



# Friends of Semiahmoo Bay

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## Choices Markets Donates BBQ Proceeds to FoSBS

Choices Market sits just south of the Nicomekl River which empties into the ocean 5 km further west in Mud Bay. That estuary is home to herring, sand lance and surf smelt that feed larger predators such as salmon, birds, seals and whales. Choices Markets is supporting the restoration of this critical habitat by donating proceeds from Choices Markets BBQ event to the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society (FoSBS). Choices Markets Surrey Store Manager, Mike Evans donated a cheque to Margaret Cuthbert, President of FoSBS and volunteer David Riley at a photo opportunity event on Sat. Sept 15, 2012 at the South Surrey location at 3248 King George Hwy.



Choices Markets Surrey Store Manager, Mike Evans, presents a cheque donation to Margaret Cuthbert, President, Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society and Volunteer David Riley for educational and restoration project work in the local community. Photo: Store staff

**FoSBS thanks Choices Markets for their generous support and time.**

Take a walk through a current restoration project at Blackie Spit in the Savenye Environmentally Sensitive meadow area and the site of a Forage Fish Spawning Restoration Project. FoSBS is working in partnership with Surrey Parks and community volunteers to carry out this on going project. Invasive plants have been removed on the foreshore and native ones planted to create shaded habitat for forage fish eggs, spawning gravels have been imported and spread on the beach, and creosote logs that wash up onto the beach have been removed. Monitoring for spawning activity is currently underway.

FoSBS is also active through the winter in local classrooms introducing kids to creatures and habitats of the coast. Students from grade 1 thru 7 learn about the migrating and native birds of Boundary Bay. FoSBS's educational outreach program brings a knowledgeable naturalist into the classroom to lead a lesson on birds, the local beach or pond ecology and follows up a few weeks later with a field experience. Teachers are currently scheduling their classrooms and are invited to do so thru the FoSBS website, [www.birdsonthebay.ca](http://www.birdsonthebay.ca) The Seaquarium at White Rock Elementary, a tank of local intertidal sea creatures, also offers students an incredibly close and long-term view of the world just beneath the tide line.



*Vreni Blatter, Sharon Jones and Maria Cuthbert organize clean up debris during the August 7<sup>th</sup> event. Photo: Marg Cuthbert*

FoSBS invites the public to join them at Blackie Spit, September 22 at 10am to participate in their annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup event. The Vancouver Apneists will be diving for debris at Blackie Spit Pier with the assistance of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semiahmoo Sea Scouts and Community Volunteers will be picking up debris along the beach and in the Blackie Spit Salt Marshes with knowledgeable naturalists.

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