywood system. This is a large on-stream dam originally built to provide water to an adjacent gas processing facility. Talks are underway to determine options that allow movement of fish to headwater reproduction areas.

The Bronte Creek Watershed Renewal Program continues to gain momentum with an additional seven landowners interested in undertaking work in the headwaters of Bronte Creek to reduce water temperatures, improve water quality and provide healthier habitat in and along the stream corridor. Monitoring of the results of the work done in the past two years in Lowville Park on Bronte Creek is ongoing and strong evidence shows that the stream continues to narrow as a result of rebuilding seven riffles and several pools. Some of the riffles are helping to create new riffles further downstream that are being used by spawning trout. The final step for the Lowville Park demonstration project

component of the Renewal Program is a series of interpretative signs to be installed in the Park to help inform the community of the benefits from this rehabilitation work. The signage has been designed and will be placed in the Park in 2014.

A primary focus of the Bronte Creek Watershed Renewal Program in 2013 was our new demonstration site in Courtcliffe Park in the headwaters of Bronte Creek in the village of Carlisle. Much of 2013 was spent with community workshops, such as Family Fun Day, and assessment and monitoring of the stream in Courtcliffe Park to create a baseline on conditions in this section of the watershed where Mountsberg Creek joins Bronte Creek proper. Backwatering of Bronte Creek occurs downstream of the confluence with Mountsberg Creek as as result of an undersized culvert. Work on detailed design for removal of the old culvert and construction of a span or larger culvert system was done in 2013 and will be used to develop a major project to resolve this problem and improve flow patterns in both Bronte Creek and Mounstberg Creek.

The new flagship program launched in 2012 on Duffins Creek is now underway thanks to a generous two-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. TUC hired a project biologist to manage the project to help to implement the workplan and projects identified in 2012. A program partnership has been forged with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority and the Towns of Ajax and Pickering. Additional financial support has also been received from Wells Fargo. On-the-ground work will begin in 2014.

### **Regional Activities in Western Canada**

### **British Columbia**

The Okanagan Chapter in Kelowna placed catch-and-release signage along the Kettle River to encourage people to better protect the stressed trout population. In addition to this specific work, the chapter continues to work with other local organizations to try to solve the water use issues on the Kettle that are leading to depleted flows that affect water quality and the coldwater community.

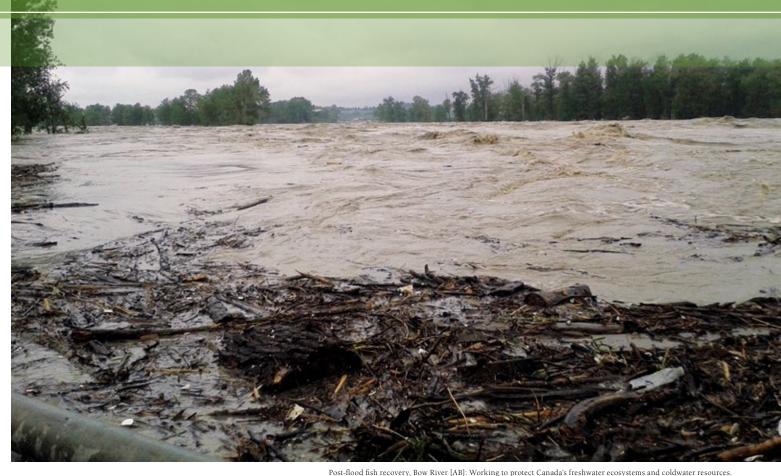
TUC staff met with TUUSA staff and senior staff from the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) to discuss ongoing issues related to the protection of remaining wild steelhead populations in BC rivers such as the Skeena and the Thompson. TU USA asked if some of their expertise in engaging communities and undertaking landscape level sensitivity analyses of salmon and trout populations might be helpful in the work that TUC and PSF does in these watersheds. The agreement was to continue to share ideas and to seek opportunities to put various protection and conservation programs into place in these watersheds.

### **Alberta**

The major southern Alberta flood of June 2013 re-focused Albertans' minds on the enormous energy and power of their rivers. TUC staff in Alberta have been working actively with provincial staff to ensure that the best science is presented as to long-term solutions to managing and dealing with major floods. The challenge has been that the science of river management using the disciplines of fluvial geomorphology and sedimentology has advanced in other

parts of Canada and the USA. These advances are not being reflected in the approaches being taken to manage rivers in Alberta despite TUC's best efforts. TUC has provided input to the Alberta Flood Mitigation Task Force and will continue to try to ensure that decision-makers are aware of the best science and practice in order to protect people AND the rivers of Alberta. Several flood mitigation strategies have been proposed by this task force (initiated by the province) including the construction of "dry dams" (dams with culverts), flood channels, and pipes to move water way from communities within the Elbow and Highwood floodplains. These strategies pose serious risk to overall river health and to fish communities and overstate the level of protection that would be afforded to floodplain communities.

In Alberta, two Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program projects were submitted and approved for TUC by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The major project to protect an important side channel of the Bow River at Mallard Point was approved by DFO and preliminary work was completed in 2013. The remainder of the work will be finished in 2014. Work includes stabilizing the inlet to the side channel, stabilizing a major bend in the side channel and improving channel stability and riparian habitat in important spawning reaches of the side channel. The second large-scale project is a joint project with Husky Energy on Prairie Creek that would see the retrofitting of a culvert that is presently limiting fish access. The bulk of the work on this project is to be completed in 2014.



Ongoing work has been done to expand the lessons and successes of the Quirk Creek Brook Trout Suppression Program by promoting and helping the Province establish a Stewardship License to allow knowledgeable anglers to harvest non-native brook trout to help protect westslope cutthroat and bull trout. TUC appeared Let's Go Outdoors TV to discuss the Quirk Creek program and stewardship licensing. Seven open house events were held to administer the fish identification test to volunteer anglers and 213 anglers were tested in 2013 (this number has approximately doubled each of the last three years). More than half of these anglers were new to the Stewardship Licence Program. A total of 153 anglers were issued Stewardship Licenses and 2715 non-native brook and rainbow trout were harvested in 2013.

Work continues on additional major project developments including proposed work on the Crowsnest River. Some changes to the initial proposed work have been identified and will be pursued in 2014. TUC assisted Parks Canada in Banff with removal of brook trout within the Hidden Lake system so that pure Westslope cutthroat trout can be reintroduced above a natural waterfall. In addition, assessment work was done in the Helen/Kathryn watershed to assess cutthroat/brook trout distribution and stability of cutthroat trout populations to further assist cutthroat trout recovery in Banff National Park.

Additional assessment work continued on Bill Griffiths Creek with the completion of an annual electrofishing assessment that included an education component for 23 high school students and 13 other volunteers. Water quality sampling, temperature monitoring and stream habitat measurements were also completed as well as snorkel surveys of the creek downstream of the study area. Two redd surveys were conducted on Bill Griffiths Creek which also provided a chance to see how the habitat structures had shifted since the flood

TUC continued its annual Fish Rescue program on select irrigation canals with support from the Province. Over 35,571 fish were rescued over nine days of field work. Approximately 355 volunteers helped with TUC's Fish Rescue efforts.

TUC biological staff also continued to provide input to a number of committees including: the Bow River regulation review, Red Deer River regulation review, Athabasca Rainbow Trout Recovery Team meetings/workshops, and Red Deer River

fisheries management plan review. TUC also provided support to the National Fly Fishing Championships and Conservation Symposium that was held on the Bow River in September, 2013.

### **CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

In southern Alberta, the Oldman Chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada continues to maintain their two long-term conservation leases along the Crowsnest River. The chapter hosted an educational conclave with workshops and meetings and completed weed pulls on their properties. The chapter governance changed in 2013 and the new executive is working to achieve new heights moving forward.

The Bow River Chapter has been working with TUC National on the Mallard Point Project as it moves closer to the construction phase of this project. The chapter also put forth extensive efforts and fundraising to complete restorative work on their long-term lease on Legacy Island. There were many changes as a result of the 2013 flooding, but the chapter rallied to ensure Bow River access was maintained for anglers following the flood. Several chapter members volunteered countless hours rescuing thousands of fish from isolated pools as the flood waters receded.

The Bow Headwaters Chapter continued their efforts on the Policeman Creek and Bill Griffiths Creek projects in the Canmore area. These systems were also impacted by flooding, but the Policeman Creek project sites were unaffected, proving their value. Volunteers helped conduct multiple spawning and population level surveys in Bill Griffiths Creek to help guide future enhancement efforts.

The Central Alberta Chapter worked collaboratively with the Province of Alberta in an attempt to monitor seasonal fish movement within Stauffer Creek. The monitoring program will help better understand the population dynamics of Stauffer Creek's fish population. The chapter also drove multiple clean-up efforts along the Red Deer River.

In Edmonton, the Northern Lights Fly Tyers / TUC Edmonton Chapter were 2013 recipients of the National Recreational Fisheries Award. They moved forward with their partnership to focus work on their project to Conserve and Restore Arctic grayling in the Upper Pembina River. The chapter is currently working with the Province to evaluate the distribution and abundance of this species and to identify opportunities for restoration work. The Edmonton chapter is also still managing their long term lake project on Muir Lake to maintain this unique recreational opportunity.

The Winding Waters Chapter, with volunteers located in Nanton and High River had a lot to deal with in 2013. Many of the chapter members were directly impacted by the flood event and as a result the chapter stepped back from their organizational efforts to concentrate on other priorities.

### **Regional Activities in Eastern Canada**

In 2013, TUC continued to expand on the key themes of rehabilitation work, assessment and monitoring, collaborative projects and educational activities. As in previous year, the greatest amount of activity was focused on rehabilitation work and assessment and monitoring. Additional assessment work was done by our chapters in Quebec and Nova Scotia to help develop plans and programs for their watersheds.

#### **ONTARIO**

The major two initiatives in Ontario have been the Bronte Creek and Duffins Creek Watershed Renewal Programs. The Lowville Park demonstration project on Bronte Creek was substantively completed in 2013 with the planting of the last 3,000 shrubs in the Park. With the approval of the City of Burlington, project signage was designed in 2013 that will be placed at various locations within the Park to help people better understand the quality of their local stream. Post-project assessment work has identified a narrowing of the stream, improved spawning habitat for salmonids and an increased number of juvenile trout through this reach. The next major demonstration project for the Bronte Program is on the upper watershed in the village of Carlisle, specifically within Courtcliffe Park. The Park was the site of a Family Fun Day in 2013 that provided information to the community and its children about the value of their local stream. In 2013, planning, assessment and design work was started to begin restoring Bronte Creek and its major tributary, Mounstberg Creek. Funding received from the RFCPP of DFO will be used to implement the work. Additional work in the watershed is underway with various landowners.

The Duffins Creek Watershed Renewal Program is now being implemented following the hiring of a project biologist to coordinate the plan with the program partners: Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Towns of Ajax and



Brook trout continue to thrive in the rejuvenated Bronte Creek.

Pickering. The implementation of the project is a result of a major 2-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and additional funds provided by Wells Fargo. Major assessment work was done in 2013 on Duffins and will be continued in 2014 along with two major projects. A Family Fun Day was held on Duffins Creek in 2013.

As in previous years, an extensive assessment and monitoring program has continued on 15 small watersheds in Ontario. In total, the three summer staff hired to assist TUC with our watershed monitoring accomplished a number of tasks:

- 32 site visits
- 53 benthic sites were assessed
- · 29,045 bugs were sampled

- · 18 educational activities were done
- 400+ children were taught
- 45 educational hours were devoted to teaching children about rivers and streams
- 5 tree planting events were held
- Over 2000+ trees were planted with the help of the students.

Their work on these 15 watersheds included collecting standardized information on benthics, water quality and habitat. They also completed the annual monitoring and assessment work on Bronte Creek.

Work continues on the development of a Conservation Success Index (CSI) for Brook Trout in Lake Superior. In addition to collection of data layers for Lake Superior, additional data are being collected on a smaller, better monitored watershed, the Credit River, to help with training in the protocol. The Credit River is one of the most data-rich watersheds in Ontario. An agreement was struck with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for the necessary data to take to TU USA for training on the protocols. Data mining on Lake Superior continued in 2013.

Several meetings were held in 2013 with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) over the implications of the revisions of changes to the Fisheries Act to Provincial management of fish and fish habitat. In addition, TUC provided input to OMNR on the development of their new Strategic Fisheries Management Plan and met with senior OMNR staff to

discuss further collaborative work with the Province.

TUC's Ontario Program Manager participated in a major workshop with the Ontario Waterpower Association and other stakeholders. There is interest in developing a working relationship between TUC and waterpower producers in Ontario. Work is underway to assist the Province and the Ontario Waterpower Association with development of guidelines for determining and managing for healthy environmental flows.

TUC is helping support the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program by helping to organize a science synthesis workshop between partners, OMNR and scientists that have expertise in Atlantic salmon restoration from other provinces and jurisdictions. This workshop will be held early in 2014.

TUC staff continued to support habitat restoration efforts on the upper Beaver Watershed in 2013. This work included major monitoring and assessment activities, targeted demonstration restoration work and support to local community groups wishing to continue to improve and restore the health of the upper Beaver Watershed.

#### **CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

TUC's new Niagara Chapter adopted 12 Mile Creek in Niagara. The chapter has had an extremely busy year which included a major outreach to the local community to solicit support for rehabilitation work on the creek as well as creation of a working group with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA), Ministry of Natural Resources and restoration specialists from Niagara College. As a result of their positive and

proactive work, the chapter was given a Volunteer Recognition Award by the NPCA. In addition, the chapter received a major grant from the Great Lakes Guardian Fund for the conversion of three online ponds to bottom draw to improve water temperatures to coldwater habitat downstream in 12 Mile Creek.

The Greg Clark Chapter continues to work with the Town of Orangeville on the headwaters of the Credit River through the Coldwater Conservation Challenge (C3). The C3 program is a joint partnership between TUC, the Town, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and others to help better manage coldwater resources through the headwater community. The chapter has also been working with the CVC and Ministry of Natural Resources to determine ways to restore brook trout to historical portions of the watershed through a strategic planning process.

The Happy Trout Chapter near Markdale continued its exemplary work to restore the health of two tributaries of the Rocky Saugeen, Armstrong Brook and the Barhead. When the chapter first started this work eight years ago, both streams were virtually devoid of good flow, healthy habitat and brook trout. Due to the chapter's work these streams have rebounded, becoming colder, healthier and more productive.

The Ted Knott Chapter works both on the Bronte Creek watershed and on Mill Creek near Cayuga, Ontario. In 2013 the chapter finalized its strategic planning and conservation plan for the next few years for Bronte Creek and began to implement the program with outreach to a rural community along Bronte Creek. They are also actively restoring the habitat of Mill Creek near Cayuga in order to set the stage for re-introduction of brook trout to the most southern coldwater tributary of the Grand River watershed.

The Durham East Chapter, east of Toronto has been actively working with the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority on Bowmanville Creek to assist with rehabilitation of brook trout and brown trout habitats.

The Middle Grand Chapter worked primarily on several portions of Whitemans Creek in 2013 helping to remove a major set of logjams threatening property and the active river channel. Chapter members also assisted with ongoing assessment work on Whitemans Creek and other local tributaries.

The Speed Valley Chapter worked with the OMNR and local landowners on Marden Creek, a tributary of the Speed River near Guelph to continue the restoration activities that have led to several pond bypasses, a major dam removal and riparian restoration work to bring back brook trout to this small coldwater tributary

#### QUEBEC

The Chateauguay Chapter is focusing on the beautiful Chateauguay River and its upper tributaries. The river flows out of Adirondack National Park in the southwest corner of Quebec. Its tributaries still contain resident brook trout and the main river has a population of naturalized brown trout. The chapter launched a voluntary creel survey in 2012/13 to assess the use and success of anglers fishing the main river and its tributaries. The chapter also installed temperature loggers in 12 locations on tributaries and the main river

to demonstrate where the high quality water is and where there is need of work to help further restore the river and tributaries. All this work will be used to develop an action plan for the next few years. The chapter hopes to work with Provincial biologists to further restore river health.

### **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

The Prince County Chapter continued to work on tributaries of Trout River, near O'Leary, PEI. Despite another major fish kill that resulted from chemical spraying and heavy rains, the work continues to slowly build the resiliency of the Trout River and its resident and 'salter' brook trout population. Building on over 20 years of work, the chapter is now restoring several kilometers of tributary each year in the headwaters. The biggest challenges to all the watersheds on PEI continues to be industrial scale agricultural intensification. poor landuse practices, chemical spraying, nitrates in the groundwater and many years ago, beaver introduction.

### **NOVA SCOTIA**

The Tusket River Chapter undertook a standardized, roving creel project in 2012/ 2013 to determine angling pressure and whether there was a need to restrict harvest on the Tusket River. This work was in conjunction with biologists with NS Inland Fisheries. As a result of their work and the results of the creel surveys, a portion of the Tusket River has been designated a Special Trout Management Area beginning in 2014 to protect the existing stock of fish and help rebuild the population. In addition to this work, the chapter sits on the Pprovince's Inland Fisheries Management Committee and continues its highly successful River Watch training program for the Province.

### **Alberta Biologists Committee Activities in Alberta:**

- Board Member: Calgary River Valleys Committee
- Chair: Wildlife & Fisheries Conservation Advisory Panel, Lakeland College
- Co-Chair: Bow River Basin Council Science Committee
- Contributor: Alberta Fisheries Round Table Meetings (local and provincial input on fisheries regulations)
- Education Specialists: Kananaskis Country Kids Camps
- Member: Alberta Water Council Aquatic Invasive Species Working Group
- Member: Alternative Flow Modeling Team, Bow River Flow Project
- · Member: Athabasca Rainbow Trout Recovery Team
- Member: Banff Aquatics Advisory Committee (Fisheries issues in the National Parks)
- · Member: Bow River Basin Council
- Member: Canadian National Fly Fishing Championships & Conservation Symposium Organizational Team
- · Member: Oldman Watershed Council
- Member: Westslope Cutthroat Trout Recovery Team
- Member: Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Advisory Panel, Lethbridge College
- Treasurer and Conservation & Education Director: Calgary Women Fly Fishers
- Team Member: Bow River Basin Council Implementation Work Plan
- Team Member: Kananaskis Country Provincial Recreation Areas Management Plan

## Ontario Biologist Committees, Working Groups and Activities in 2012

- · Atlantic Salmon Habitat Committee
- · Atlantic Salmon Science Team
- Bronte Creek Watershed Renewal Steering Committee
- Credit River Barrier Committee
- Credit River Fisheries Management Plan Implementation
- Grand River Fisheries Management Implementation Committee
- · Grand River: Large Cover Placement Project
- Grand River Tailwater Implementation Committee
- Halton Fisheries Management Planning Committee
- · Halton Migratory Fish Working Group
- Lowville Park Restoration Sub-Committee (Bronte Creek)
- Zone 14 Fisheries Management Planning Committee
- · Zone 20 Fisheries Management Planning Committee

# Financial Statements

# Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2013

	General Fund		Project Fund		2013		2012	
<b>Current assets</b>								
Cash	\$	66,254	\$	_	\$	66,254	\$	570
Accounts receivable		100		_		100		61,915
GST receivable		14,597		_		14,597		50,842
Prepaid expenses		9,911		_		9,911		9,078
Inventory		49,757		_		49,757		55,776
Due from Project Fund		_		_		_		46,814
Due from General Fund		_		13,756		13,756		_
		140,619		13,756		154,375		224,995
Capital assets		45,309		298,000		343,309		342,000
	\$	185,928	\$	311,756	\$	497,684	\$	566,995
Current liabilities								
Cheques issued in excess of deposits				_		_		15,146
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		63,577		_		63,577		170,047
Operating loan		_		_		_		110,000
Due to General Fund		_		_		_		46,814
Due to Project Fund		13,756		_		13,756		
		77,333		_		77,333		342,007
Fund Balances								
Gapen's Pool land contributions		_		228,000		228,000		228,000
Unrestricted		108,595		_		108,595		(86,768)
Internally restricted		_		83,756		83,756		83,756
		108,595		311,756		420,351		224,988
	\$	185,928	\$	311,756	\$	497,684	\$	566,995

# Statement of Operations For the year ended December 31, 2013

	General Fund		Project Fund		2013		2012	
Revenue								
Dinner donations	\$	881,997	\$		\$	881,997	\$ 1,152,271	
Donation and grant income		433,337		848,551		1.,281,888	982,997	
Memberships		46,487		_		46,487	30,419	
Interest and other		22,045		_		22,045	219	
		1,383,866		848,551		2,232,417	2,165,906	
Expenditures								
Resource expenditures		787,011		776,688		1,563,699	1,725,450	
Dinner expenses		473,355		_		473,355	624,017	
Excess (deficiency)								
before other expenditures		123,500		71,863		195,363	(183,561)	
Other expenditures								
Forgiveness of Bow River Chapter payable				_		_	(38,720)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues								
over expenditures	\$	123,500	\$	71,863	\$	195,363	\$ (144,841)	

These financial statements do not reflect the substantial donations made to chapters and councils across the country or the gifts in kind made by our donors.

A complete copy of TUC's audited financial statements and the auditor's report can be found at www.tucanada.org or will be sent upon request by calling 1 (800) 909-6040.

# The Yellow Fish Road™ Program

THE YELLOW FISH ROAD™ (YFR) national conservation education program raises knowledge and awareness about water, watersheds and the pollution entering local water bodies through storm drains. Through class and group presentations the Yellow Fish Road™ program promotes the importance of water stewardship to protect clean cold water at a grass roots level.

Youth learn how to protect our waters and make a difference in their community's water quality through a fun, environmental 'action project'. By painting 'yellow fish' with the words "RAINWATER ONLY", people make the connection that water from yards, driveways and sidewalks goes to the rivers, streams and creeks where aquatic insects, fish and wildlife live.

Each year an extensive evaluation of the national program takes place. The Yellow Fish Road™ program measures its success through increased participant numbers, stormdrain painting requests, repeat program bookings, partner reports, evaluations and surveys. Response to the program remains positive, indicating that it was both interesting and educational, fitting in well with the existing curriculum. Teachers and leaders appreciate the resources and student materials provided prior to presentations. Participants share with TUC the enjoyment of the presentation with its fun, interactive approach, stormdrain painting and the opportunity to take action in the community.

Through the evaluation process the Yellow Fish Road™ program noted ways to improve stormdrain painting using smaller stencils and will be looking at new designs in the future. Rather than paint, some

partners have chosen to use adhesive disks containing the YFR's "RAINWATER ONLY" message,. Participant safety is always a primary concern with the YFR action project. This year the YFR program saw changes and up-dates with road permits and insurance certificates.

## **National Partnerships**

The 45 Yellow Fish Road™ partners across the country are the lifeblood of the program. The YFR program relies on its partners to deliver the program's important conservation message of, "How we can improve water quality through individual learning and action." The YFR program's national partners, municipalities, authorities, conservation nature centres, community service groups and environmental organizations provide local community program support. Each partner delivers the program according to their interest and capacity. In some areas, partners offer a complete portfolio of presentations, festivals, home shows, expos and water stewardship projects. Other partners offer the action component, stormdrain painting. The one common thread is TUC's YFR partner's commitment to the protection of water across the Canadian landscape.

The creativity and passion our partners put into their local programs remains impressive. A glimpse across Canada shows that every partner makes the program their own. Partners promote the program through flyers, brochures, and program guides with school boards, community groups, websites, public service announcements, recreation guides, newsletters, volunteer groups, radio, TV and water festivals.

Alberta YFR partner lead Stephanie Vehnon from The City of Lethbridge designed and made a colorful 'Yellow Fish' costume that she wore to major local events to advertise and promote the Yellow Fish Road™ program. Stephanie also organized days for selected neighbourhoods to do the action portion of the YFR stormdrain painting project.

One of the YFR's most active and involved partners, the City of Red Deer, Alberta, led by Ryszard Kozlowski, saw participation numbers and growth double in 2013. A special group of over 600 young boys called 'Knights in Training' participated in the program learning about core concepts of respect, understanding, relationships and responsibility.

In Kelowna, British Columbia, YFR partner lead, Lesley Driscoll ran the Yellow Fish Road™ and Adopt-a-Stream programs in conjunction with each other. This merger of the two programs translated into all volunteers painting stormdrains with at least once within their two-year Adopt-a-Stream obligation.

The Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC), Ontario partner lead Kelly Pike uses painted fish symbols with disks that carry the message, "Only Rain Down the Drain". Free presentations and marking activities work towards protecting water quality of the Hamilton Harbour.

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Ontario lead, Alex Payne and his team of water experts, produced a 'Yellow Fish Road Extension and Participation Guide'. This amazing guide is filled with great pre and post activities for inquiring minds. TRCA also does a presentation



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to schools and community groups called "Watershed on Wheels" or WOW.

# Yellow Fish Road™ 2013 Partners BRITISH COLUMBIA

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# Fundraising Activities in 2013

TROUT UNLIMITED CANADA (TUC) wishes to thank the active conservationists who showed their support of TUC's programs and projects through their active bidding on live and silent auctions and purchase of raffle tickets at our fundraising dinners and other special events. In 2013 their efforts helped raise over \$1.1M, resulting in a net contribution of over \$750,000 in support of TUC's programs at the national, provincial and chapter levels.

The Calgary National Conservation Banquet and Auction continued to lead the way as the continent's most successful coldwater conservation fundraiser. Lead by John W. Gibson Jr., President & CEO of Tervita, Calgary grossed just over \$700,000 with a net of \$440,000. The continued support offered by the Calgary business community to Trout Unlimited Canada's conservation efforts is unparalleled in North America.

A strong effort by the Edmonton Dinner Committee resulted in its 29th annual National Conservation Banquet and Auction continuing its steady growth over each year. The Edmonton Dinner Committee has maintained a core of key volunteers since its inception. Their loyalty and commitment has kept the dinner a constant success over the years.

In October, the Bow River Chapter held their 22nd annual Fall Splash Banquet and Volunteer Celebration. This event raises revenues for the Chapter's projects as well as supporting Trout Unlimited Canada's projects and programs. Affectionately called the "plaid shirt" dinner, it is a terrific fun-filled evening for an audience composed primarily of anglers who come together for fun and fundraising.

The 2013 Toronto National Conservation Banquet and Auction was chaired by Greg Robertson of Lake Side Companies. Gord Miller, the environmental commissioner for Ontario, was the MC for the evening and did a tremendous job encouraging bidding, engaging the guests and promoting our message. Hon. Julian Fantino, Minister of Veterans Affairs, flew in from Ottawa and surprised TUC by extending formal recognition on behalf of the Federal government for the fine work that TUC does in its mission to Conserve, Protect and Restore Canada's freshwater ecosystems and their coldwater resources. The event was sponsored by 23 companies and raised over \$200,000 for conservation.

Trout Unlimited Canada's special events are essential fuel to the organization's ability to carry out its projects and programs. Every angler in Canada and each TUC member owes a big "Thank You" to all those who donate merchandise, trips, art and much more to our events as well as to the hundreds anglers and non-anglers alike who attend and spend their money in a fun-filled evening of auctions and raffles for conservation.

# 2013 Sponsorship Summary and Recognition

Each year the Toronto Trout Unlimited Conservation Banquet and Auction provides interested sponsors the opportunity to participate through a four tiered event sponsorship program. In 2013 Interested sponsors are offered the choice of participating at four different sponsor ship levels, Platinum (\$25,000), Gold (\$15,000), Silver (\$10,000) and Bronze (\$5,000).

Platinum sponsorship included complementary premier seating for 20 (two tables), exclusive Gala Sponsorship, including naming rights to the Gala dinner, Corporate name/logo prominently displayed, including on every page of the dinner program, large logo in dinner program on sponsor recognition page plus full page full colour advertisement, logo and recognition as title sponsor in A/V presentation, 20 passes to VIP Reception, Inclusion in all media promoting the dinner such as radio and print. As well as name and linked logo recognitions on the Trout Unlimited Canada website.

Gold level sponsorship included premiere seating for 10, naming rights to the VIP reception, 10 passes to VIP Reception, Company logo on every page of the dinner program (side margin), large logo in dinner program on sponsor recognition page, full page full colour advertisement in dinner program, name and linked logo recognition on Trout Unlimited Canada website,

Silver level sponsors were provided with premiere seating for 10, medium logo in dinner program on sponsor recognition page, half page full colour advertisement in dinner program, logo and recognition as a Silver sponsor in A/V presentation, 10 passes to VIP Reception, name and linked logo recognition on the Trout Unlimited Canada website.

Bronze level sponsorship provided Table seating for 10, small logo in dinner program on sponsor recognition page, recognition in A/V presentation as a Bronze sponsor, two passes to the VIP Reception, name recognition on the Trout Unlimited Canada website.



Every angler in Canada owes a big "Thank You" to those who donate so much to our events as well as to the hundreds anglers and non-anglers alike who attend in support of coldwater conservation.

Trout Unlimited Canada would like to recognize and pass along our heartfelt thanks to the following key Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors. Without their support and dedication towards cold water conservation and fundraising events such as the 2012 Toronto National Conservation Banquet and Auction would not be possible.

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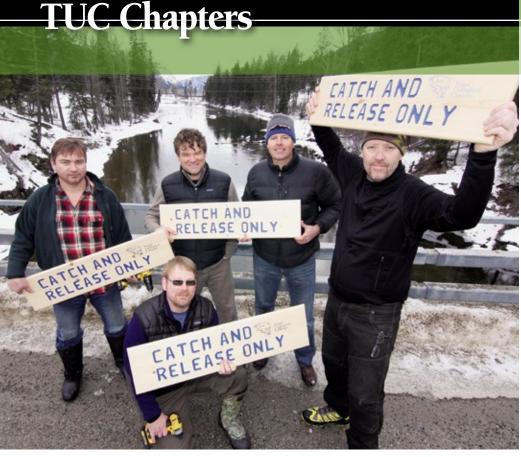
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