



SOUTH COAST CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Protecting and Restoring at Risk Species and Ecological Communities on BC's South Coast



Species and Ecosystems at Risk: Stewardship Practices and Integrated Planning Customized Services for Local Governments

Who is the SCCP? The South Coast Conservation Program¹ represents a diverse collaborative working towards the conservation and recovery of species and ecological communities at risk on BC's South Coast.

Objectives: To help local governments address the increasing planning, policy, and on-the-ground operational demands associated with managing for Species and Ecosystems at Risk (SEAR).

Additionally, to provide local governments with access to affordable, specialized services and expertise to augment existing staff resources. Further, to advance knowledge sharing around the science and regulatory responsibilities for SEAR conservation.

Services: The SCCP achieves these objectives through a portfolio of services² and resources:

Operational Tools and Training Resources: Half to full-day training sessions focused on legislation, inventory, monitoring, management and protection strategies for species at risk in your municipality. Training sessions can be tailored for specific departmental needs and knowledge gaps.

SEAR and Community Planning: Expertise on context setting, considerations and benefits of SEAR protection to staff, advisory committees and Councils. Providing direction on obtaining and understanding SEAR occurrence and recommendations for successful integration into land use planning. Overseeing local government policy and planning which includes reviewing, modifying and/or creating development permit guidelines, land use policy/bylaws and OCP language for the incorporation of SEAR.



The South Coast of BC, 2.5 Million People and Counting

¹The South Coast incorporates the areas bounded by the Powell River, Sunshine Coast, Squamish-Lillooet, Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley Regional Districts. The SCCP is governed by a steering committee comprised of a number of experts including government (federal [ECCC], provincial [MOE and FLNRO], regional district, municipal and First Nations) and non-government (land trusts, stewardship groups, academia, environmental professionals and specialists).

² Sessions are facilitated by the SCCP. Additional expertise may be sought for quality assurance and/or to ensure due diligence. While the SCCP strives to provide a thorough review utilizing up to date legislation and science, we are not a regulatory authority. Recommendations, advice or guidance provided do not constitute or guarantee regulatory compliance for species or habitat protection under federal or provincial laws.

Costs: The SCCP is a non-profit organization using a ‘social enterprise model’³. Our services and workshops are designed to be informative, engaging and cost effective. Neighbouring municipalities can potentially save costs by partnering.

From Policy to Practice: Operational Tools and Training Resources (Customizable for operational staff, management and elected officials)			
Training Module	Content	Typical Length	Cost⁴
<i>Legislative Landscape</i>	Review relevant Federal and Provincial policies for the conservation of species and ecosystems at risk.	Modules are offered Individually as half-day workshops ⁵ or in combination as full-day workshops ⁵	\$565 half-day Or \$960 for full-day including field visit
<i>Species at Risk Profiles</i>	Provide an understanding of relevant species and ecosystems at risk in your area.		
<i>Putting Best Practices Foot Forward</i>	Explore management of species at risk and invasive species, inventory and monitoring and how best to protect critical habitat.		
<i>Optional: Applying Learning Outcomes in the Field</i>	Understand and identify features and attributes associated with many species at risk and their critical habitat.	2 - 3 hours	add on for day-long workshop

Optimal session size is 10-15 participants, especially for the outdoor field component

Integrating Species and Ecosystems at Risk into Policy and Planning			
Service	Content	~Time Required	Cost
<i>Overview Assessment</i>	Overview of local government planning and policy framework to identify opportunities for improvement.	~3 working days, Includes 1-2 hr. meeting to review findings with staff.	\$415.00/day
<i>Development Permit, OCP, NCP Review</i>	Detailed review of documents with suggested revisions and modifications.	~5 – 8 working days Includes discussion of findings and follow up with staff.	\$415.00/day
<i>Presentation of findings to Senior Management or Council</i>	Presentation to advisory committees or council as needed.	0.5 - 1 working days Includes preparation, delivery of presentation and follow up.	\$200.00/ half-day \$415.00/day

Learn more about the SCCP’s programs and initiatives at: sccp.ca | info@sccp.ca

³ “A social enterprise is an organization that applies commercial strategies to maximize improvements in human and environmental wellbeing, rather than maximizing profits for external shareholders. Social enterprises can be structured as a for-profit or non-profit, and may take the form of a co-operative, mutual organization, a social business, or a charity organization.” See more at: <http://www.socialenterprisecanada.ca/>

⁴ Prices are approximate and may vary. Additional costs may be required to cover outside specialists or other expertise. Materials travel and accommodation for meetings and consultation is extra. A 13% administration fee will be added, of which 10% goes back the SCCP to continue to support species at risk conservation.

⁵ The SCCP can organize coffee and catering if requested. Costs will be invoiced to the client with workshop fees.