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Review highlights importance of groundwater to salmon, calls for improved management and protection of groundwater resource

Coquitlam, BC - Watershed Watch Salmon Society today released a report, *Review of groundwater-salmon interactions in British Columbia*. According to Craig Orr, Executive Director of Watershed Watch, "This review documents the importance of groundwater to wild salmon, and exposes current inadequacies in groundwater protection and management relative to the conservation of BC's wild salmon."

The report describes the interactions of surface and groundwater relative to fish habitat, the importance of groundwater to salmon survival and spawning, threats to groundwater and salmon posed by human activities and climate change, and much-needed improvements to groundwater measuring, management and regulation relative to fish conservation.

Watershed Watch is also developing specific case studies on salmon conservation and groundwater use and management in BC which will be discussed at a March 2007 *Speaking for the Salmon* workshop at Simon Fraser University.

The review, supported by the Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation, can be found at:
http://www.watershed-watch.org/publications/files/Groundwater_Salmon.pdf

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