

Likely Matters

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has".

Margaret Mead

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Think Tank points of interest:

- *We are "data-rich" in sockeye. Extensive inland fisheries research is needed for Chinook and Coho.*
- *Potential impact of invasive species on the future production dynamics of socially and economically important species is required.*

Spanish Mountain Gold

On February 16th, over 60 people attended a community meeting about the Spanish Mountain Gold (SMG) mine project. Although the start date is not set, SMG is hoping to start mine construction in 2014. However, this start date rests on different factors including: permitting, provincial and federal approvals, commodity prices, etc. Considering all of these factors, the project could begin as early as 2014 or as late as 2020.

The project is in the

advanced exploration stage, but still needs to go through the pre-feasibility and feasibility studies that will look at different engineering options for the site, as well as determine if mine development is economically feasible.

SMG is a BC owned company and has been testing in Likely since 2005. The company name was changed from Skygold to Spanish Mountain Gold in 2009 to emphasize the focus on the Spanish Mnt. project.



Interior Fish Think Tank

How can we address the knowledge needs related to the recovery and management of the Pacific salmon species that spawn in interior streams? A group of 16 participants, hosted by

the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council (NSTC), met at the Quesnel River Research Centre (QRRC) from February 23-25 to discuss this question. Participants were from the Department of

Fisheries and Oceans, the Landbase Conservancy, the Pacific Salmon Foundation, UNBC, Xat'sull First Nation, the Williams Lake Indian Band, and the LXCF.

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When asked about the tailings pond, Ron Halas, Chief Operating Officer, stated, "We have determined that the most reasonable location for tailing storage is on the land north of the Cedar Creek valley and south of the 1300 Road and airstrip. This location requires a '3-sided' berm to be constructed to store the tailings. We do not foresee the need to adversely impact any creek, stream, or lake in the area by constructing the berm.. Although this option is more costly than placing the tailings in the Nina Lake valley, we believe that it is better for the people of the Likely area by not adversely affecting lakes, streams or creeks". Email correspondence

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The meeting was attended mostly by those who want to see more jobs in Likely but who are concerned about the water quality and ecological impacts. A few attendees were completely opposed to development due to a lack of trust of industry.

SMG is anticipating that the project will employ approx. 300 people. Environmental impacts will be mitigated (see side panel this page).

If this project goes through, the mine footprint will be within our community forest.

A meeting on March 9th will shed more light as to what this potential mine will mean for LXCF, as well as the communities of Likely and Soda Creek.

For more information, see www.spanishmountaingold.com ☀

QRRC Fish Think Tank *Continued from page 1*

The ultimate goal of the Think Tank was determined to be the creation of an inland fisheries research program that may potentially be located on the site of the QRRC. The topics for research in this program would include: climate change, invasive species, impact of predation, habitat, mining and forestry impacts on the watershed and

fish health. An inland research program is needed because we are "data-rich" in Sockeye, but lack sufficient research for Chinook and Coho. Further, research into the potential impact of invasive species is required. These facts are why an inland research program would prove invaluable, and it would be beneficial for the local area to have it located at QRRC. ☀



Photo above- Participants of the Think Tank in the QRRC boat house.



Photo above- Scenic Quesnel Lake.

Birch Tapping & Production Workshop



Moose Meadows Farm is offering a Birch Syrup Production Workshop. They have scheduled dates in Quesnel on March 25th and / or March 26th. Other dates are possible but will depend on the level of interest. A minimum of 8 people are needed to run the course at the BEST price rate. It is best to hold the workshop in March so come April, all participants will be prepared and ready to begin tapping.

The cost for the day workshop will be \$100 (HST included) which includes a copy of "The Birch Syrup Production Manual - Tapping into Syrup Boreal Forest Style" (value \$40.00), 2 tapping assemblies, and taste testing. Taste testing will include birch syrup products from all across Canada and Alaska which makes for a tasty addition! There is a discounted rate if the manual is not required (e.g. for couples attending that only need 1 manual).

A Registration Form, Poster and the Workshop Abstract is available through emailing mmfarm@goldcity.net or downloading one from www.moosemeadowsfarm.ca ☀

Fireguard Crew at Airstrip

A crew of 5 displaced resource workers from Likely are fire-guarding the local air-strip. The funding for this project came from the Western Canada Silviculture Association. This money was targeted specifically for fire-guarding. The CRD obtained funds to brush the airports in Likely and Anaheim. This work will be ongoing for 15 days.



Left to right- Gordon McMahon burning a brush pile, Jarrett Combs waist-deep in snow, sign reads "brush control in progress"

Camp Likely Expansion

Camp Likely Board of Directors has requested that people write letters in support of the camp being expanded. There is also a petition in the post office. Don't delay, as the deadline is Friday March 4. ☀

??? Fire Hall in Likely ???


The community of Likely has sent a letter of intent to Human Resources Canada under their job creation program to acquire \$40,000.00 for the labour portion of a 32 by 34 insulated building at the site of the community hall. If the funding comes through, this will create 5 jobs and start in May 2011. ☀


Community Notices


Saint Patrick's Day (Lá Fhéile Pádraig) is a religious holiday celebrated internationally on March 17. It is named after St. Patrick (AD 387-461), the most recognized patron saint of Ireland. It originated as a Catholic Holiday and has gradually become a secular celebration of Ireland's culture. According to legend, Saint Patrick used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pre-Christian Irish people.


May Day Fishing Derby


The May Day Fishing Derby is happening again this year. First prize is 1000.00! Prizes are needed, so if you want to donate cash or other prizes, you can drop them off at **Valley General Store**. For more info call Steve at 2245.


 **Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting**
March 7th at 7pm in the Hall.


 **Seniors Meeting**
**Special date- March 16, 1:30 in the Hall.

 **Cemetery Society AGM**
March 27th 1:30 in the Hall.


 **Play Group**
March 8 and March 29. 11-12

 **Likely Community School**
School Break March 14 to 28

 **Likely Fire and Rescue**
March 10th at 7pm in the Hall.

 **Community Forest AGM**
March 5th at 2:00pm in the Hall.

 **Library**
Mondays 3:15-7
Wednesdays 1-5

 **Woodshop**
Wednesdays 10-2 (**NOTICE**
cancelled during school break)

 **Church**
Prayer - 9:30 Main Service 10:30

 **Bible Study**
Wednesdays 7pm

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Chair- Robin Hood 790-2458
- 2) Likely Fire/Rescue
Elaine Lucas 790-2555
- 3) Likely Cemetery Society
Howard Fenton 790- 2360
- 4) Likely Chapel 790-2392
- 5) Likely Community Hall
Elaine Lucas 790-2555
- 6) Likely Community School Assoc.
Kim Davis 790-2320
- 7) Likely Library
Vicki Schill 790-2234
- 8) Post Office 790-2322
- 9) Likely Seniors Assoc.
Marvin and Gail Doney 790-2018
- 10) Likely Archery, Rod and Gun Club Gary
Zorn, President 250-790-2292

Emergency Numbers

Emergency: 911
Forest Fire: 1-800-952-7277
Poison Centre: 1-800-567-8911

