

## **RCEN Water, Fisheries and Oceans Caucus**

Caucus Annual Report 2006-2007

Leela Ramachandran, Caucus Coordinator

### **Steering Committee**

Martha Kostuch, Friends of the Oldman River (Chair)

Margaret Coutts, Red Deer River Naturalists

Susan Howatt, Council of Canadians

Glen Koroluk, Manitoba Eco-Network

Bruno Marcocchio, Sierra Club of Canada – Atlantic Chapter

Allister Marshall, Potlotel Water Protection Committee

Bronwyn Pavey, Petitcodiac Watershed Monitoring Group

Olga Schwartzkopf, Soil and Water Conservation Society – BC Chapter

**National Council Representative:** Martha Kostuch, elected in 2004 for a 3 year term

### **Caucus Meetings**

Caucus Meeting October 21, 2006 at RCEN AGM in Montreal

Steering Committee teleconference May 31, 2006

### **Consultations/Activities**

#### 1. Working with DFO

- Contract with Habitat Protection and Sustainable Development, DFO for ENGO-DFO workshop on the Environmental Process Modernization Plan and the use of Risk Assessment, the enforcement of the Fisheries Act, and the use of the Fisheries Act to trigger the CEAA.
  - ENGO preparation of 3 background reports
  - 25 ENGO participants participated in workshop in Ottawa, October 11-12 2006
  - Delivery of consolidated ENGO Position paper
  
- Contract with Habitat Protection and Sustainable Development, DFO for ENGO-DFO National Fish Habitat Coordinating Committee, from January 11 to March 31, 2007
  - ENGO Committee members: Martha Kostuch, Cliff Wallis, Susanna Fuller, Olga Schwartzkopf
  - Teleconferences: Nov. 23, Dec.4 (2006), Jan. 9, Feb.8, March 16 (2007)
  - NFHCC page created on RCEN Website
  - Meeting in Ottawa February 22-23, 2007 to develop Workplan for ENGO-DFO Collaboration for 2007-08
  - Proposal submitted to DFO March 2007 including Workplan and Budget for 2007-08

#### 3. Fisheries Act Renewal

- ENGO listserve for Fisheries Act Renewal, Habitat Management and Bill C-45
- participated in DFO technical briefing teleconference on Bill C-45 Jan.25, 2007

-ENGO teleconferences on Bill C-45: Jan. 11, Feb. 7 2007  
- prepared talking points, media backgrounder and MP Briefing documents,  
circulated for ENGO sign-on, lobbied MPs to oppose Bill C-45.

4. Distribution of information

- Caucus email list
- RCEN weekly e-bulletin