



Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society

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\$3400 DONATION FROM CHOICES MARKETS

***helps to restore Boundary Bay watershed
and educate people about local marine ecology and pollution issues.***



Steve Lockhart, Manager of the South Surrey Choices Market, presents a donation cheque to Alison Prentice, Habitat Restoration Coordinator of the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society. Beach Heroes team members Jesa Alford (back), Carolyn Prentice and Parker Bromley.
photo: Erik Poole

On Thursday, July 22, 2010, Steve Lockhart, Manager of the South Surrey Choices Markets, presented a donation cheque to Alison Prentice, Habitat Restoration Coordinator of the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society (FoSBs).

Thanks to the sponsorship of Choices Markets, FoSBs educators visited over 50 classrooms last school year. Over 80 school and private groups have been taken to the forests and beaches of the Boundary Bay watershed. We completed the restoration of a forage fish habitat at Blackie Spit. The Beach Hero members have spoken to hundreds of kids on the beach saving shore crabs, (who need water to breathe) in kid's pails.

With the tragic Gulf of Mexico oil spill in the news, many people ask us how that spill relates to our local marine environment. Although we don't have any local offshore drilling, we do have long-term, invisible, continually growing contamination from human-caused pollution around all lower mainland ocean areas. Local shellfish consumption and harvest has

been banned since 1970 due to this contamination. Much of our local retail shellfish come from Fanny Bay and Cortez Island further north in Georgia Strait where shellfish farms are closely monitored. Grocers like Choices Markets ensure consumers get clean, healthy shellfish by purchasing it only from reputable suppliers who adhere to the Canadian Shellfish Product Inspection process.

To give back to the communities that support their local, family-owned business, Choices Markets joins forces with locally based organizations that make it their mission to improve the communities and world we live—those such as FoSBs. A long-standing partner of Choices Markets', FoSBs protects and preserves the natural habitats of Boundary Bay and the 300 plus species that make that special place their home. Engaging and educating the public, FoSBs hosts insightful walks and talks at Boundary Bay year-round that are free to the public. Annually, Choices Markets raises funds through our Earth Day event in recognition and support of the FoSBs' many initiatives to safeguard our wetlands.

Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society thanks the Earth Day event sponsors!

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