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BCIT and Malaspina Students Win Aquatic Stewardship Community Bursary

VANCOUVER, December 12, 2005 – In the interest of supporting post-secondary students in the volunteer stewardship community, Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) is pleased to announce two, \$500 bursary awards for the 2005/2006 academic year. The inaugural year for the Stewardship Community Bursary saw two award recipients: Brenda Boye, a BCIT student from Surrey and Leonard Guno, a Malaspina University-College student from New Aiyansh, BC.

“PSF is pleased to award these two deserving students with the Stewardship Community Bursary,” says Paul Kariya, PSF Executive Director. “It is the work of student volunteers, community groups, First Nations and streamkeeper groups who are leading the charge in restoring Pacific salmon populations and rivers in BC. PSF is proud to play a role in helping students achieve their higher education goals.”

This bursary is awarded annually to a full-time, BC university student who is an active volunteer in the aquatic stewardship community. The spirit of this bursary is to reduce the financial barriers to achieving success for aquatic stewardship volunteers enrolled in education and training programs that support their goal of a career in salmon recovery.

Malaspina University-College student Leonard Guno is in his second year of the Resource Management Officer Technician program. A full-time student, Mr. Guno has worked and volunteered for the past five years with Nisga'a Fisheries, where he is involved in the Nass River Fishwheel program, the Radio Telemetry program, and Chinook and Coho studies.

Brenda Boye is a second year BCIT student in the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program. A full-time student, Ms. Boye is a dedicated volunteer with the City of Surrey Parks & Recreation Relief Program where she works doing riparian rehabilitation along salmon bearing streams.

Successful applicants are chosen based on their volunteer involvement with their local aquatic stewardship group, an essay detailing their chosen field of study, and need for

financial support in order to pursue further education. The bursaries are awarded for the upcoming school year.

The bursary is supported by Joe Kambeitz, Community Advisor, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Friends of Gardner Frost, as well as the stewardship community. Mr. Kambeitz began fundraising 18 years ago for a bursary to support students in need that wanted careers sustaining Pacific salmon. His objectives were to enable students in financial need that are committed to Pacific salmon, and to bridge the gap between Salmonids in the Classroom and higher education by reducing financial barriers to post secondary education.

“I am thrilled to support this bursary which celebrates outstanding achievement and commitment to the future of Pacific salmon,” said Joe Kambeitz. “My sincere congratulations to both winners.”

Information and application packages about the PSF Stewardship Community Bursary is available on the website www.psf.ca/bursary and at BC colleges and universities in early fall. To donate to the Bursary fund, contact Pacific Salmon Foundation at 604-664-7664.

Pacific Salmon Foundation, founded in 1987, is an independent, non-profit organization and a national leader in the conservation and recovery of Pacific salmon. As a foundation, it serves the whole of British Columbia providing leveraged funds to community salmon stewardship groups through the Community Salmon Program and the Strategic Salmon Recovery Program. PSF was selected in 2004 to act as program manager and administrator of the bursary.

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Leonard Guno, Malaspina University-College student accepts a \$500 Stewardship Community Bursary Award from the Pacific Salmon Foundation's Executive Director, Paul Kariya at the Nanaimo Charity Dinner & Auction event on November 12.



PSF Executive Director, Paul Kariya, presents BCIT student Brenda Boye with a \$500 Stewardship Community Bursary Award from the Pacific Salmon Foundation on December 9, 2005. L-R: Joe Kambeitz, Brenda Boye, Paul Kariya, and Mark Angelo, Head of the BCIT Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation Program.