The Importance of Biological Expertise for Green Shores Shoreline Restoration Projects:

Lessons from Dyke Road Park, Comox, BC

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Two topics

- 1. The changing role of biologists as part of inter-disciplinary teams for shoreline projects
- 2. Lessons from Dyke Road Park project



Our role is changing!

- Historically, biologists often had a limited role that focused on a suite of technical tasks (fish, plants, regulation, permitting).
- These technical tasks have expanded: species at risk, sea level rise, ecological processes, invasive species, changing regulatory requirements.
- More importantly, we've expanded our role to be a bridge to an engaged local community, to stewardship groups and First Nations, and to understand that ecosystems have a historical and cultural dimension as well.



Participants in the Dyke Road Park Project

Decision Makers & Regulators

Comox Valley Regional District K'omoks First Nation Stewardship Centre of BC Project Watershed Fisheries and Oceans Canada Province of BC Nature Trust of BC

Stewardship Groups

Stewardship Centre of BC Project Watershed Guardians of Mid-Island Estuaries

Consultants

Current Environmental Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Hapa Collaborative Baseline Archaeology

Contractors

Jake Shepherd Trucking
Makon Construction
NATS Nursery
Peel's Nursery
Selletin Habitat Restoration
K'omoks FN Guardians

Funders

Union of BC Municipalities – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Pacific Salmon Foundation

DFO (Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund) through Project Watershed Nature Trust of BC

CVRD - Community Works Fund BC Hydro- BC Regreening Grant





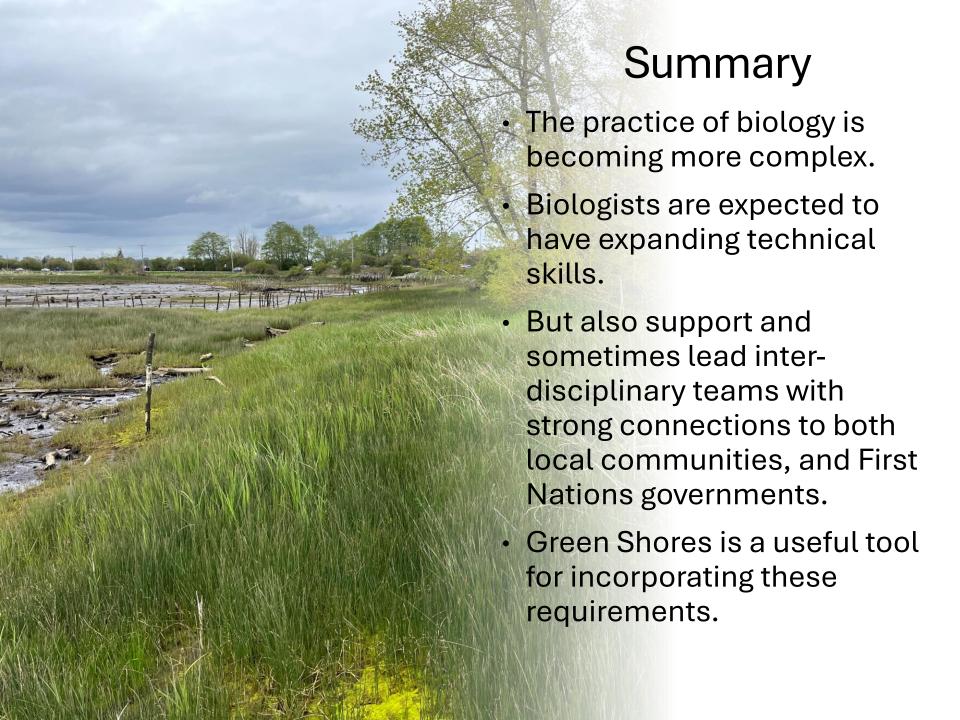












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