

ALBERTA STREAM WATCH CONSERVATION COALITION

Re: Alberta Stream Watch Conservation Coalition Stewardship Program

The purpose of this letter is to introduce our Central Alberta stewardship program for 2004 – 2006. The program goal is to allow fishermen to become true stewards of the streams that they fish. Stream Watch has been successfully working with the industrial users and the government in the Rocky Mtn House / Nordegg areas for the past two summers to protect and enhance the fisheries. We have established relationships and have made positive progress in the area.

Today the hardcore reality is that the Alberta Government cannot be relied upon to protect our fisheries. Health care and education dominate the funding increases and Sustainable Resources is fighting to keep the budgets they have let alone get increases. We as fisherman cannot afford to sit by and wait for the government to do it for us. We have to become active participants in protecting the streams that we fish. At Stream Watch we are asking for 100 fishermen to commit to \$100 per year for 3 years to help fund our student program. This money will put students in uniform and on the ground in West Central Alberta. These young people are very keen and committed and they can make a difference in the fishery. Industry is putting in dollars, SRD is committing trucks, quads, training and supervision so it sells well if we the fishermen are prepared to contribute.

REASONS TO SUPPORT ALBERTA STREAM WATCH

The Alberta Stream Watch Program:

1. Brings concerned stakeholders together with a common focus.
2. Is an education based program.
3. Gives students summer employment and on the ground training and experience.
4. Promotes stewardship based participation where fishermen take an active role in the areas in which they fish.
5. Partners with industry and government to work for a better environment.
6. Adds to the scientific database for fisheries work.
7. Creates a positive opportunity for industrial users to put something back into the environment.
8. Is developing reclamation plans to leave the area in better condition than when we arrived.

Please make a commitment to helping us continue this program. Please make your checks payable to either “Trout Unlimited Canada” or “The Alberta Conservation Association” and earmark them for the Alberta Stream Watch Program.