

# FRISP

Farmland Riparian Interface  
Stewardship Program

# Objectives

- **To generally increase understanding and cooperation between agencies responsible for resource management and the agricultural community regarding farmland development and use.**
- **To promote joint planning of habitat restoration and farmland activities between landowners, resource management agencies and community groups.**
- **To increase awareness of interactions between land use and habitat values, and**
- **To resolve conflict that may arise between resource agencies and landowners**

My clientele often take “The old common sense approach!”



- “Well I seen all commotion with that there monster destroyin’ half the city and whatnot, and I says to myself, Hell! Why don’t someone just shoot the varmint?”

# Finding new ways to solve problems

- “Political fireworks are inevitable when the irresistible force of change meets the immovable object of tradition.”
- FRISP hopes to remove the conflict by providing workable solutions between the agriculture sector and society’s demands for protection of our natural resources .



# Riparian issues: What I'm dealing with

## PROBLEMS

- Mother Nature
- Tight budgets
- Traditional thinking
- Bad neighbors
- Poor management
- Bad attitude

## ANSWER

- Finding common ground.

# Finding Common Ground

# What is a healthy system?





Mother nature and man can effect the characteristics of a watershed



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How do we fix it ?



# Site after 4 years







Upstream view of un-fenced property on Bessette Creek in 2000. Lack of riparian vegetation has led to increased bank erosion.





The same site during the 2004 freshet. Note the vegetated gravel bars.



Side channel previously providing irrigation source blocked off due to new channel configuration



# Channel reactivated through development of infiltration gallery





Small creek previously impacted by over grazing





Fencing has allowed for the establishment of a healthy riparian corridor over a 3 year period.



# Coldwater River: Lou Cooke's 2001





# Construction in March 2002





# Summer 2002





# Spring 2004





# Spring 2005





# Summer 2006





# Overflow channel through hayfield and pasture impacted by grazing





# 3 years after through partnership with B.C Hydro















Duteau Creek in 1992





Duteau Creek in October 2004



# Integration of livestock into the eco-system

Sustainable grazing management  
strategies for sensitive wildlife  
habitat areas.

# Stewardship of the Land

Landowner rights balanced with  
responsibilities